Does your idea of a dream vacation include dazzling beaches, sun-dappled vineyards, museums full of masterpieces, restaurants serving incredibly fresh food, world-class golf courses, quaint downtowns and international resort communities?

Suffolk County offers all this and much more for you and your family to enjoy and keep as a treasured memory. Looking for a historic site? Suffolk County is one of the oldest settled areas of the United States, with a history dating to the early 17th century and beyond. If you’re looking for a chic and stylish way to spend your day, the Hamptons and Montauk are international resort communities on the East End. Wine-lovers will simply be awed by a visit to Long Island Wine Country, which is centered on the North Fork but nowadays stretches to western Suffolk County. If you are interested in maritime history, Suffolk County is home to seaports with active fisheries, maritime shops and noted seafood restaurants.

State and county parks offer hours of fun for swimmers, hikers, golfers, wildlife enthusiasts, picnickers and others. Museums provide a window into the region’s glorious historic and artistic past. And you’ll find great places to shop, dine and just plain relax! Visit discoverlongisland.com/suffolk-county.

Suffolk County operates various parks, historic sites, golf courses, museums, pools and more. Find out more at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/visitors.
the four regions

To help you enjoy Suffolk County all the more, this guide groups attractions into four regions. Each region has a unique character and heritage that give it special charm.

With its mansions recalling The Great Gatsby era, the North Shore is known as a heritage area with many preserved estates and historic sites, dating to the Revolutionary Era and beyond. The North Shore is also known for its breathtaking Long Island Sound views, upscale shopping areas and stellar parks, museums and beaches.

The South Shore, known for its rich maritime traditions, is one of New York State’s premier family-oriented recreation areas. It encompasses miles of beaches (including Fire Island), parks with boundless recreational opportunities, nationally known shopping malls and outlets and superb restaurants. You can experience major spectator sports thrills, museums, fishing and boating.

The North Fork is a region of extraordinary natural beauty, with many farms and farm stands where you can shop for produce and flowers along country roads. The North Fork is also known as the center of Long Island Wine Country with its growing list of vineyards and wineries with tasting rooms. The region’s history dates to pre-Colonial Days, and it’s also known for quiet beachfronts on the Long Island Sound and Peconic Bay.

The South Fork is known far and wide for its Hamptons style. It includes a string of charming historic communities from the Hamptons to Montauk. Ranging from posh enclaves to working ports and nightlife hotspots, the communities include upscale shops and trendy restaurants, as well as vintage clothing and antique shops, and inexpensive attractions such as museums, historic windmills and centuries-old Colonial sites. The region is also home to two of America’s top-rated beaches.
Fun in the **Sand and Surf**

Spending a day at play in the sand, sun and surf is always at the top of the list for visitors to Suffolk County, which features many beautiful and highly accessible state and county beaches.

The great beaches include those at Robert Moses State Park and Smith Point County Park on the South Shore, Hither Hills State Park and Cupsogue County Park on the South Fork, Sunken Meadow State Park and Wildwood State Park on the North Shore, and Orient Beach State Park on the North Fork.

In addition, the Hamptons region of Suffolk County is home to two of the No. 1 beaches in the nation. In 2013, Main Beach in East Hampton was named the No. 1 beach in the nation in the 23rd annual Top 10 Beach List, produced by Dr. Beach, aka coastal expert Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman, a professor at Florida International University. This was not the first time that Leatherman ranked a Suffolk County beach No. 1. In 2010, he rated Coopers Beach in Southampton at the top of his list. In both cases Suffolk County beaches were rated higher than even beaches in Hawaii and Florida.

Ocean beaches are renowned for their fine white sand, spectacular waves, and broad panoramas with ocean views spanning to the horizon. Beaches on the North Shore and the North Fork generally feature pebbles instead of sand, with picture-perfect panoramic views of the Sound and the Connecticut shore beyond. And there are numerous smaller beaches on bays throughout the county, such as Meschutt Beach County Park on Great Peconic Bay, on the east side of the Shinnecock Canal in Hampton Bays.

Beyond opportunities to swim in lifeguard-protected areas, Suffolk County beaches feature many desirable amenities. These amenities include scenic boardwalks, golf courses, recreational facilities, beach trails, restaurants, concession areas, camping facilities, horseback-riding stables, kayaking and canoeing, equipment rentals and picnic/barbecue areas. And Suffolk County beaches are an ideal place to watch and take photos of beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

While many beaches are geared toward families, sandcastle contests and quiet sunbathing, others draw the college and 20-something crowds, especially during the summer months. The younger crowds are attracted by activities such as surfing, volleyball, rock concerts and waterside clubs.

If you’ve ever wanted to spend a day splashing around in sparkling surf, playing on some of the most pristine gleaming white sand anywhere, and enjoying scenery that ranges from quietly beautiful to breathtaking – Suffolk County is the place to be.

For a truly unique adventure, head to Fire Island, the renowned South Shore barrier beach resort featuring laid-back summer communities just footsteps away from miles of pristine shoreline and crashing surf. (See “Visiting Fire Island” on page 5.)

Although Suffolk County contains town and village beaches too numerous to list here, the next page lists county and state beaches which are open to the public.
South Shore
Gilgo State Park, Babylon (631-669-0449)
Located on a barrier island between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great South Bay, it boasts spectacular views. Permit and four-wheel drive required for access.

Heckscher State Park
East Islip (631-581-2100)
Twenty miles of trails, swimming in the Great South Bay, boating.

Robert Moses State Park
Babylon (631-669-0470)
Five miles of ocean beach, swimming, surfing, surf-casting, picnic areas, 18-hole pitch & putt golf course, day-use boat basin.

South Fork
Camp Hero State Park
Montauk (631-668-3781)
Maritime forests, freshwater wetlands, ocean vistas, bluffs rising from the beach, historic military installation.

Cupsogue Beach County Park
Westhampton (631-852-8111)
Swimming, camping, fishing, outer beach area, special events & more.

Hither Hills State Park
Montauk (631-668-2554)
The Atlantic Ocean and the “walking dunes” of Napeague Harbor form the border for this scenic park, which has a sandy beach and woodland area for outdoor recreation.

Meschutt Beach County Park
Hampton Bays (631-852-8209)
Swimming, camping, fishing, special events & more.

Shadmoor State Park
Montauk (631-668-3781)
Ocean beach, rolling geography, bluffs, freshwater wetlands.

North Shore
Sunken Meadow State Park
Governor Alfred E. Smith (631-852-1313)
Located on Long Island Sound, three miles of beach, boardwalk, swimming, windsurfing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, canoeing, 27 holes of golf.

Wildwood State Park
Wading River (631-929-4314)
Hardwood forest, high bluff overlooking Long Island Sound, swimming, camping, picnicking, fishing.

North Fork
Orient Beach State Park
Orient (631-323-2440)
Beach on Gardiner’s Bay, rare maritime forest, swimming, fishing, hiking.

Fire Island Lighthouse
Visiting Fire Island
Just across the Great South Bay from the Suffolk County mainland lies the region’s most secluded barrier island, which offers a wide range of tourist attractions within its narrow shores.

Fire Island is just a brief ferry ride from the South Shore communities of Bay Shore, Patchogue and Sayville. Though it’s an internationally known destination, Fire Island’s vibe is decidedly off-the-beaten track. The 17 beachfront communities include the incorporated villages of Saltaire and Ocean Beach (the latter considered the social and commercial hub of the island), laidback Kismet and Lonelyville, Davis Park, which has a 200-boat marina, and 12 other communities.

The bars and nightclubs are always a place to dance, enjoy live music and meet friendly folks. They include some very popular spots in Ocean Beach as well as the traditionally gay communities of Cherry Grove and The Pines.

In true “vacation getaway” fashion, passenger cars are not permitted on the island except in Smith Point County Park and Robert Moses State Park, which bookend the 17 communities. Visitors generally transport supplies across the bay via private boat or ferry and then load them into wagons. Small independent stores sell necessities. Overnight lodgings range from small hotels to B&Bs and house-shares.

One of Fire Island’s biggest draws is the Fire Island National Seashore (FINS) and its unique attractions, including the historic Fire Island Lighthouse, built in 1826. FINS also contains wilderness trails with plentiful wildlife including deer and foxes, and the Sunken Forest, a maritime woodland estimated to be between 200-300 years old. For information on guided tours, call the Fire Island National Seashore at 631-687-4750.
Suffolk County is one of the oldest settled regions of the United States, with a rich history reflected in a wealth of historic sites and museums dating to Revolutionary and even pre-Revolutionary times. You can visit preserved mansions from the Gilded Age, lighthouses and windmills that have been operational for 100 years or more, and a host of fascinating history museums. Visit discoverlongisland.com/suffolk-county.

**Historic Mansions**

The age of opulence depicted in The Great Gatsby is preserved at a number of former estates located on Suffolk County’s North Shore.

**Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve/ Marshall Field III Estate**, Lloyd Harbor Road in Lloyd Neck. Constructed by an investment banker and heir to the Chicago department store empire in the early 1920s, the English style estate has been preserved as a state park, with hiking and biking trails. You can walk to the mansion, which is currently under renovation, then down to the rocky shoreline and salt marsh. (631-423-1770)

**Coindre Hall Park**, Browns Road in Huntington. The Gold Coast waterfront estate featuring a 40-room, 80,000-square-foot mansion formerly owned by George McKesson Brown, is now operated by Suffolk County. It was built in 1912 with turrets in the style of a medieval French chateau, with sweeping views of Huntington Harbor. (Call for tours: 631-424-8230)

**Oheka Castle** on West Gate Drive in Huntington is the second largest private residence ever built in the United States. The estate and gardens are currently used for privately catered events and movie and television productions. However, mansion tours are available. (631-659-1400)

**Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum and Planetarium**, Little Neck Road in Centerport. The former home of William Kissam Vanderbilt II, this 43-acre estate includes Eagle’s Nest, an ornate Spanish-Revival style mansion, which contains fine and decorative arts and natural history collections gathered in the 1920s-’30s. The site offers lectures, workshops, concerts, Arena Players Repertory and children’s theater and special events. The Planetarium includes a state-of-the-art, Konica Minolta Infinium star projector with full-dome video and surround-sound systems, new seats, and a ticketing and information kiosk in the lobby. Planetarium programs include sky shows, children and family astronomy programs, and night-sky observing sessions. Open year-round. (631-854-5579)
Technology of the Past Lives on in Windmills

On the East End of Long Island in Suffolk County you’ll find rare and historic wooden windmills, 11 of which survive from the late 1700s and early 1800s. With oversized blades and wood-shingle construction, the East End’s windmills were originally created by skilled artisans to convert wind into energy through the rotation of a wheel powered by the blades.

Windmills show what Long Island’s past was like, and also provide a history and science lesson for children. Although modern technology put most windmills out of business, interest in wind technology is enjoying resurgence as an energy-efficient alternative to fossil fuels. In some cases, windmill museums allow children to participate in hands-on activities.

The following are some of the restored historic East End windmills currently available for public viewing:

East Hampton – The Pantigo Windmill, Old Hook Mill and Gardiner Windmill. For visitor information, call Home Sweet Home Museum. (631-324-0713)

Bridgehampton – The restored Beebe Windmill. For information about tours, call the Bridgehampton Historical Society. (631-537-1088)

Water Mill – Corwith Windmill on the Village Green, Montauk Highway.

On the North Shore, at the Stony Brook Grist Mill (c.1751) visitors can see modern-day millers grinding grain in Long Island’s most completely equipped, working mill. A mill store offers related items. Open April – November. (631-751-2244)

Lighthouses

Suffolk County contains a number of lighthouses which in addition to serving as aides to navigation are also fascinating examples of maritime history.

The Fire Island Lighthouse, which is located at the Fire Island National Seashore, and is accessible through Robert Moses State Park Field 5, was erected in 1858. Guided tours include a climb up the tower’s 192 steps for a panoramic view of the area. The original First Order Fresnel Lens used in the tower for 75 years, beginning in 1858, is exhibited in a museum next to the lighthouse. Open year-round. (631-321-7028)

Horton Point Lighthouse & Nautical Museum on Lighthouse Road in Southold is an 1847 structure built on a site recommended in 1757 by a young George Washington. Now operated by the Southold Historical Society, the Lighthouse features a Nautical Museum with journals kept at sea, sea chests, paintings, maps, scrimshaw, tools and various artifacts. Open Memorial Day – Columbus Day. (631-765-5500)

Huntington Harbor Lighthouse is located several hundred feet offshore at the entrance to Lloyd Harbor and Huntington Harbor. A 42-foot-tall Venetian Renaissance Beaux Arts-style structure dating to 1912, it is still an active navigation aid operated by the U.S. Coast Guard. Lighthouse boat tours are offered on selected dates in summer. Open to the public May – October. (631-421-1985)

Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum. Located on Route 27 adjacent to and accessible through Montauk Point State Park, this 1796 National Historic Landmark overlooking the Atlantic Ocean is the oldest lighthouse in New York State, and fourth oldest in the nation. It was commissioned by President George Washington. The structure’s 137 spiral steps lead to the top of the 80-foot-tall sandstone tower. There is a museum in the former keeper’s home, Lost-at-Sea Memorial, gift shop, visitors center. Open year-round. (631-668-2544)

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Other Museums and Historic Sites

South Shore

American Airpower Museum
(1230 New Highway at Republic Airport, Farmingdale). A museum inside a historic hangar building features a collection of still-flying WWII aircraft including a P-47 Thunderbolt, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Bomber, Grumman Avenger, F4U Corsair, P-40 Warhawk and T-6 Texan. Also, exhibits and a gift shop. Open year-round. (631-293-6398)

Long Island Maritime Museum
(86 West Avenue, West Sayville). Changing boating and marine exhibits, local small craft collection, history exhibit and 19th Century oystering vessel. Open year-round. (631-854-4974)

Old Edward's Homestead
(Collins Avenue at Edward Street, Sayville). c.1785. The exhibits include photographs, quilts, whale oil and gas burner lamps, and local history collection. General store sells old-time merchandise. Open October – June. (631-563-0186)

Sagtikos Manor County Park
(Montauk Highway, West Bay Shore). Former home of Stephan Van Cortland, the first native-born mayor of New York City; George Washington slept there on April 21, 1790, during a tour of Long Island. Features historical artifacts and events. Call for tour schedule. (631-854-0939).

William Floyd Estate
(245 Park Drive, Mastic Beach). Ancestral home of William Floyd, Long Island’s signer of the Declaration of Independence; the 613-acre estate features a 25-room mansion built in stages from 1724 to 1930, family cemetery and 11 outbuildings. Open July and August. (631-399-2030)

North Shore

Caleb Smith House

Heckscher Museum of Art
(Prime Avenue & Main Street, Huntington). The museum in Heckscher Park exhibits works from regional and national collections and its permanent collection of European and American paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints. Open year-round. (631-351-3250)

Huntington Historical Society Museums
(209 Main Street, Huntington). The Society maintains four historic sites; Dr. Daniel Kissam House Museum, c.1795; David Conklin Farmhouse, c.1750; The Huntington Sewing and Trade School, c.1905 and The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial building c.1892. Open year-round. (631-427-7045)

Joseph Lloyd Manor House
(Lloyd Lane, Lloyd Harbor, Huntington). C.1766. A historic house museum of the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, Lloyd Manor was the home of Jupiter Hammon, who lived enslaved and became the first published African-American poet. Accurate 18th Century room arrangements and formal gardens. Open Memorial Day - Columbus Day. (631-692-4664)

Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages
(1208 Route 25A, Stony Brook). Art museum, history museum, Carriage House, blacksmith shop, schoolhouse, exhibits of 19th-and 20th-Century art, Long
Island and American history, horse-drawn carriages, miniature rooms, antique decoys, museum shop. Open year-round. (631-751-0066)

**Mather House Museum**
(115 Prospect Street, Port Jefferson). The 19th Century home of ship-builder John Mather features ships’ artifacts, maritime exhibits and period furnishings. Historic buildings include a tool shed and barn with replicas of a country store, butcher shop and barber shop. Open May – September. (631-473-2665)

**Northport Historical Society and Museum**

**St. James General Store**

**Thompson House**

**Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site and Interpretive Center**
(240 Old Walt Whitman Road, Huntington Station). c.1819 Birthplace of America’s most famous poet with authentic furnishings and unusual architecture. Exhibit includes Whitman’s schoolmaster’s desk, his voice on tape, portraits, letters/manuscripts and artifacts. Picnic facilities, museum shop and bookstore. Handicapped accessible. Open year-round. (631-427-5240)

**Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum and Planetarium.** (See page 6)

**North Fork**

**East End Seaport Maritime Museum**
(End of Third Street, Greenport). Located in the historic former Long Island Rail Road terminal adjacent to the municipal pier and featuring L.I. maritime artifacts and records, displays of shipbuilding tools, boats, sea life and history of Greenport Village. Open May – December. (631-477-2100)

**Fort Corchaug & Downs Farm Preserve**
(Country Route 25, Cutchogue). Fort Corchaug Archeological Site was originally a log fort built by Native Americans of the area.

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**Saluting America’s Veterans**

If you want to pay tribute to the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the military, there are several sites in Suffolk County that honor veterans.

**Armed Forces Plaza** at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge (631-853-VETS, Veterans Memorial Highway) is a monument to those who served during the Korean War (1950-53). The monument includes a map of Korea and statues of a soldier and a nurse, the latter representing women veterans. In addition, you will see a World War II monument with a granite map of the world and the Wall of Honor, with 32 bronze plaques of major U.S. conflicts.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Bald Hill Scenic Overlook (pictured at right) on Patchogue-Mt. Sinai Rd. (Rte. 83), which stands 100 feet tall, is a red, white and blue tapered spire in memory of our Vietnam War dead. It also serves as a tribute to surviving veterans. The parking lot is open year-round.

