

Welcome to the Jamaica Bay Greenway



Protected Bicycle & Pedestrian Path with Access Point
Bicycle Lane
Shared Lane

- Bike Shop (Black)**
- Bike Rentals (Grey)**
- Kayak Launch Site (Grey: Launch with Rental)**
- Ride Distance Marker**
- Ferry Landing**
- Subway Stop**
- Restrooms**
- Rockspot Site**



Coney Island Boardwalk & Manhattan Beach Boardwalk:
Bicycles Permitted 5:00 - 10:00am Only

Shore Parkway Greenway:
Greenway temporarily not rideable. Riders must walk bikes on the sand.

Rockaway Beach Boardwalk:
Boardwalk is temporarily closed due to storm damage. Between Beach 108th Street and Beach 73rd Street cyclists and pedestrians may use Shore Front Parkway path.

Ride routes and distances are indicated on the map between flag poles located at greenway access points and points of interest.



Fishing is subject to New York State regulation. The Department of Environmental Conservation offers licenses for fishing. To purchase a license, call (866) 933-2257 or visit aca.dec.accela.com/dec.

Boating and Kayaking launch permits are obtained through the National Park Service for Gateway launch sites or through NYC Parks for City Park launch sites. For rules, regulations, and safety tips, visit nyc.gov/parks.

Swimming is popular at Jacob Riis Park and Rockaway Beach. Enjoy! Be aware of rip currents. If caught, swim parallel to shore until free. To learn about current swimming conditions, call 311.

RockSpot Tour helps you learn about sites in the Rockaways on your phone or on the web:

- **CALL:** While on a tour, dial (347) 422-7952 and enter the RockSpot site code, (for example, H109) to hear a description of that site.
- **TEXT:** Text the 4 digits site code to (815) 714-8937 and receive text descriptions on your mobile phone device.
- **WEB:** rockspotnyc.org

Things to Do in Jamaica Bay

Bike Shops
Roy's Sheephead Cycle
2679 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn | (718) 648-1440
roysbikes.com

Larry's Cycle Shop
1854 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn | (718) 377-3600
larryscycleshop.com

Mini Mall
430 Beach 129th Street
Rockaway | (718) 945-6787

Paul Bicycle Shop
163 Beach 116th Street
Rockaway Park | (718) 318-2000

Ride Bikes Pro Gear
4176 Bedford Ave
Brooklyn | (347) 492-6200
ridebikeprogear.com

Wheel Fun Rentals
157 Rockaway Beach Blvd
Queens | (917) 231-6229

Marina 59 (Kayak Rentals)
59-14 Beach Channel Drive
Far Rockaway | (718) 945-4500
marina59.com

Wheel Fun Rentals
Avenue U & E 33rd Street
Brooklyn | (917) 533-6196

Boarders
192 Beach 92nd Street
Rockaway Beach
(718) 318-7997
boarderssurfshop.com

Rockaway Beach Surf Shop
177 Beach 116th Street
Rockaway | (718) 474-9345
rockawaybeachsurfshop.net

New York Surf School
(718) 496-3371
surflessonsnyc101.com

Horseback Riding
Jamaica Bay Riding Academy
7000 Shore Parkway
Brooklyn | (718) 531-8949
horsebackride.com

Golf
Brooklyn Golf Center
3200 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn | (718) 253-6816
brooklyngolfcenter.com

Arts
Rockaway Artist Alliance
260 Beach 116th Street
Rockaway Beach
(718) 474-0861
rockawayartistsalliance.org

Rockaway Theatre Company
The Post Theater, Building T4
Fort Tilden | (718) 374-6400
rockawaytheatrecompany.org

Recreation Centers
Brooklyn Sports Club
1540 Van Siclen Avenue
Brooklyn | (718) 642-2720
brooklynsportsclub.com

Aviator Sports
Floyd Bennett Field
Brooklyn | (718) 758-7500
aviatorsports.com

Sorrentino Recreation Center
1848 Cornaga Ave
Far Rockaway | (718) 471-4818

Bergen Beach Youth Organization
2335 Bergen Avenue
Brooklyn | (718) 531-6600
x124
bbyosports.com

Smitty's Fishing Station
301 East 9th Road
Brooklyn | (718) 945-2642

Sebago Canoe Club
1400 Paerdegat Avenue North
Brooklyn | (718) 241-3683
sebagocanoeclub.org

Community
Firehouse 59 / RWA
5803 Rockaway Beach Boulevard
Rockaway | (718) 327-5919
rwalliance.org

Millennium Development
2331 Bergen Avenue
Brooklyn | (718) 444-0101
x115
milldev.org

