

# 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**

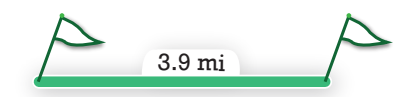


**Coney Island Boardwalk & Manhattan Beach Boardwalk:**  
Bicycles Permitted 5:00 - 10:00am Only

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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

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

**Surfing**  
**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  
surflessonsnewyork101.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 Cornoga Ave  
Far Rockaway | (718) 471-4818

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

**Marinas**  
**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, in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Jamaica Bay Greenway Coalition, is working to complete and enhance the Greenway through a community based planning process.

**Save the Date: Jamaica Bay Greenway Workshops**  
 09.30.2014 | Canarsie/Spring Creek  
 10.07.2014 | Howard Beach/Ozone Park  
 10.16.2014 | Rockaway/Broad Channel  
 10.22.2014 | Marine Park/Sheepshead Bay

All greenway workshops will be held at 6:30pm. For more information about upcoming workshops, please contact [JamaicaBayGreenway@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:JamaicaBayGreenway@dot.nyc.gov) or visit [nyc.gov/dot](http://nyc.gov/dot)

## Attractions



### 1. Floyd Bennett Field

Floyd Bennett Field was originally called Barren Island and was the site of a 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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Floyd Bennett Field is home to numerous outdoor activities including model airplane flying, 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](http://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. 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, including 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](http://nyc.gov/parks).

**Getting There:** Catch the **B3** to Avenue U/Burnett St or the **B31** to Gerritsen 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](http://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, the Department of Parks and Recreation 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.

Seastreak offers ferry service from Manhattan to 108th Beach Street Landing. See [seastreak.com](http://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](http://nps.gov/gate) or call the Visitor Center at (718) 318-4340.

**Getting There:** Catch the **Q53** to Cross Bay Blvd/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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| American Littoral Society        | Millenium Development        |
| Brite Leadership Coalition       | National Park Service        |
| Brooklyn Greenway Initiative     | Partnership for Parks        |
| Canarsie Bike Connections        | Purelements                  |
| 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/JBGCoalition](https://www.facebook.com/JBGCoalition).

If your organization would like to join, partner with, or support the Jamaica Bay Greenway Coalition, please contact [jbgc@rpa.org](mailto:jbgc@rpa.org).

## Projects

### What's New in Jamaica Bay?

**Jamaica Bay Greenway Implementation Plan**  
 The NYC Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) has been awarded \$1.2 million 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](http://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.