Many local towns have their own monuments. The Southold Civil War monument was erected in 1887 to honor the memory of local soldiers who fought for the Union. It stands at the intersection of Main Street and Tucker’s Lane, Southold.

In Sag Harbor a Civil War monument is located at the Triangle at Madison and Main Streets; the historic village also includes a World War I monument at Otter Pond and Main Street, and a World War II monument in Marine Park on Bay Street. A Bridgehampton monument honors the descendents of Bridgehampton residents who died in the Revolutionary War, Civil War and War of 1812 as well as World Wars I, II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars.
Hallockville Museum Farm (163 Sound Avenue, Riverhead). 1765 homestead furnished in the style of 1880-1910; English barn exhibits, farm equipment and photos of the area during the 19th Century; tours. Open year-round. (631-298-5292)

Old House, Old Schoolhouse Museum and Wickham Farmhouse in Cutchogue Village Green. The Old House, built in 1649, is the state’s oldest domicile. Furnished with 17th and 18th Century items. Schoolhouse first in area, built 1840. Wickham farmhouse built 1740. Open July and August. (631-734-7122)


Railroad Museum of Long Island (End of Third Street, Greenport). Located in a historic station, featuring railroad equipment, artifacts, old photos and gift shop. Open weekends May – December. (631-477-0439) Also on Griffin Avenue in Riverhead. Locomotives and other equipment. (631-727-7920)

Southold Historical Society Museums (Main Road & Maple Lane, Southold). Village complex consisting of period houses, blacksmith shop, carriage house, 18th-century barn with early farming equipment, glass, silver, quilts and coverlets. Also, Horton Pt. Lighthouse. Open July – August. (631-765-5500)

Southold Indian Museum (Main Bayview Road, Southold). Permanent exhibits of Native American evolution with large collection of artifacts. Open year-round. (631-765-5577)

Suffolk County Historical Society Museum (300 West Main Street, Riverhead). Indian artifacts, crafts, furniture, fine arts, whaling, transportation, spinning and weaving, gift shop. Open year-round. (631-727-2881)

South Fork Amagansett Historical Association (Route 27/ Montauk Highway at Watermill Lane, Amagansett). Operates Miss Amelia’s Cottage, built in 1725 by the founders of Amagansett, Abraham and Jacob Schellinger. It houses a museum furnished with finely crafted Dominy furniture and a rare clock. Also on the property is the Roy K. Lester Carriage Museum featuring 28 horse-drawn vehicles. Open July and August. (631-267-3020)

Bridgehampton Historical Society (Main Street, Bridgehampton). The Corwith House (early 19th Century) has rooms representing different time periods. Nearby are two barns with turn-of-the-century steam engines, and a building with a blacksmith shop. Also features a 1902 jailhouse. Open year-round. (631-537-1088)

East Hampton Historical Society (Main Street, Bridgehampton). Operates six local historic sites and museums including Clinton Academy (C.1784), Town House (C.1731), Osborn-Jackson House (C.1740), and Mulford Farm (C.1680), all in East Hampton, as well as the Town Marine Museum in Amagansett and the Boat Shop in Three Mile Harbor. Open July – Labor Day. (631-324-6850)

East Hampton Town Marine Museum (Bluff Road, Amagansett). Features the whaleboat of a local captain, Joshua Edwards, and many artifacts pertaining to the off-shore whaling heyday of Amagansett as well as items from the many shipwrecks off this part of the Atlantic Coast. Includes a Discovery Room for children and models showing the techniques used by past and present fisherman of the area. Open July – Labor Day. (631-324-6850)

Guild Hall Museum (158 Main Street, East Hampton). A fine arts museum with changing exhibitions, primarily on artists of the region; lectures, films, music, special events and John Drew Theater. Open year-round. (631-324-0806)

Halsey Homestead Museum (South Main Street, South- hampton). Built in 1648, the
oldest English frame house in New York. Displays furniture from the 17th and 18th Centuries. Open mid-June – September. (631-283-3527)


LongHouse Reserve (Hands Creek Road, East Hampton). This 16-acre site features a house full of art with an ethnographic and handicraft tone. Gardens feature landscaped art and a number of pieces of blown glass sculpture by renowned American artist Dale Chihuly. Lectures and garden tours are scheduled during the summer. Open May - Labor Day. (631-329-3568)

Old Custom House (Main Street and Garden Street, Sag Harbor). Built in 1789 when Sag Harbor and NYC were designated the first port of entry in the U.S. Also housed the first post office on LI in 1794. Furnishings, documents, etc. Open June – October. (631-692-4664)

Old Schoolhouse Museum (Quogue Street, Quogue). Circa 1822 schoolhouse with memorabilia of Quogue, including photographs, toys, farm equipment and early utensils. Open July and August. (631-653-4111)

The Parrish Art Museum (279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill). Founded in 1898, the museum is devoted to American art of the 19th and 20th Centuries; major works by William Merritt Chase and Fairfield Porter; changing exhibitions, lectures and concerts. Open year-round. (631-283-2118)

Pollock-Krasner House (830 Springs-Fireplace Road, East Hampton). Former home of Abstract Expressionist painters Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner. The national historic landmark features a permanent exhibit about the artists and changing exhibits by guest artists. (631-324-4929)

Sag Harbor Fire Department Museum (Sage and Church Streets, Sag Harbor). Since 1803, the oldest volunteer fire department in the state. The building, erected in 1833, was once both the village hall and fire department headquarters. Displays equipment dating to the 19th century and a mural depicting early fires. Open July and August. (631-725-0779)

Sag Harbor Whaling Museum (Main Street and Garden Street, Sag Harbor). Built in 1845, mansion featuring historical boat collection, ship models, whaling tools and artifacts, period furnishings, oil paintings, scrimshaw, toys and documents. Open May – September. (631-725-0770)

Second House Museum (Montauk Highway, Montauk). The second house built in Montauk, it features changing exhibitions and local history artifacts. Open May – October. (631-668-2544)


Southampton Historical Museums and Research Center (17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton). A whaling captain’s home built in 1843. The museum has six other buildings; a country store, pre-Revolutionary War barn, carpenter and blacksmith shops, and an old-fashioned drug store. Collection of dolls, costumes, pictures, Indian artifacts, toys and whaling artifacts. Open June – September. (631-283-2494)

Water Mill Museum (Old Mill Road, Water Mill). Site of LI’s oldest functioning water mill dating back to 1644. The working mill is run by a 12-foot undershot water wheel fed by seven nearby ponds. The museum features early grain grinding tools, Colonial crafts, special exhibits, an art gallery and craft shop. Open from Memorial Day – mid-September. (631-726-4625)

Westhampton Historical Museum (Mill Road, Westhampton). A circa 1800s house with changing exhibits, including photographs. Open May – September. (631-288-1139)
Suffolk County’s public parks and preserves offer visitors an inexpensive but valuable resource for a wide variety of outdoor activities, from sunbathing to sport fishing, and relaxing quiet spaces for picnicking during the warmer months and a host of other activities, including golf and hiking. Hiking and nature trails span huge secluded parcels such as the Mashomack Nature Preserve on Shelter Island, and Long Island’s two Greenbelt Trails. Call 631-360-0753 for more Greenbelt Trail information. For more state and county park information visit nysparks.com and suffolkcountyny.gov/visitors.

North Shore

Arthur Kunz County Park
(93 Acres) Landing Road, San Remo (631-854-4949). Hiking on trails, wildlife, tidal creeks, deciduous forest, rolling hills and valleys, hidden ponds.

Blydenburgh County Park

Brookhaven State Park
(1,638 Acres) Wading River (631-929-6031). Formerly property of Brookhaven National Laboratory and at one time a military installation called Camp Upton, the park is part of the central core of the LI Pine Barrens. It features The Brookhaven Trail, oak-pine habitats, wetlands and ponds.

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
(543 Acres) 581 West Jericho Turnpike, Smithtown (631-265-1054). Freshwater fishing, guided tours by reservation, hiking, historic interest, cross-country skiing.

Cathedral Pines County Park
(320 Acres) Yaphank-Middle Island Road, South of Route 25 Middle Island (631-852-5500). Located at the headwaters of the Carmans River, it’s a quiet place of evergreens, white pine trees and meadows.

Caumsett State Historic Park
(1,500 Acres) Lloyd Harbor Road, Lloyd Neck (631-423-1770). Bridle path, saltwater fishing, hiking, historic interest, cross-country skiing. Historic Marshall Field Estate on site.

Coindre Hall Park
(33 Acres) 101 Browns Road, Huntington (call for tours: 631-424-8230). Gold Coast waterfront estate featuring a 40-room, 80,000-square-foot mansion formerly owned by George McKesson Brown, and now operated by Suffolk County. It was built in 1912 with turrets in the style of a medieval French chateau, with sweeping views of Huntington Harbor.
Cold Spring Harbor State Park

Governor Alfred E. Smith/Sunken Meadow State Park
(1266 Acres) Route 25A and Sunken Meadow Parkway, Kings Park (631-269-4333). Ballfields, bicycle path, bridle path, saltwater fishing, food service, golf with pro shop, hiking, picnicking, bathhouse and saltwater swimming, cross-country skiing, sled hills.

