

Dear TAA-NJ members and friends,

Due to COVID-19, TAA-NJ won't hold Island Beach State Park Excursion (摸蛤兼洗褲) event this year. But we would like to share related information for members who are interested in it. Please read the policy about COVID-19 in State Parks (https://njparksandforests.org/sps_covid.html) before you are going to IBSP.

Time: Anytime with low tide during Park hours (8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m) but Sunday (**There is no clamming in New Jersey on Sundays**). Please check the tide schedule before you go (Website for tides of Island Beach: <https://www.usharbors.com/harbor/new-jersey/island-beach-nj/tides/#harbor-nav>). We highly recommend you get in Island Beach State Park (IBSP) earlier since IBSP will close when it meets the capacity.

**** PARK MAY FILL TO CAPACITY:** Reduced parking is still in effect in order to allow visitors to maintain social distances, so we may close earlier, more often and/or longer than usual. **You also can sign up for park closing text or email alerts text or email alerts**

via https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NJDEP/subscriber/new?topic_id=NJDEP_53 **

Place: Island Beach State Park, NJ (IBSP) (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/island.html>). The closed parking lot is the last modern restroom facility (the one with a windmill) (<https://goo.gl/maps/GhFSeJEmxL8RY8tk7>). And you need to walk across the road to get to the clamming place (please see the following screenshot).



Fee:

- Entrance fees:

Fees: Entrance fees are charged per vehicle from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

NJ Resident	Non-Resident	
\$ 6.00	\$12.00	weekdays
\$10.00	\$20.00	weekends/holidays
N/A	N/A	walk-in/bicycle
\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	motorcycle
\$3.00	\$3.00	Walk-in at Fisherman's Walkway

*Entrance fee the day after Labor Day to the Friday before Memorial Day is \$5/NJ Resident and \$10/Non-Resident.

- Clamming license: **Clamming license is required if you plan to keep clams.** Please bring your driver license with the clamming license. You can go to your fishing equipment shop to obtain Clamming licenses before July 30. Alternatively, you can do it online (<https://www.nj.wildlifelicense.com/ALS/licCtrl.php>). If you are over 62 years old your license is for life.

** Crabbing does NOT require licenses. In our experience, park rangers checked licenses almost every time we went there. **

What to Bring (Highly recommended):

- Suntan lotion, bug spray (many bugs at this beach), beach towel, hats, changing clothes, etc.

- Appropriate clothing (or swim suite). You might need to wade 300 feet at up to chest-deep water to crabbing/clamming areas.

- Bring a zip-lock plastic bag to keep your wallet, cell phone and license dry.

- Wearing water shoes ,sneakers or long wool socks (to feel clams) is encouraged. ** The clamming place is sticky. You will be stuck or lose your flip flops if you only wear flip flops.

- Rakes and mesh bags: Rakes for clamming and mesh bags for clams; Crabbing nets for crabs. Do not bring Kids' toys

- Your favorite drinks and food (no alcohol allowed).

What to Bring (Optional):

- Anything that floats: Canoe, Kayak, sailboat, tube.
- Clean water: If you don't want to use the public restroom facility, you need clean water to wash yourself.
- First Aid Kit : You might be hurt by crabs or clam shells.

Let us know if you have any questions or need more information.

Special thanks to Wen-Chi who collects and summaries the information for us!

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