

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](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](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.

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