

Free and Cheap on Long Island

Free and cheap things to see and do on Long Island, NY



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Long Island has lots of affluent communities and was once the home of sprawling Gold Coast mansions. But in addition to all the upscale places, there are plenty of free and cheap things to do on Long Island. From lush, flower-filled gardens to cost-free museums, Long Island has much to offer for folks on a budget.



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1. Free Things to Do on Long Island

You don't have to spend lots of money to enjoy Long Island. From free movies, concerts and plays to museums without admission fees, there's plenty to see and do on Long Island without digging deep into your wallet. Here are some places where you can have fun on Long Island for free. [More »](#)



Long Island Children's Museum - Bubble Gallery.
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2. Free Things To Do With Your Kids on Long Island

Whether you have an only child or a group of three or more in tow, there are wonderful, free places to take your children in Nassau and Suffolk. Here's a sampling of some great free things to do with kids on Long Island. [More »](#)



3. Free on Long Island on Your Kid's Birthday

From free meals to other birthday surprises, there's a variety of freebies on your child's special day. [Read more about Long Island freebies on your child's birthday...](#) [More »](#)



Indian Wells Tavern - Amagansett NY. Photo © Eric Stettler

4. Get A FREE Entree on Your Birthday at Indian Wells Tavern

Celebrate your birthday with a free entree at Indian Wells Tavern in Amagansett. Proof of birthday is required. Call (631) 267-0400 for more information. [More »](#)



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5. Free on Your Birthday on Long Island

From free meals to ice cream and more, find out where you can get some great freebies on your birthday. [Read more about freebies on your birthday on Long Island..... More »](#)

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Bolanees (potato leek turnovers) at Ariana Restaurant, Huntington, NY. Photo © Linda Tagliaterra

6. Dine at Long Island Restaurants for Less with Restaurant.com

Learn how you can buy certificates for deep discounts at restaurants throughout Long Island (and across the U.S. as well.) [More »](#)



Madras Woodlands restaurant. Photo © Linda Tagliaterra

7. Daytime Discounts at Madras Woodlands Restaurant

On weekdays from noon to 3 p.m., check out [Madras Woodlands'](#) lunch specials where you can choose from a variety of meals for only **\$5.25 (plus tax.)**

Specials include a choice of one curry dish (mattar paneer, alu gobi, daal fry, vegetable jalfrezi, alu matter and more), served with basmati rice, chapati, yogurt, pickle and more, all for \$5.25

On weekends, there's an **all-you-can-eat lunch buffet** for \$9.95 (plus tax) from noon to 3 p.m. Meals at Madras Woodlands are kosher.

[Madras Woodlands](#) is located at 1627 Hillside Avenue in New Hyde Park, NY.



The American Guitar Museum. Photo © The American Guitar Museum

[8. The American Guitar Museum](#)

One of Long Island's lesser-known museums, **The American Guitar Museum** is home to countless musical treasures. What it lacks in size, it makes up for in the importance of musical instruments on display. Best of all, there's no admission charge. [More »](#)



Twin Pines Food Coop and Thrift Shop, Port Washington, NY. Photo © Linda Tagliaterra

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[10. Cheap or Free Dates on Long Island, NY](#)

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15. Americana Manhasset Shopping Mall

Although you'll have to pay to buy merchandise, it's free to window shop. Stroll through this vast mall and look at at the decorative sculptures, live plants and more to enjoy a cost-free afternoon. [More »](#)



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[16. Tour of the beachfront at Long Beach](#)

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[18. Outdoor Sculpture Garden at the Nassau County Museum of Art](#)

The Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn Harbor features exhibits of major artists in its Gold Coast Georgian mansion from the early 20th century. There is an admission fee to enter the museum, but beyond the elegant building, visitors can wander for FREE through 145 acres of fields, woods, ponds and formal gardens. [More »](#)



The beach at Garvies Point Preserve. Photo © Linda Tagliateno

[19. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve](#)

Although Garvies Point Museum charges a fee, it is minimal. And it's FREE to wander through the lovely preserve with nature trails that lead down to the beach. [More »](#)



[20. Grumman Memorial Park](#)

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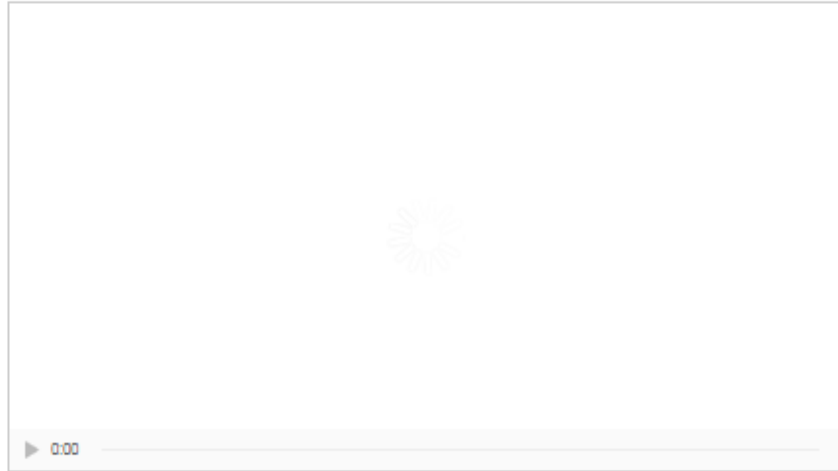
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