Fishing
Island Beach State Park is popular among saltwater anglers who surf fish for striped bass and bluefish, as well as summer flounder (fluke), black drum and weakfish. Fishing is subject to New Jersey's Fish and Wildlife regulations. Diving in Barnegat Inlet is permitted at the ocean beaches south of the designated swimming area. Scuba divers must register at the Visitor Contact Station at the park entrance. Fishing is not permitted in the designated swimming areas from May 15 through October 15.

Windsurfing and Surfing
Portions of the ocean beach at the extreme southern end of Ocean Swimming Area 2 are designated for windsurfing and surfing. For more information, contact the park office or ask the lifeguards on duty.

Scuba Diving
Scuba diving and underwater fishing are permitted along 2.5 miles of ocean beach just north of Barnegat Inlet. Scuba divers must register at the park office prior to their first dive each year. Proof of current diving certification is required. Spear and underwater fishing are subject to New Jersey’s Fish and Wildlife regulations. Diving in Barnegat Inlet is permitted and subject to New Jersey Boating Commission Special Regulations.

Access for Persons with Disabilities
Island Beach State Park facilities are partially accessible for people with disabilities. The Fisherman’s Walkway is a boardwalk that provides access to both the ocean and bay at parking Area 7. Beach wheelchairs for the ocean swimming area, and beach wheelchairs that have been specially fitted for surf fishing are available at the pavilions during the swimming season and at the park office during the remainder of the year. Contact the park office for further information regarding accessibility. Text telephone users can call the New Jersey Relay Service at (800) 852-7899.

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Pets are not permitted on designated swimming beaches or inside buildings and must be caged or restrained by leash (maximum 6-foot length) at all times. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

For Further Information:
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Directions:
Take Route 37 east to Route 35 south to the park entrance.

Island Beach State Park

Island Beach State Park is a narrow barrier beach stretching for nearly 10 miles between the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay.

FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES
- Island Beach is one of the few undeveloped barrier beaches on the Atlantic coast. It has one of New Jersey’s largest osprey colonies, in addition to many species of nesting and wintering birds.

- Interpretive facilities include the Nature Interpretive Center, the Interpretive Station at Ocean Swimming Area 1 and the Forked River Coast Guard Station No. 112 Interpretive Center. These facilities offer scheduled activities as well as general interpretive programs.

- Public access to the Northern Natural Area is limited to the beach from Ocean House Road. The beach from the southern end of the park to Long Beach Island is closed to public access.

- Nature study is permitted in the central recreation zone and the Southern Natural Area. Nature study is not permitted in the Northern Natural Area. The park has 34 miles of hiking and nature trails.

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