

NYC Lifestyle

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Beach Getaways

Are you ready for another summer of fun in the sun? In the New York City area, there are more than a dozen beaches to choose from and most are accessible by public transportation. Plan the perfect beach day with this week's NYC Lifestyle.

Coney Island

Coney Island is more famous for its amusement park, boardwalk, and iconic Nathan's Famous hot dog stand than the actual waves. Some upcoming events include SummerStage concerts launching June 15, Paramount+ Movie Nights on Thursdays starting July 11, and a Summer Pop Up Market on July 14.

Rockaway Beach

With seven miles of sand, Rockaway Beach is a cherished getaway for New Yorkers. Along the boardwalk, there are dog-friendly, leash-free areas, a skate park, free kayaking, and even a surfing school. There's also the People's Beach at Riis, a historic stretch of beach claimed by the LGBTQ+ community.

Long Beach

Perfect for a fun day trip, Long Beach in Nassau County offers gorgeous white sand, quaint shops, beachside restaurants, and a wide boardwalk with bicycle rentals. This summer, there's a full calendar of events, including arts markets and concerts. While the boardwalk is free, beach entry costs \$15 per person.

Robert Moses State Park

If big waves are your thing, visit Robert Moses State Park on Fire Island. The beachfront park also offers an 18-hole golf course open through the summer, picnic areas, and nature walks leading to the Fire Island Lighthouse for panoramic views of the island.





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Renowned for its pristine white sand and picturesque dunes, <u>Coopers Beach</u> is a charming destination in Southampton. It's also a haven for <u>fresh seafood</u> restaurants, clusters of <u>art galleries</u>, and plenty of places to shop. Be prepared to pay for beach parking passes that cost \$51 per day for out-of-towners.

Lake Welch

Nestled within <u>Harriman State Park</u> on Bear Mountain, the man-made <u>Lake Welch</u> has a half-mile sandy beach with kayak rentals, <u>fishing opportunities</u>, hiking trails, and a <u>campground</u> for overnight stays. Much of the park also remains undeveloped and provides habitat for a rich variety of wildlife.

Asbury Park

New Jersey's vibrant beach town is known for its lively boardwalk, <u>eclectic dining scene</u>, and its place in <u>music history</u>. We recommend the historic <u>Stone Pony</u> for live music, the <u>Asbury Park Beer Wine & Spirits Fest</u> on June 29, drag shows at <u>Paradise</u>, or vintage pinball at the <u>Silverball Retro Arcade</u>.

Point Pleasant

Also in New Jersey, Point Pleasant Beach is a family-friendly destination. Its popular <u>Jenkinson's Boardwalk</u> features an aquarium, arcades, and an amusement park for kids. Don't miss the <u>fireworks show</u> happening every Thursday night at 9:00 p.m. from June 20 to August 29.