Governor Alfred E. Smith/Sunken Meadow State Park
(1266 Acres) Route 25A and Sunken Meadow Parkway, Kings Park (631-269-4333). Ballfields, bicycle path, bridle path, saltwater fishing, food service, golf with pro shop, hiking, picnicking, bathhouse and saltwater swimming, cross-country skiing, sled hills.

Lakeland County Park
(70 Acres) Johnson Avenue, Islandia (631-853-2727). Picnic area with gazebo, boardwalks, shuffleboard, basketball courts, fishing. Fully accessible facility, designed for the disabled and their families, includes a nature trail-boardwalk over the headwaters of the Connetquot River, views of wetland vegetation, waterfowl and fish.

Lake Ronkonkoma County Park
(223 Acres) Lake Shore Road, Lake Ronkonkoma (631-854-9699). Scenic park with a fishing area with a handicapped accessible fishing pier, baseball fields, handball courts, basketball courts, and a picnic area.

Nissequogue River State Park

Pine Barrens Trails Information Center
County Road 111, Manorville (631-852-3449). Hiking, environmental education, visitor center.

Raynor Beach County Park

Robert Cushman Murphy County Park
(2,200 Acres) River Road, Calverton/Manorville (631 854-4949). Fishing, boating, hiking, hunting, and biological research center.

Suffolk County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park
Bald Hill, Farmingville (631-854-4949). A monument acknowledges the service and sacrifice of all Vietnam Veterans – those who died, those who were wounded, and the men and women who served. This site affords a spectacular and inspirational, unobstructed view of Suffolk County for miles in all directions.

Sweetbriar Nature Center
(54 acres) 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown (631-979-6344). Butterfly vivarium, nature trails, museum, natural science and wildlife programs, rehabilitated raptors.

West Hills County Park
(854 Acres) Sweet Hollow Road, Huntington (631-854-4423). Hiking, youth group camping, picnicking, horseback riding facility.

Wildwood State Park
(769 Acres) 790 Hulse Landing Road, Wading River (631-929-4314). Ballfields, camping, trailer hookups, saltwater fishing, food service, hiking, picnicking, bathhouse, saltwater swimming, cross-country skiing.

South Shore

Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park
(690 acres) 440 Montauk Highway, Oakdale (631-581-1002). Food service, guided tours by reservation, hiking, historic interest, arboretum.
Belmont Lake State Park 
(459 acres) Southern State Parkway Exit 38, North Babylon (631-667-5055).
Ballfields, bicycle path, rowboat rentals, bridle path, freshwater fishing, food service, hiking, picnicking, playgrounds.

Brookside County Park 
(5.8 Acres) Brook Street, Sayville (631-563-7716). Former estate of architect Isaac H. Green. The Great South Bay Audubon Society provides guided nature walks year round.

Captree State Park 
(298 acres) South of West Islip (631-669-0449). Boat basin, open and charter fishing boats sailing daily, saltwater fishing piers, bait station, Captree Cove restaurant, snack bar, picnicking, playground.

Connetquot River State Park 

Gardiner County Park 

Green’s Creek County Park 
(4 Acres) Clyde Street, West Sayville (631-854-4949). Boardwalk with benches, view of the canal and Great South Bay.

Heckscher State Park 
(1,657 Acres) Heckscher Parkway Field 1, East Islip (631-581-2100). Ballfields, bicycle path, boating ramp, camping, saltwater fishing, food service, hiking, picnicking, pool, bathhouse, saltwater swimming, cross-country skiing, playground.

Robert Moses State Park 
(1,000 Acres) Fire Island, (631-669-0449). Ocean beach, ballfields, boat basin, saltwater fishing, bait station, food service, pitch-and-putt golf, picnicking, bathhouse, saltwater swimming.

Sans Souci County Park 

Smith Point County Park 

Southaven County Park 
(1,338 Acres) Victory Avenue, Brookhaven (631-854-1414). Hiking, picnicking, camping, freshwater fishing, rowboat rentals, canoeing, hunting, equestrian center, playground.

Timber Point County Marina East/West 
(239 Acres), Great River (631-854-4949). Fuel dock, sewage pump-out station, restrooms, electrical hookups and water. Transient boat slips available for visitors.

North Fork

Cranberry Bog County Nature Preserve 

Indian Island County Park 
(287 Acres) Cross River Drive (Route 105) Riverhead (631-852-3232). Hiking, camping, picnicking, golf, bike hostel, bridle paths, playground, activity fields.

Orient Beach State Park 
(357 Acres) Route 25, Orient, (631-323-2440). Ballfields, saltwater fishing, food service,
hiking, picnicking, bathhouse, saltwater swimming, bicycle path, bicycle rentals.

Peconic Dunes County Park
(36 Acres) Sound View Avenue, Peconic (631-854-4949). Hiking and fishing are permitted at this park in Long Island Wine Country.

South Fork
Camp Hero State Park

Cedar Point County Park
(608 Acres) East Hampton (631-852-7620). Hiking, picnicking, camping, rowboat rentals, saltwater fishing, hunting, scuba diving, swimming, bicycling, lighthouse and outer beach recreational use.

Cupsogue Beach County Park

Dwarf Pines Plains Preserve
(290 Acres) Westhampton (631-854-4949). A recently opened trail allows the visitor to experience this unique ecosystem.

Hubbard County Park
(1,815 Acres) Riverhead-Hampton Bays Road, Flanders (631-852-8290). Freshwater fishing, hunting, hiking, canoeing & kayaking.

Hither Hills State Park
(1755 Acres) 164 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk (631-668-2461). Ballfields, camping, saltwater fishing, food service, hiking, picnicking, bathhouse, saltwater swimming.

Meschutt Beach County Park

Montauk County Park

Montauk Downs State Park
(160 Acres) 50 South Fairview Avenue, Montauk (631-668-5000). Food service, golf with pro shop, pool swimming, tennis with pro shop.

Montauk Point State Park

Sears Bellows County Park
(979 Acres) Bellows Pond Road, Hampton Bays (631-852-8290). Hiking, picnicking, camping, freshwater fishing, rowboat rentals, horseback riding, swimming and a bike hostel.

Shadmore State Park
(98.7 acres) 900 Montauk Highway, Montauk (631-669-1000). Bird sanctuary, with beaches, bluffs and hiking trails.

Shinnecock Canal County Marina

Shinnecock East County Park
(89 Acres) Dune Road, Southampton (631-852-8899). Outerbeach camping for self-contained vehicles only; saltwater fishing.
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FERRY SERVICES

From Connecticut, Rhode Island, Block Island

New London, CT to Orient Point, LI

Bridgeport, CT to Port Jefferson, LI

Block Island; Newport, RI; New London, CT and Martha’s Vineyard, MA, to Montauk
Viking Ferry, West Lake Drive, Montauk. 631-668-5709. Passengers only. Bicycles accommodated. 1-hour 30 minutes each way. Seasonal.

To Shelter Island

North side Shelter Island to Greenport
North Ferry Company, Route 114, Shelter Island. 631-749-0139. Carries cars, passengers, motorcoaches, trucks. Seven minutes each way. Year-round.

South side Shelter Island to North Haven near Sag Harbor

To Fire Island

Patchogue to Davis Park, Watch Hill & Fire Island Seashore
Davis Park Ferry Company, 80 Brightwood Street, Patchogue. 631-475-1665. March to September. No vehicles. 20 minutes each way.

Bay Shore to Saltaire, Ocean Beach, Atlantique, Kismet, Dunewood, Fair Harbor, Seaview & Ocean Bay Park
Fire Island Ferries, Maple Avenue, Bay Shore. 631-665-3600. Peak service May-September. Limited service year-round, weather permitting. No vehicles. 30 minutes each way.

Sayville to Fire Island Pines, Cherry Grove
Sayville Ferry Service, River Road, Sayville. 631-589-0810. April-October No vehicles. 20 minutes each way.

Sayville to Fire Island National Seashore, Sailor’s Haven/Sunken Forest
A world of fun and adventure greets visitors to Suffolk County’s varied and exciting family attractions. Enjoy zoos? Suffolk County features four, with everything from farm and native wild animals to truly exotic creatures. Looking for underwater thrills? Suffolk County also features a major aquarium and a nationally-ranked water park. There’s also a champion minor league baseball team, a NASCAR racetrack and a children’s museum.

Li Ducks Minor League Baseball
The two-time Atlantic League Champion Long Island Ducks play home games from April through September at 6,002-seat Bethpage Ballpark on Courthouse Drive in Central Islip. The Ducks, Long Island’s minor league baseball team, defeated the Lancaster (PA) Barnstormers in five games in 2012 to win their second Atlantic League championship. Tickets are available by calling 631-940-TIXX or 631-940-DUCK. The ballpark is located off exit 43A of the Southern State Parkway in Central Islip.

