

our barrier island resort is more than a beach and boardwalk

a leading green community...

In Ocean City, NJ

Ecotourism

What to see

As a barrier island, Ocean City is abundant with wildlife. Most of the time the wildlife is unseen but it is always present. Sometimes you just need to be patient, aware of your surroundings and quiet.

Sea Life

You merely have to walk the water's edge to see the life the ocean supports. Atlantic dolphins migrate and play just off the beach. Crabs nibble at your toes and seabirds chatter overhead.

Wildlife

Ocean City is home to many familiar mammals and birds. Wildlife is always your neighbor no matter where you are. Make space for your neighbors, treat them with respect and enjoy them in the process.

Vegetation

Wetlands make up much of Ocean City's back bays. These are vital and protected areas that support wildlife and migratory birds. On the beach, the dunes offer valuable protection for our island and our wildlife.

Parks & Scenic Vistas

Ocean City has many treasures and each resident and visitor has their own favorite, be it bay, beach or park. Explore and find your own favorite spot.

How Green Will You Be Today?

- Choose to walk, ride your bike or take the trolley instead of driving.
- Enjoy cool ocean breezes instead of air conditioning.
- Bring a re-usable bag instead of receiving a plastic or paper one.
- Recycle and clean-up your litter, both at the beach and at your residence.
- Sun-dry your towels or clothes outside instead of using a dryer.
- Minimize your water usage. Take shorter showers, turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- Turn off computers and televisions when not in use to save electricity.
- Pick up after your pets.
- Everything drains into the ocean!
- Spend a quiet moment to experience and enjoy the beauty of our natural environment.
- Turn your vehicle off when parked. No idling!

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Ocean City

The City of Ocean City and the Ocean City Environmental Commission invite you to explore America's Greenest Family Resort. As you explore Ocean City you'll see some of our successes in energy conservation, with solar panels on public buildings like the civic center and the new library. Many opportunities for fun and exploration are in a relatively small area. Take the trolley, go for a stroll or ride a bike. You'll find the summer alternatives to driving are not only environmentally friendly but many times faster and easier.

Explore the Greener Side of Ocean City

Explore

Enjoy both the busy spots for active adventures and the quiet spots for watching an osprey family resting on their nest or a sunset on the bay.

Respect our Beaches and Dunes

Dunes not only provide habitat for beach vegetation and wildlife, they protect our community from the incredible forces of wind and ocean storms. Walking and playing on the dunes destroys the beach grasses that hold the dunes in place. Trash on the beaches is not only unsightly, but dangerous for wildlife that may mistake plastic items for food. Please recycle. Recycling and trash containers are provided for your convenience on the beaches. Please help us keep the beach beautiful, both for you and the wildlife. Join us for a beach clean-up event!

Conserve our Wildlife

Take some time to look around at all the birds and creatures that make the shoreline their home. As the tides retreat, you can see a variety of creatures in the tidal pools by the rocks, including sea stars, crabs and mollusks. Identify them and show your children, but respect that these creatures need to remain in their habitat. Join a Beach Walk and learn more. Can you recognize the Laughing Gull by its call or the sanderling by its habit of energetically dodging the waves? Respect these amazing creatures. Please don't feed the birds. Keep your food secure. Wonder at their beauty and ability to survive as you visit their environment.

What to do

There are a multitude of activities in Ocean City to keep you busy for a weekend or a lifetime. Pick your passion and your desires will be answered.

The Beach

Everyone enjoys the beach! Sit and relax, walk the boards, enjoy the birds or fly a kite. Beach walks occur Tuesdays and Wednesdays in July and August. You will be surprised how much you don't know about the beach!

The Ocean

Surf, bodyboard, body surf or just wade. Kite sailing, sailing and ocean kayaking are also popular. Just sitting and enjoying the ocean breezes and the sound of the surf is very relaxing and refreshing.

The Bay

Take a kayak tour, fish, sail, go birding, or just enjoy a sunset. The bay is a wonderful, but sometimes forgotten part, of Ocean City. The Bayside Center is a great location to begin your exploration.

Biking

Park your car because Ocean City is a great place to bike. With a basket or a backpack you can enjoy the city by bike and help the environment at the same time!

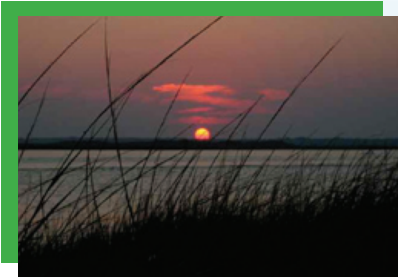
Discover

A multitude of our favorite outdoor places await your discovery when you open this brochure to reveal a map of our island.





HOWARD STAINTON WILDLIFE REFUGE:
Bay Avenue between 23rd and 30th Streets
This 16-acre refuge supports waterfowl and marshland birds that can be easily observed from the viewing platform. Daytime parking for personal vehicles can be found at the Ocean City Airport at 26th and Bay Avenue.

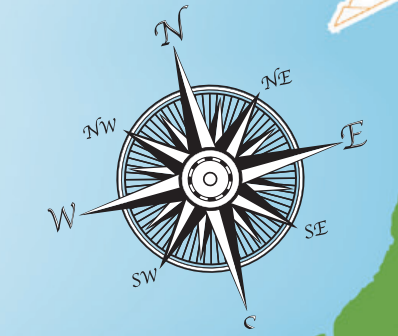


CROOK HORN CREEK NATURE TRAIL:
51st and Bay Avenue
Hike, bike, fish, crab, reflect and enjoy some of Ocean City's most magnificent sunsets.



