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Jones Beach State Park's six-and-a-half miles of golden sand is a bit of a miracle. Master builder Robert Moses' amazing engineering project in the 1920s raised the elevation of several small barrier islands some 14 feet, and connected them into one long strand. The beach that resulted is vast enough

so that despite crowds, everyone can find space to enjoy sand, sun, surf and long walks by the sea. Over 80 years later, Jones Beach remains a wonder — clean and beautifully maintained, lining 2,400 acres of unspoiled parkland on the Atlantic Ocean.

Moses' vision was for total recreation, and along with a two-mile-long boardwalk for strolling, the park offers two indoor swimming pools, miniature golf, an 18-hole pitch and putt golf course, courts for volleyball, basketball, deck tennis and shuffleboard, softball diamonds, children's playgrounds, picnic areas, a fishing pier, a marina, the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center and the Nikon Jones Beach Theater — a 15,000-seat amphitheater with top-name entertainment at night. The inlet called Zach's Bay provides beach and calm-water swimming away from the waves and is popular with families.

Access to the beach is by car or bus via causeways from Long Island. Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE) runs buses regularly from the nearest towns, Freeport and Wantagh. Long Island Railroad (LIRR) trains from Manhattan's Penn Station connect to the bus at the Freeport station. Buses deposit visitors at parking fields 3, 4 and 5, the central beach area where attractive art deco-style buildings provide changing rooms with lockers, equipment rental and food stands. Drivers can find oceanfront parking at further, less crowded fields. One auto fee covers any number of passengers.

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