Splish Splash Water Park
At 96 acres, Splish Splash off Route 25 in Riverhead is the largest waterpark in New York. Furthermore, it was named one of the top waterparks in America by the Travel Channel. It includes 20 water slides, two 300,000-gallon wave pools, the new Bootlegger’s Run water coaster and much more. Open weekends from Memorial Day to mid-June, then daily until Labor Day. (631-727-3600)

Long Island Aquarium
The Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center on Main Street in Riverhead offers two family attractions in one destination. The aquarium features one of the largest all-living coral reef displays in this hemisphere, a 120,000-gallon shark tank, year-round sea lion shows, numerous touch tanks and more than 100 exhibits and interactive experiences. Long Island Exhibition Center’s first exhibit is Butterflies & Birds. Open daily, year-round. (631-208-9200), ext. H2O (426)

Suffolk County’s four zoos offer kids a wildlife adventure they’ll never forget. They include:

The Animal Farm Petting Zoo, Wading River Road in Manorville. Shows, train and pony rides, playground and picnic area. Large selection of animals including parrots, camel, ostrich, kangaroos, monkeys, llamas, reptiles and other exotics. Open April – October. (631-878-1785)

Holtsville Ecology Site & Park, Buckley Road in Holtsville. Featuring goats, sheep, mountain lions, bobcats, bald eagles, deer and more. Open year-round. (631-758-9664)

L.I. Game Farm Wildlife Park & Children’s Zoo, Chapman Boulevard in Manorville. A complete zoo with an 18-foot giraffe, red kangaroos, kinkajous, cougars, Barbados sheep, peacocks,
and the only lemurs born and bred on Long Island. Bambiland, carousel, animal feeding shows, gift shop and more. Open April – October. (631-878-6644)

Suffolk County Farm & Education Center, Yaphank Avenue in Yaphank. A working production farm featuring public workshops, demonstrations, festivals and animal petting and feeding. Sheep, goats, pigs, beef cattle and other animals are residents of this 300-acre farm. Open April – late October. (631-852-4600)

Thrills and Adventure

Roller coasters, miniature golf and more are among the thrills at the county’s amusement parks. Below are theme parks where you can spend a delightful day with the family.

Adventureland, Route 110 in Farmingdale. Offers a carnival assortment of attractions, including a roller coaster, log flume and other thrill rides, haunted house, ferris wheel, bumper cars, kiddie rides, deli-style restaurant, video games and pinball. Free parking. Open April – November (631-694-6868)

Boomers Family Fun Center, Long Island Avenue in Medford. This family entertainment center and restaurant features miniature golf, go karts, bumper boats, kiddie rides, batting cages, Boomers Café, a train ride and an arcade. (631-475-1771)

Country Fair Entertainment Park, Route 112 in Medford. A family entertainment center with go-karts, miniature golf, driving range, laser tag & more. Open March – November. (631-732-0579)

Dave & Buster’s, Route 110 in Farmingdale (631-249-0708) and Veterans Memorial Highway in Islandia (631-582-6615). This theme restaurant features interactive amusements, high-tech simulators, pocket billiards, shuffleboard, a 20-screen video dome. Open year-round.

Greenport Antique Carousel and Ice Rink at Mitchell Park, Greenport. Located in a four-acre park, the carousel is an enclosed all-weather facility on a scenic harbortfront. (631-477-2200)

The Children’s Museum of the East End (CMEE) on Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike in Bridgehampton celebrates and explores the history, beauty and treasures of the East End. Interactive exhibits, a farm stand, fishing and wind science experiments, tree house room, village replica. It’s open year-round. (631-537-8250)

Riverhead Raceway features NASCAR stock car racing every Saturday night and Sunday afternoon from May until late September. (631-842-RACE/7223)

The Big Duck

One of the most popular family-oriented roadside attractions in Suffolk County, The Big Duck sits on Route 24 in Flanders at the juncture of the North and South Forks. Generations of children and their families have been delighted by this unique white, 30-foot-long by 20-foot-tall duck-shaped building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A former duck farmer’s poultry store built in 1931, The Big Duck is both a classic and influential piece of roadside architecture and a tourism information center with a gift shop selling “duck-a-bilia” souvenirs. Shop open year-round, daily. Call for hours. (631-852-3377)
Learning about science is a thrilling experience in Suffolk County, where you can visit prestigious science institutions as well as a state-of-the-art planetarium and observatory, and a DNA learning center. Visit these science centers and you’ll not only learn something new; you’ll also have an enjoyable day discovering the world around us.

**Brookhaven National Laboratory** (William Floyd Parkway, Upton) offers tours of its facilities, interactive exhibits, and science talks during its annual Summer Sundays program in July and August. Group tours are offered by appointment year-round. Visitors age 16 and older must bring a photo ID. (631-344-2651)

**The Children’s Museum of the East End** (376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton) celebrates and explores the history, beauty and agriculture of the East End with interactive exhibits, a farm stand, fishing and wind science experiments, a tree house room and a village replica. (631-344-2651)

**Custer Institute** (1115 Main Bayview Rd., Southold) is a small astronomy museum with exhibits and artifacts, including meteorites, an observatory with 10-inch reflecting and 5-inch refracting telescopes, and the world’s largest pair of refracting binoculars at 10 inches of aperture. Museum open Saturday afternoons for tours. Observatory open Saturdays after 8 p.m. for public viewing, weather permitting, and for special events. Open year-round. (631-765-2626)

**Dolan DNA Learning Center** (344 Main St./Rte. 25A, Cold Spring Harbor) features a multi-image, Surround Sound presentation of a comprehensive historical overview of Long Island from the Ice Age to the end of the 20th Century. The 28-minute presentation, commissioned by Cablevision, is presented in a 104-seat theater. Long Island Discovery includes comments, observations and anecdotes of prominent Island historians, anthropologists and local residents, 30 of whom were videotaped for the project. Open year-round. (516-367-5170)

**The Long Island Science Center** (11 West Main Street Suite 101, Riverhead) is a hands-on interactive educational center with an emphasis on science, mathematics and technology. It offers in-house programs, outreach programs, after-school enrichment, library programs, scout programs, teacher training and more. (631-208-8000)

**The Museum of Long Island Natural Sciences at Stony Brook University** (100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook) features collections of rocks, minerals and fossils; a permanent exhibit on geological history of Long Island; changing exhibits on dinosaurs, astronomy and earth sciences. Open year-round. (631-632-8230)

**The Planetarium at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion and Museum** (180 Little Neck Road, Centerport) is one of the largest and best-equipped in the United States. In addition to its domed theater, where Sky Shows recreate celestial events, there is also an observatory with a 16-inch Cassegrain reflecting telescope through which visitors can scan the heavens above on clear nights. The recently upgraded 60-foot-in-diameter Sky Theatre features new shows and a state-of-the-art, Konica Minolta Gemini Star III system with full-dome video and Surround Sound systems, new seats and a ticketing and information kiosk in the lobby. The theatre depicts the heavenly bodies: sun, moon, planets and stars. It can simulate the heavens at any moment in time, from the distant past to the future, as they appeared from any place on earth. Open year-round. (631-854-5579)

If you want to see a great show, you’ll find world-class entertainment almost any night at concert halls and professional performance venues located throughout Suffolk County. Your choices range from Broadway-quality plays and musicals to rock, classical and jazz concerts and more.

The Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University presents everything from classical music to jazz, comedy and breathtaking circus acrobatic acts. Other major venues include the 7,000-seat Pennysaver Amphitheater at Bald Hill in Farmingville, the restored historic theaters of Westhampton Beach, Patchogue and Vail-Leavitt Music Hall in Riverhead. Suffolk County is also home to professional Equity theaters: The Gateway Playhouse in Bellport, Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor and the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport. There are also two new theaters in Suffolk County: The Paramount in Huntington, specializing in comedy and rock concerts, and the Suffolk Theater in Riverhead, which offers cabaret-style shows in a restored 1930s movie house.

On the East End, stars of stage, screen and TV strut the boards at Guild Hall’s John Drew Theater in East Hampton. The list of Suffolk County venues includes Theatre Three in Port Jefferson and CM Performing Arts Center in Oakdale. The Arena Players Repertory Theater performs at the Vanderbilt Mansion Carriage House at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport. A performance hall is located at Five Towns College in Dix Hills. The county also offers arts councils, comedy clubs and high-quality community theater.
“Hey, Mom and Dad, I caught a fish!”

Those may be among the happiest words parents will ever hear. In Suffolk County the possibilities are almost endless for a great fishing day, whether you’re a kid catching his or her first fish, or an adult enjoying one of the great outdoor sports.

One of the best ways to enjoy a day outdoors in Suffolk County is to take advantage of the myriad resources available to anglers of all ages. Suffolk County lives up to and even surpasses its reputation for some of the finest fishing on the East Coast. Both northern and southern fish species frequent the region’s waters, including winter flounder and mackerel in the spring, or bluefish, summer flounder (fluke) and Spanish mackerel in the fall. Other species of fish include blackfish, porgies, striped bass and even shark and tuna. Daily size and catch limits apply to certain species of fish.

What you catch will often depend on whether you choose to fish from land or from a boat. Whether you enjoy reeling in your catch from a pier or a beach, or aboard a boat in the bay or ocean, you’ll find your Suffolk County fishing day here is full of fun and adventure.