CORSON'S INLET STATE PARK:
Beach Access – 59th and Central Ave.
Bay Access and Boat Ramp – 1/2 mile south of 56th St. on Bay Ave.
Observe the migration of dolphins, ducks, geese and monarch butterflies that pass through this area every year.

Enjoy Geocaching
Grab your GPS, hop on a bike, and see how many Ocean City geocaches you can locate!



BAYSIDE CENTER:
5th and Bay Avenue
A bay-front facility dedicated to our environment and culture. Great views, environmental displays, a lifeguard museum, ship models, and a to-scale collection of historical Ocean City buildings. The grounds host environmental camps and free summer evening nature programs. The docks allow bay access on a year-round basis for fishing, crabbing, picnics and kayaking as well as slips from which to launch or dock on a short-term basis.

Enjoy Bird Watching
How many of these commonly seen birds can you find?



Black Skimmer



Semi-Palmated Plover



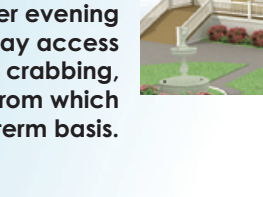
Purple Sandpiper



Monarch Butterfly



Great Egret



Laughing Gull

- POINTS OF INTEREST**
- Corson's Inlet State Park, 59th & Central Ave.
 - Crook Horn Creek Nature Trail, 51st & Bay Ave.
 - Howard Stainton Wildlife Refuge, 28th & Bay Ave.
 - Bayside Center, 5th & Bay Ave.
 - Welcome Center, 9th & Simpson Ave.
 - Cultural & Community Center, 18th & Simpson Ave.
 - Golf Course, 26th & Bay Ave.
 - Humane Society, 1 Shelter Rd.
 - Sports & Civic Center, 6th & Boardwalk: Skateboard Park, Volleyball, Track, Football & Basketball
 - Shuffleboard Courts, 5th & Boardwalk
 - Carey Memorial Field, 6th & Atlantic Ave.
 - Veteran's Memorial Park, 5th & Wesley Ave.
 - LongPort Bridge & Across, Bike lane over bridge to Malibu Beach WMA, with fishing piers on the left and a nature trail on the right

- PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS**
- Ocean City-Longport Bridge (Playground & Beach)
 - North St. & Haven Ave.
 - 6th & Simpson Ave.
 - Recreational Complex, 8th & Haven Ave.
 - 15th & Bay Ave. • 29th & West Ave.
 - 34th & West Ave. • 52nd & Haven Ave.
 - 59th & Central Ave.
 - Lake Memorial Park, 4th & Wesley Ave.
 - Tennessee Ave. Park, Tennessee & The Bay
 - Palmer Park, 15th & Haven Ave.
 - Soccer Field, Tennessee Ave.
 - Baseball Fields, 5th & Haven Ave.
 - Basketball Courts at all Playgrounds and 34th & Asbury Ave.
 - Tennis Courts, 6th & Ocean Ave.
 - 18th & Haven Ave. • 34th & West Ave.
 - Skate Park, 6th & Boardwalk

- SAILING & KAYAKING BEACHES**
- 23rd • 29th
 - 41st • 57th
 - Seaspray Beach
 - Morningside Beach
 - Kayaks Only – Unguarded 19th - 60th

- SURFING BEACHES**
- Waverly Rd.
 - 7th & Boardwalk
 - 16th & Boardwalk
 - Unguarded 37th - 60th

- FISHING AREAS**
- Crook Horn Creek
 - Corson's Inlet
 - North End of Island under the Bridge
 - 5th & Boardwalk, Fishing Jetty
 - Unguarded Beaches – 19th - 60th

- ART TOUR**
www.communityartproject.com
- "BonapArt" The Dog Sculpture: Tennessee Ave. & Bay Ave.
 - Community Quilt Street Art: 20th, 52nd & 53rd on Haven Ave.
 - Modern Art Sculptures: Community Center, 17th & Simpson Ave.
 - "The Biker" Sculpture: 9th & Haven Ave.
 - "The Door" Sculpture: Primary School, 5th & West Ave.
 - Surfer Mural: Moorlyn Terrace & the Boardwalk
 - Whale Mural: 8th & the Boardwalk
 - "A Bay Day" Mural: 9th & Asbury Ave.
 - Bike Mural: 15th & Haven Ave.

- BIKING ROUTES**
- The Boardwalk, Spans 2.5 miles
Summer biking hours are from 5am-noon from May 15th-Labor Day.
 - Haven Ave. Route (OC1)
Connects to the Community Center, several playgrounds, shopping and other attractions
 - West Ave. Route, 12th to 55th St.
Designed for the advanced rider who is comfortable riding in traffic

- BOAT LAUNCH**
- Tennessee Ave.

- RESTROOMS (Seasonal)**
- 1st & Boardwalk
 - 5th St. Baseball Field
 - 6th & Boardwalk
 - Music Pier, Moorlyn Terrace & Boardwalk
 - Stainton Square, 810 Asbury Ave.
 - City Hall, 9th & Asbury Ave.
 - Transportation Center, 10th & Haven Ave.
 - 12th St. Comfort Station, 12th & Boardwalk
 - 34th St. Comfort Station, 34th & Beach
 - 59th & Beach

- RECYCLING CENTER**
- Shelter Road Recycling Center
Shelter Rd. (609) 525-9261

- POLICE STATION**
- Municipal Court, 821-37 Central Ave.
(609) 399-9111

- FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- Headquarters: 550 Asbury Ave. (609) 525-9182
 - Station 2: 29th & West Ave. (609) 525-9183
 - Station 3: 46th & West Ave. (609) 525-9184