United Community Centers
613 New Lots Avenue
Brooklyn | (718) 649-7979
ucceny.org

Fishing Charters
Karen Ann Charters
16245 Cross Bay Boulevard
Howard Beach | (516) 728-6952
karenanncharters.com

NYC Fly Fishing
207 Davis Avenue
Inwood | (718) 791-2094
nycflyfishing.com

Whale Watching
American Princess Cruises
State Road and Heinzelman Road
Breezy Point | (718) 474-0555
americanprincesscruises.com

Visitor Centers
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
Broad Channel | (718) 318-4340

Ryan Visitor Center
50 Aviation Road, Floyd Bennet Field | (718) 338-3799

Salt Marsh Nature Center
Avenue U & E 33rd Street
Brooklyn | (718) 421-2021



Jamaica Bay Greenway

A Guide to the

About

The Jamaica Bay Greenway is a proposed 28-mile network of bicycle and pedestrian paths connecting more than 10,000 acres of parks and beaches, including destinations such as Fort Tilden, Floyd Bennett Field, Jacob Riis Park, Canarsie Pier, Rockaway Beach and the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. More than ten miles of the Greenway are already in place and serving 100,000 New Yorkers annually. The NYC Department of Transportation is currently collaborating with the National Park Service, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Regional Plan Association, and others to complete and enhance the Greenway through a community based-planning process.

- Save the Date: Jamaica Bay Greenway Workshops**
- 09.30.2014 | Canarsie Ascend Charter High School 9719 Flatlands Ave, Canarsie
 - 10.07.2014 | Old Mill Yacht Club 16315 Cross Bay Blvd, Howard Beach
 - 10.16.2014 | Scholars' Academy 320 Beach 104th St, Rockaway Park
 - 10.22.2014 | Carmine Carro Community Center 3000 Fillmore Ave, Marine Park

For more information about upcoming workshops, please contact JamaicaBayGreenway@dot.nyc.gov

Attractions



1. Floyd Bennett Field

Floyd Bennett Field was originally Barren Island and the site of an early New York City garbage processing facility. In 1931, it was transformed into New York City's first municipal airport and served as a major Naval-Air Station during WWII. The airport was decommissioned in favor of other larger airports that currently serve the city. As part of Gateway National Recreation Area, it is now one of New York's largest public parks.



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The Field is home to numerous outdoor activities including flying model airplanes, fishing, camping, hiking, cycling, bird watching, gardening, and golf at the Brooklyn Golf Center. Whether you marvel at the historic airplanes and hangars or play a game of basketball at Aviator Sports recreation center, Floyd Bennett Field has it all. For info: nps.gov/gate or call the Ryan Visitor Center at (718) 338-3799.

Getting There: Catch the **Q35** from Brooklyn or catch the **Q22** and transfer to the **Q35** from the Rockaways.



2. Marine Park

Marine Park is a diverse landscape consisting of grasslands and protected salt marshes. NYC Park Rangers offer educational activities from the Salt Marsh Nature Center or independent visitors can wander along the Gerritsen Creek Nature Trail to observe unique regional wildlife. The park boasts the City's first all-green community center and many amenities like a golf course, bocce courts, cricket fields, baseball diamonds, playgrounds, and a launch site for canoes and kayaks. For more information, visit nyc.gov/parks.

Getting There: Catch the **B3** to Avenue U/Burnett St or th **B31** to Geritsen Beach.



3. Plumb Beach

Plumb Beach is home to endangered shorebirds and horseshoe crabs. The beach is a prime location for sunbathing, parasailing, windsurfing, or launching a kayak trip.

Getting There: Catch the **B44/B44-SBS** to Shore Pkwy/Knapp St, the **B4** to Shore Pkwy/Brigham St or the **B31** to Gerritsen Beach.



Photo: NYC Parks & Recreation



4. Fort Tilden

Established as a U.S. Army Coast Artillery Post in 1917, Fort Tilden was key in the protection of the New York Harbor during WWI & WWII. Today, you can visit maritime forests or sand dunes, enjoy fishing and swimming beaches, or view historic military installations. Fort Tilden sustained extensive storm damage, including the loss of the Shore Road pathway. However, the beaches, dunes and installations have been re-opened to the public.

Getting There: Catch the **Q35** or take the **Q53** and transfer to the **Q22** at 116th Beach St.



5. Jacob Riis Park

Jacob Riis Park was originally a United States Naval Air Station in the 1920s. Today, you can visit the boardwalk, have a bite to eat, visit the historic bathhouse or pass time playing basketball, tennis, or golf. For more information, call (718) 318-4300.