If you didn’t bring your own boat, you can still catch a seafood dinner, or maybe even a trophy fish, by surf-casting off beaches or fishing from a pier at a marina or a park. Night fishing is available (with a permit) at Smith Point, Shinnecock East and West, Orient Point, the Shinnecock Canal, Cupsogue and Montauk County Parks.

Prefer to fish from a boat? You can rent a boat at a marina, or board one of many “for-hire” charter boats, as well as open boats, which take on single passengers for a reasonable fee, and provide bait, rods and tackle. Major marinas can be found throughout the county, with facilities for fishing charters and party boats making trips daily out of the Captree Boat Basin at Captree State Park in Babylon, Bay Shore, Huntington, Hampton Bays, Southold, Greenport and Montauk, among others. A variety of salt water fishing adventures are offered -- from calm bay fishing to exciting deep sea fishing.

And speaking of deep sea adventures, anglers enjoy the fishing tournaments held throughout the year including one of the major shark tournaments in the Northeast, the Mako/Thresher Mania Tournament in August in Montauk.

Freshwater fishing is also permitted in lakes, streams and rivers with a New York State fishing license. Daily size and catch limits apply. For more about fishing in local waters, log on to www.fishonli.com.
Suffolk County's coastline is a wonderland, which you and your family can visit and explore. Just hop aboard entertainment or nature cruises leaving from the Great South Bay, the Peconic River and other scenic waterways. You can also join a cruise leaving from a marina or port community, or strike out on your own in a kayak, canoe or paddle boat.

There are dinner, luncheon and brunch cruises; sunset, moonlight, dance, sightseeing and charter group cruises for weddings and parties. Several cruises also visit the region's historic lighthouses, which are located a short trip from shore.

The following boat lines feature dining, nature and other special cruises. (Call for directions, times, prices and type of cruises offered.)

**Cruising the Coast by Boat, Canoe or Kayak**

- **Atlantis Explorer Tour Boat**, Riverhead (631-208-9200)
- **Captree Delta Lady**, Captree State Park, Babylon (631-422-1060)
- **Cross Sound Ferry**, Orient Point (631-323-2525)
- **“Discovery” Wetlands Cruise**, Stony Brook (631-751-2244)
- **East End Seaport Museum & Marine Foundation Lighthouse Cruises**, Greenport (631-477-2100)
- **“Glory” Harbor Tours**, Greenport (631-477-2515)
- **Huntington Lighthouse Tours**, Huntington (631-421-1985)
- **Moonchaser**, Captree State Park, Babylon (631-265-1848)
- **Port Jefferson Ferry**, Port Jefferson (631-473-0286)
- **Seal Cruises**, Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, Riverhead (631-369-9840)
- **South Bay Cruises/Lauren Kristy Paddleboat**, Bay Shore (631-750-5359)
- **Sunset & Starlight Lighthouse Cruise**, Bay Shore (631-321-7028)
- **Viking Superstar**, Montauk (631-668-5700)
- **Whale, Dolphin and Seabird Cruises**, Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island, Montauk (631-244-3352)

... on Suffolk County’s rivers and lakes. You can rent a rowboat at Blydenburg County Park in Smithtown, Cedar Point County Park in East Hampton, Southhaven County Park in Brookhaven, Sears Bellows County Park in Hampton Bays, or a paddleboat at Belmont Lake State Park in North Babylon.

Kayak/Canoe rentals are available at Nissequogue River State Park or through Shelter Island Kayak Tours in Shelter Island, Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches or Port of Egypt Marina in Southold.

**Kayak/Canoe launch ramps at:**
- Captree State Park, Babylon
- Cedar Point County Park, East Hampton
- Cedar Beach County Park, Southold
- Green’s Creek County Park, West Sayville
- Indian Island County Park, Riverhead
- Lake Ronkonkoma County Park, Lake Ronkonkoma
- Meschutt Beach County Park, Hampton Bays
- Montauk County Park, Montauk
- Mud Creek County Park, Patchogue
- Northwest Harbor County Park, East Hampton
- Orient Beach State Park, Orient
- Paul T. Givens County Park, Smithtown
- Peconic River Canoe Launch, Riverhead
- Smith Point County Park, Shirley
- Southaven County Park, Brookhaven
- Timber Point County Park, Great River
- Sunken Meadow State Park (with permit), Kings Park

row, row, row, your boat …

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If you’re looking to tee off on a renowned golf course, take the word of champions: Suffolk County features some of the most scenic and challenging golf courses in the United States. A number of major championships have been held over the years at golf courses in Suffolk County. For instance, the 2013 U.S. Women’s Open was held for the first time on Long Island at the Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton. Furthermore, the private Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, founded in 1891 as the first golf club in America, hosted the U.S. Open in 1896, 1986, 1995 and 2004. Montauk Downs is considered one of the finest public golf courses in the nation.

Dozens of public courses, ranging from pitch-and-putt to huge golf complexes, are carved into Suffolk County’s open meadows, wooded parklands and rolling hillsides. You can tee off near a scenic waterfront, on the bucolic North Fork amid farm fields or in the fabulous Hamptons and Montauk. Many courses have been created by top golf course designers and feature clubhouses with pubs and restaurants, golf shops and other amenities.

Here are public facilities where you can enjoy a great day of golf:

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GC= Golf Club/Golf Course • CC= Country Club
If you’re looking for some of the best shopping anywhere, you’ve definitely come to the right place. Suffolk County’s roads are lined with countless stores, many located in shopping centers on east-west thoroughfares such as Route 27 and Route 27A on the South Shore, and Route 25 and Route 25A on the North Shore. Many communities also feature downtown shopping villages and malls. One enjoyable way to shop is to discover the county’s charming downtowns, many of which are in historic communities dating to horse and carriage days. These include harborside communities along the North Shore and quaint communities along the South Shore, small villages nestled between the wineries and farms on the North Fork, and the posh Hamptons villages of the South Fork.

Downtown shopping areas are known for gifts, antiques and collectibles, art and crafts galleries and clothing stores. You can always find a nice place to eat with choices including food courts, restaurants (fast food to upscale dining), delicatessens, gourmet shops, sweet shops, cheese shops, coffee shops and bakeries. For a delightful change of pace, visit a port community where restaurants feature relaxing waterview dining and scrumptious locally caught seafood such as lobsters, clams or striped bass. Many village downtowns also feature parks where you can walk after dining, as well as nearby historic sites and museums, theaters and performance halls.

Mall shopping is also a major pastime, with major malls including Walt Whitman Mall in Huntington, Smith Haven Mall in Lake Grove and Westfield South Shore in Bay Shore. Additionally, there are three factory outlet complexes including Tanger Factory Outlet Center in Riverhead, Tanger at the Arches in Deer Park and the smaller Bellport Outlet Center in Bellport. You’ll find just about anything you’d like to buy, including the latest in electronics, fashions, gifts and much more, at national chains as well as locally owned businesses.

**South Shore**

**Westfield South Shore**, Sunrise Highway, Bay Shore
(631-665-8600)

**Outlets at Bellport**, Sunrise Highway, Bellport (631-286-3872)

**Tanger Outlets at The Arches**, 152 The Arches Circle, Deer Park
(631-667-0600)

**North Shore**

**Smith Haven Mall**, Nesconset Highway, Lake Grove
(631-724-1433)

**Walt Whitman Mall**, Route 110, Huntington (631-271-1741)

**North Fork**

**Tanger Factory Outlet Center**, Tanger Drive at LIE Exit 73, Riverhead (1-800-4-TANGER)
Long Island Wine Country, which is located entirely in Suffolk County, continues to grow with each new year bringing new vineyards and tasting rooms, and introducing visitors to the joys of fine Long Island red, white, rosé and sparkling wines.

Suffolk County’s vineyards produce six million bottles of Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and other varietals each year. They are concentrated in the Town of Southold, with several more in the Towns of Riverhead, Islip and Smithtown. The region produces many kinds of wine grapes but is especially noted for Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Riesling and Shiraz.

The Long Island wine industry began 40 years ago and is now a major New York State agricultural phenomenon. The region encompasses almost 3,000 acres of vines and dozens of wineries with tasting rooms.

Most wineries are open year-round for tasting, tours and events. Stroll along vineyards, step inside wine cellars stacked with fine oak barrels of aging wine and sample the season’s harvest. Raise a glass lounging inside elegant tasting rooms or seated on an outdoor deck. The view often includes the vineyard where the grapes were grown and harvested. All wineries offer their products for sale and some even display local artists’ work or provide live music for guests on weekends.

A wine country visit goes beyond tasting and purchasing fine locally produced wines. It’s also an opportunity to try food and wine pairings, attend concerts (including the annual Long Island Winterfest during February and March) and enjoy hay rides, vineyard tours and other family activities. If you’re looking for warm hospitality, gorgeous scenery, and a world-class wine-drinking experience, take a trip to Long Island Wine Country!

