

Get on board! Surfing spots near NYC

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A boost from an offshore tropical storm, above, makes Rockaway Beach a big-wave destination.

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The New York/New Jersey coastline isn't exactly Pipeline, but [Atlantic Ocean](#) waves aren't anything to shake a longboard at.

Some Northeast beaches have even become high-priority destinations for the world's best surfers. So slap on a wet suit (the water's kind of cold) and put your toes to the nose - it's time to hang 10.

[Rockaway Beach, Queens](#)

The only surfing beach accessible by subway, Rockaway was the site of the first [New York](#) surfing lesson given by [Duke Kahanamoku](#) in 1912. With a consistent jetty break and waves perfect for beginners, designated areas include Beach 88th to Beach 90th St., and Beach 67th to Beach 69th St. Open Mon.-Sun., 24 hours. \$2 subway ride, free beach admission. Take the A to [Broad Channel](#), transfer to the S to [Rockaway Park-Beach 116th St.](#) (718) 318-4000; [nycgovparks.org](#).

Long Beach, L.I.

So you want to surf but don't want to leave behind the hustle and bustle of the city? Well, Long Beach's concrete boardwalk just off the sand will make you feel right at home. And with 19 official surf beaches, it makes for less crowding (and better safety) for riders. Designated surfing areas are between Lincoln and Monroe Blvds., and Maple and Pacific Blvds., east of the swimming areas.

Open Mon.-Sun., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; \$10 beach admission weekdays and weekends. (516) 431-1810; [www.longbeachny.org](#).

Ditch Plains, Montauk, L.I.

Dubbed the "mecca of New York surfing," the relatively small Ditch Plains beach is the most famous spot on [Long Island](#) thanks to its point break. Forget parking in the always-jammed lot, though (which also requires a \$325 yearly pass), and opt instead to get dropped off. Mon.-Sun., 24 hours. Free admission. 40 Deforest Road (631) 668-2428; [onmontauk.com](#).

Manasquan Inlet, N.J.

Thanks to a jetty setup, any kind of soupy wave can turn into something surfable at the Manasquan Inlet, making it one of the most visited sites on the East Coast. Faces can range from 2-footers to 20-footers, with the possibility of a long ride. Thanks to a rip tide running next to the jetty, it's an easy paddle out. Beware of the hierarchy, though. Locals are possessive of the lineup. Open Mon.-Sun., 24 hours. \$6 admission on weekdays, \$7 on weekends. Riverside Dr. at First Ave. (732) 223-6925; [www.njmanasquan.com](#).

Belmar, N.J.

With its party-town vibe, the crowd in the Belmar waters is laid-back and happy to let inexperienced surfers stand up on a good wave. The Eastern Lines Surf Shop is right up the beach, where you can rent boards, buy a wet suit or even sign up for private lessons. The location also hosts the yearly Belmar Pro, among many other junior surfing tournaments. Open Mon.-Sun., 24 hours. \$7 admission. Ocean Ave. and 17th Ave. (732) 681-3700; [visitbelmarnj.com](#).

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