Getting There: Catch the **Q35** or take the **Q53** and transfer to the **Q22** at 116th Beach St. New York Beach Ferry runs from Pier 11 in Manhattan to Riis Landing. Visit newyorkbeachferry.com or call (718) 474-0593



6. Rockaway Beach

Rockaway Beach extends from Beach 9th St to Beach 149th St. It contains the city's only surfing area and is ideal for swimming, fishing, sunbathing, volleyball, basketball, and skating. The boardwalks were hit hard by Hurricane Sandy and many sections no longer exist. However, NYC Parks has reconstructed new boardwalks around bathrooms and concessions.



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Getting There: Catch the **Q52/Q53/Q22** or take the **A** to Broad Channel and transfer to the **S** to Rockaway Park. Additionally, there are several private shuttles operating from Brooklyn, including NYC Beach Bus and Bushwick Beach Bus.

Seastreakoffers ferry service from Manhattan to 108th Beach Street Landing. See seastreak.com for more information or call (718) 474-0593



7. Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge is one of the most significant bird sanctuaries in the Northeastern United States and one of the best places in New York City to observe migrating species, with more than 330 different species sighted over the last 25 years. Visitors can explore the refuge's 9,155 acres of salt marsh, upland fields, woods, and fresh and brackish water ponds, all while bird watching and hiking the area's many trails. Start at the Visitor Contact Station for info on routes, activities, prime bird watching sites and tours, history and more. For more info on bird watching tours and Wildlife Refuge activities visit nps.gov/gate or call the Vistor Center at (718) 318-4340.

Getting There: Catch the **Q53** to Cross Bay Bl/Wildlife Refuge or take the **A** to Broad Channel.



8. Canarsie Pier

A product of New York's industrial past, Canarsie Pier was a center for commercial fishing. Today, the pier is a great place for fishing, picnicking, and kayaking. For more information, call (718) 763-2202.

Getting There: Catch the **L** to Canarsie Rockaway Pkwy and transfer to the **B42** to Canarsie Pier.



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| Brooklyn Greenway Initiative | Partnership for Parks |
| Canarsie Bike Connections | Purelement |
| Canarsie Strong Alliance | Regional Plan Association |
| Canarsie Blooms | Rockaway Civic Association |
| East New York Restoration LDC | Rockaway Waterfront Alliance |
| Fresh Creek Association | Sebago Canoe Club |
| Friends of Penn & Fountain Parks | T&L Radio |
| Gateway Bike and Boat House | Transportation Alternatives |
| Jamaica Bay Ecowatchers | |

About the Jamaica Bay Greenway Coalition:

The coalition is a partnership of local and citywide organizations committed to improving and expanding the greenway and all the connecting trail networks. The coalition encourages people to enjoy this unique resource and the ten-thousand acres of parkland it connects. For more information and to get updates on the Coalition's work throughout Jamaica Bay, visit facebook.com/JBGCcoalition.

If your organization would like to join, partner with, or support the Jamaica Bay Greenway Coalition, please contact kkozar@rpa.org.

Projects

What's New in Jamaica Bay?

Jamaica Bay Greenway Implementation Plan

The NYC Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) has been awarded \$1.2m to develop and implement a plan to complete and enhance the Jamaica Bay Greenway. In the spring of 2014, NYC DOT led the first of three community workshop series. See the front cover for details on upcoming workshops. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dot.

Paerdegat Path

NYC DOT has installed a two-way recreational, multi-use trail along the east side of Paerdegat Basin, from Flatlands Avenue to Seaview Avenue on East 76th Street and Paerdegat Avenue North, connecting to Canarsie Park.

Seven Bridges

NYC DOT is reconstructing the Jamaica Bay Greenway bridge passages and certain sections of the Jamaica Bay Greenway. Most recently DOT completed the Paerdegat Basin and Fresh Creek Bridges and a new section of greenway from the Paerdegat Basin Bridge to Canarsie Pier.

Spring Creek

As part of the Spring Creek Hazard Mitigation Project the National Park Service and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation are considering options to improve Spring Creek while enhancing connectivity and public access.

Rockaway Parks Conceptual Plan

The result of extensive community input, the plan highlights NYC Department of Parks and Recreation's goals in the wake of Hurricane Sandy: to replace facilities lost from the storm, improve existing parks across the Rockaway Peninsula and Broad Channel, and create a long-term vision that integrates resiliency and enhances community protection.

Rockaway Beach Restoration

After Hurricane Sandy, more than \$140 million was invested to repair and restore Rockaway Beach. NYC Department of Parks and Recreation is working with the community, NYC Economic Development Corporation, and US Army Corps of Engineers to protect the shoreline, control erosion, construct a new boardwalk, and develop plans for further improvements to the area's parks and facilities.