Before making the trip, however, call the wineries to confirm their hours and days of operation or visit discoverlongisland.com/wineries. For a free winery guide, call the Long Island Wine Council at 631-722-2220 or write P. O. Box 74, Peconic, NY 11958. You can also get information online from the wine council by visiting www.liwines.com.

Anthony Nappa Wines-The Winemaker Studio, 774-641-7488, 2885 Peconic Lane, Peconic (Also featuring wines from The Grapes of Roth and Suhru Wines.)

Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard, 631-369-0100, 2114 Sound Ave., Baiting Hollow

Bedell Cellars, 631-734-7537, 36225 Main Rd., Cutchogue

Castello di Borghese Vineyard & Winery, 631-734-5111, Rte.48, Cutchogue
Channing Daughters Winery, 631-537-7224, 1927 Scuttlehole Rd., Bridgehampton
Clovis Point, 631-722-4222, Main Rd., Jamesport
Coffee Pot Cellars, 631-765-8929, 31855 Main Rd., Cutchogue
Comtesse Thérèse, 631-779-2800, 739 Main Rd., Aquebogue
Corey Creek Vineyards, 631-765-4168, Main Rd., Southold
Croteaux Vineyards, 631-765-6099, 1450 South Harbor Rd., Southold
Diliberto Vineyard & Winery, 631-722-3416, 250 Manor Lane, Jamesport
Duck Walk Vineyards North, 631-765-3500, 44535 Main Rd., Southold
Duck Walk Vineyards South, 631-726-7555, 231 Montauk Hwy., Water Mill
Harbes Family Farm & Vineyard, 631-298-WINE (9463), 715 Sound Ave., Mattituck
Harmony Vineyards, 631-291-9900, 169 Harbor Rd., Head of the Harbor
Jamesport Vineyards, 631-722-5256, Rte. 25, Jamesport
Jason's Vineyard, 631-238-5801, 1785 Main Rd., Jamesport
Kontokosta Winery, 631-477-6977, 825 North Rd. (Rte. 25), Greenport
Laurel Lake Vineyards, 631-298-1420, 3165 Main Rd., Laurel
Lenz Winery, 631-734-6010, Rte. 25, Peconic
Lieb Cellars, 631-298-1942, 35 Cox Neck Rd., Mattituck
Loughlin Vineyards, 631-589-0027, South Main Street, Sayville
Macari Vineyards & Winery, 631-298-0100, Bergen Ave., Mattituck
Martha Clara Vineyards, 631-298-0075, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead
Mattebella, 888-628-8323, 46005 Main Rd. (Rte. 25), Southold
McCall Vineyards, 404-274-2809, 22600 Main Rd., Cutchogue
The Old Field Vineyards, 631-765-2465, 59600 Main Rd. (Rte. 25), Southold
One Woman Vineyards, 631-765-1200, 5195 Old N. Rd., Southold
Osprey's Dominion Vineyards, 631-765-6188, Rte. 25, Peconic
Palmer Vineyards, 631-722-4080, Sound Ave., Aquebogue
Paumanok Vineyards, 631-722-8800, Rte. 25, Aquebogue
Peconic Bay Winery, 631-734-7361, Rte. 25, Cutchogue
Pellegrini Vineyards, 631-734-4111, Rte. 25, Cutchogue
Pindar Vineyards, 631-734-6200, Rte. 25, Peconic
Pugliese Vineyards, 631-734-4057, Rte. 25, Cutchogue
Raphael, 631-765-1100, Rte. 25, Peconic
Reilly Cellars, 516-446-2902, 37025 Main Rd., Cutchogue
Roanoke Vineyards, 631-727-4161, 3543 Sound Ave., Riverhead
Sannino Bella Vita Vineyard, 631-734-8282, 1375 Peconic Lane, Peconic
Sherwood House Vineyards, 631-779-2817, Two tasting rooms: 1291 Main Rd., Jamesport; Oregon Rd., Mattituck
Shinn Estate Vineyards, 631-804-0367, Oregon Rd., Mattituck
Sparkling Pointe, 631-765-0200, 39750 Rte. 48, Southold
Vineyard 48, 631-734-5200, Rte. 48, Cutchogue
Waters Crest Winery, 631-734-5065, 22355 Rte. 48, Cutchogue
Wölffer Estate Vineyard, 631-537-5106, 139 Sagg Rd. and Montauk Hwy., Sagaponack
In Suffolk County you’re never far from farm country. The East End of Long Island is home to one of New York State’s great agricultural regions, where farms that have been owned and operated by the same families for generations, are still thriving along scenic country roads. At busy, lively and colorful farmstands along these roads, you can buy healthy and scrumptious broccoli, cauliflower, apples, peaches and so much more. Some farmstands specialize in seasonal treats such as roasted corn, especially during the summer months. Furthermore, a number of local restaurants, especially on the East End, specialize in serving local produce from the harvest directly to your table.

Dining out in Suffolk County is always an exceptional experience with your choices including just about every cuisine imaginable. You can generally find a great restaurant to fit your pocketbook and food choices, with an ambience conducive to a great meal.

However, the dining out choices go beyond restaurants to include an array of venues where food is grown, harvested and offered for sale to visitors. The venues include organic farms where you can pick your own produce and farmstands where you can buy fresh vegetables and fruit, not to mention prepared foods such as fruit pies, preserves and other regional delicacies. You can often find a place to picnic near the very farm fields where the produce was grown.

Dining out in Suffolk County opens up a world of distinctly local flavors from the sea as well. Because the sea surrounds the county, restaurants here can take advantage of one of the world’s great fisheries and serve the freshest seafood possible. Many seafood restaurants are located a few steps from a fishing fleet that brings in their fresh catch daily. Whether your choice is striped bass, clams, scallops or any number of other local seafood delicacies, you’ll have a memorable meal here.

Because Long Island Wine Country is located in Suffolk County, a locally flavored meal tastes even better with a glass of Long Island wine. A dazzling array of wines including red, white, rosé and Champagne are produced in Long Island Wine Country, making for delightful pairings by the glass or bottle with savory fresh seafood and produce. Visit discoverlongisland.com/suffolk-epicurean.
The Hamptons & Montauk

The internationally famous resort areas of the Hamptons and Montauk offer endless opportunities for fun and leisurely enjoyment.

The Hamptons features two of America’s No. 1 beaches – Coopers Beach in Southampton and Main Beach in East Hampton. In addition to relaxing on miles of unspoiled, world-class beaches, during a Hamptons visit you can dine on great wine and food at trendy restaurants, shop in chic one-of-a-kind stores and charming villages, visit art galleries, museums and historic sites including iconic windmills, and enjoy some of the best nightlife anywhere. The region also has its glamorous side – it’s a favorite of celebrities who can be seen in restaurants, on village streets and at the many events that are a part of the Hamptons summer season.

Montauk, the famous seaside resort town located just east of the Hamptons, offers a great nautical getaway with fine beaches and yacht-filled marinas. It's an international fishing capital where anglers bring in fluke, striped bass, sharks and other prized gamefish. At restaurants right on the waterfront, you can order some of the freshest seafood you'll find anywhere. The Montauk Lighthouse is the region's most famous icon; it's situated on dazzling Montauk Point, which attracts surfers, hikers and anglers who cast from the rocky, windswept beach.

Planning Your Wedding

Unique reception venues and perfect wedding-photo scenery are among the reasons why so many couples choose to wed in Suffolk County. Say your vows on a gorgeous white sand beach with an informal seaside reception, or hold your ceremony and celebration in the midst of a gloriously sun-drenched vineyard in Long Island Wine Country. Indoor weddings are just as delightful with many hotels offering glittering banquet spaces, while independent banquet halls and restaurants specialize in creating your fantasy wedding and reception.

To start planning your special day, contact the LICVB at 631-951-3900, ext. 320 or visit discoverlongisland.com/weddings.

A Shelter Island Getaway

If you’re looking to get away from the rest of Long Island’s faster pace, Shelter Island offers a respite for visitors seeking peaceful surroundings. This tranquil little island within Suffolk County’s borders is nestled in the bay between the North and South Forks. It’s easy to get there. All you have to do is take a 10-minute auto/passenger ferry ride from either Greenport on the North Fork, or North Haven near Sag Harbor on the South Fork. Leaving the ferry, you’ll be charmed by Shelter Island’s delightful New England atmosphere and enchanted by its unhurried pace. You’ll drive over rolling hills, by scenic shorelines and white sand beaches on the bay. This resort community also offers several charming country inns and lodges. Spend your day shopping at boutiques, dining in fine restaurants, playing golf or tennis, or swimming or boating in protected harbors. A good part of Shelter Island is in a natural state within The Nature Conservancy’s 2,039-acre Mashomack Nature Preserve (631-749-1001). You can hike, participate in group tours and see educational displays at Mashomack. For further information about Shelter Island, call the Chamber of Commerce at 1-877-893-2290.
**JANUARY**
Seal Walks at Montauk Point State Park, Montauk (631) 668-5000
CRESLI Seal Walks at Cupsogue Beach, (631) 244-3352

**FEBRUARY**
Long Island Winterfest, East End (631) 722-2220

**MARCH**
Montauk St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Montauk (631) 668-2428
Spring Egg Hunt, Belmont Lake State Park, North Babylon (631) 667-5055
AHEPA Suffolk County Half Marathon, Suffolk County Community College (631) 871-6633
Spring Festival, Sweetbriar Nature Center, Smithtown (631) 979-6344

**APRIL**
Hamptons Restaurant Week, Long Island’s North and South Forks (631) 329-0050
Spring Family Freshwater Fishing Clinic, Belmont Lake State Park, North Babylon (631) 667-5055

**MAY**
Festival Art Show, Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts, Babylon (631) 669-1810
Sheep to Shawl Festival, Kissam House, Huntington (631) 427-7045 ext. 403
Tulip Festival, Heckscher Park, Huntington (631) 351-3099
Spring Golf Tournament, Governor Alfred E. Smith/Sunken Meadow State Park, Kings Park (631) 269-4333
Tour Southampton Homes, Southampton Historical Museums, Southampton (631) 283-2494

**JUNE**
Junior Angler Freshwater Fishing Clinic, Caleb Smith State Park Preserve, Smithtown (631) 265-1054
Fleece and Fiber Fair, Hallockville Museum Farm & Folklife Center, Riverhead (631) 298-5292
Art & Crafts Spring Festival, Deepwells Farm County Park, St. James (631) 862-6080
Brookhaven Fair, Brookhaven Amphitheater Art & Cultural Center at Bald Hill, Farmingville (631) 732-4011
Greenport Village Boat Show, Greenport (631) 477-0248

**JULY**
Antiques Show, Sagtikos Manor, Bay Shore (631) 889-1166
MacArthur Airport/Town of Islip 9-1-1 Veterans 5k Race, Long Island MacArthur Airport, Ronkonkoma (631) 467-3300
Arts & Crafts Fair, Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Sag Harbor (631) 725-0011
Sheep to Shawl, Spring Farm Festival, Smithtown Historical Society, Smithtown (631) 265-6768
Annual Vineyard Ride, Old Field Farm, Setauket (631) 246-8983
Long Island Two-Day Walk For Breast Cancer, Smith Point & Cathedral Pines, Mastic Beach & Shirley (631) 765-0004
Smithtown Hunt Horse Show, Old Field Farm, Setauket (631) 246-8983
Gold Coast Classic Horse Show, Old Field Farm, Setauket (631) 246-8983
Babylon Village Arts & Music Festival, Babylon (631) 669-1810
Art in the Park Fine Art & Craft Fair, Heckscher Park, Huntington (631) 462-5400

**AUGUST**
The Peony Path Tour, Sagtikos Manor, Bay Shore (631) 854-0939
Spring Festival of Gardens, Huntington Historical Society, Huntington (631) 427-7045
Southampton Antiques Fair, Southampton Historical Museums, Southampton (631) 283-2494
Landscape Pleasures Garden Tour, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill (631) 283-2118
Mattituck Strawberry Festival, Mattituck (631) 298-2222
Harbes Farm Fest, Mattituck (631) 298-0700
The Pirate Festival, Long Island Maritime Museum, West Sayville (631) 447-8679
Monday Summer Run Series, New York State Parks (631) 669-1000
Mid-Summer Night Dances at the Vanderbilt Museum, Vanderbilt Museum & Planetarium, Centerport (631) 854-5579
Montauk Marine Basin Annual Shark Tournament, Montauk Marine Basin, Montauk (631) 668-5900
Art Show, Fire Island Lighthouse, Fire Island (631) 661-4876
Cardboard Boat Races, Riverhead (631) 727-7600
Long Island Sound Festival 2, Vanderbilt Museum & Planetarium, Centerport (631) 854-5568
Summer Splendor: The Gardens of Northport, Northport Historical Society, Northport (631) 757-9859 ext. 301
Classic Car Show, Sagtikos Manor, Bay Shore (631) 587-7209
JULY
Summer Craft Fair, Deepwells Farm & County Park, St. James (631) 862-2020
Fourth of July Fireworks - Stars Over Montauk, Umbrella Beach, Montauk (631) 668-2428
Suffolk Classic Horse Show, Old Field Farm, Setauket (631) 246-8983
Summer Film Festival, Old Field Farm, Setauket (631) 246-8983
July 4th Celebration BBQ, Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard, Baiting Hollow (631) 369-0100
Sag Harbor House Tours, Sag Harbor (631) 725-0049
Classic Car Show, Peconic Bay Winery, Cutchogue (631) 734-7361
Art Hampton’s: The International Fine Art Fair, Sculpture Fields of Nova’s Ark, Bridgehampton (631) 324-0806
Long Island Philharmonic Concert, Heckscher State Park, East Islip (631) 224-5420
Lighthouses Cruise, East End Seaport Museum, Greenport (631) 477-2100
Sweet Corn Festival, Harbes Family Farm & Vineyard, Mattituck (631) 298-0700
Montauk Historical Society Craft Fair at Second House Museum, Montauk (631) 668-2428
LIAPA Tractor Pull and Show, Hallockville Museum Farm, Riverhead (631) 298-5292
Wild Night for Wildlife, Shinnecock Reservation, Shinnecock Pow-Wow & Polka Festival, Bridgehampton (631) 271-8411

AUGUST
International Contemporary and Modern Art Fair Art Southampton, Art Southampton Pavilion, Southampton Elks Lodge, Southampton (305) 515-8573
Annual Vanderbilt Clam Bake, Vanderbilt Museum & Planetarium, Centerport (631) 854-5579
Gem, Mineral & Jewelry 32nd Annual Show, Mattituck High School, Mattituck (631) 271-8411
Art & Crafts Show and Chinese Auction, Cutchogue (631) 734-6382
Sandcastle Contest, Smith Point, Shirley (631) 281-7788
Sandcastle Contest, Cupsogue Beach County Park, Westhampton (631) 852-8111
Outdoor Art Show, Sagtikos Manor, Bay Shore (631) 587-0233
Southampton Antiques Fair, Southampton Historical Museums, Southampton (631) 283-2494
Saggau-Suffolk Horsemens Horse Show & Lobster Clambake, Old Field Farm, Setauket (631) 246-8983
Shakespeare in the Park, Mitchell Park, Greenport (631) 477-2972
National Art Show: H2O at the East End Arts Council, Riverhead (631) 727-9000
North Fork Craft Beer, BBQ & Wine Festival, Martha Clara Vineyards, Riverhead (631) 298-0075
Annual Southampton Antique Auto Show, Southampton Historical Museums, Southampton (631) 283-2494
Annual Paumanauke Pow-Wow, Babylon Town Hall, Lindenhurst (631) 587-3696
Harbes Watermelon Days, Harbes Family Farm & Vineyard, Mattituck (631) 298-0700
North Shore Blues Festival, Vanderbilt Museum & Planetarium, Centerport (631) 854-5568
Bluegrass Festival, Tanner Park, Copiague (631) 893-2100
Annual Southampton Antique Auto Show, Southampton Historical Museums, Southampton (631) 283-2494
Snapper Derby, Captree State Park, Babylon (631) 669-0449
Amateur Radio Lighthouse Weekend, Fire Island Lighthouse, Fire Island (631) 661-4876
Lighthouse Weekend, Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum, Montauk (631) 668-2544
Olde Steeple Church Antiques in the Churchyard, Aquebogue (516) 868-2751
Seafood Festival, Long Island Maritime Museum, West Sayville (631) HISTORY
Hampton Classic Horse Show, Bridgehampton (631) 537-3177
Polish Town Street Fair & Polka Festival, Riverhead (631) 369-1616

SEPTEMBER
East Quogue Arts Festival, East Quogue (631) 653-5200
Long Island Classic Horse Show, Old Field Farm, Setauket (631) 246-8983
Oktoberfest! Martha Clara Vineyards, Riverhead (631) 298-0075

AACA Peconic Bay Region Auto Show, Hallockville Museum Farm, Riverhead (631) 298-5292

OCTOBER
Harvest Festival, Long Island Maritime Museum, West Sayville (631) HISTORY
Fall Festival at Sagtikos Manor, Sagtikos Manor, Bay Shore (631) 854-0939
Hamptons International Film Festival, Hamptons/Montauk (631) 747-7978
South Shore Classic Surf Fishing Tournament, Captree State Park, Babylon (631) 321-3510
Halloween Boat Burning, Long Island Maritime Museum, West Sayville (631) HISTORY
Fall Festival, Deepwells Farm & County Park, St. James (631) 862-2020

NOVEMBER
East End Arts Council Holiday Gift Boutique, Riverhead (631) 727-0900
Country Parlor Holiday Home Show, Hallockville Museum Farm, Riverhead (631) 298-5292
Lighting the Lighthouse, Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum, Montauk (631) 668-2544
Christmas Craft Fair Deepwells Farm & County Park, St. James (631) 862-2020

DECEMBER
Annual Charles Dickens Festival, Port Jefferson Village, (631) 473-1414
Christmas at Sagtikos, Sagtikos Manor, Bay Shore (631) 661-5169
Big Duck Lighting, Flanders (631) 852-8292
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