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## Things To Do in Ocean County, NJ



From lively boardwalks to the solitude of the Pine Barrens, from sugar and sand beaches to exciting amusement parks' thrills, there is a vacation of a lifetime and a long list of things to do waiting for you in Ocean County.

*Activities subject to change.*

Visit our *Calendar of Events* at [www.oceancountytourism.com](http://www.oceancountytourism.com) for contacts to confirm information.

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**Ocean County**  
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- 1 Fish-in the surf, on fresh water and in the deep sea.
- 2 Join the thrills at amusement rides in Point Pleasant, Seaside Heights, Beach Haven and Jackson.
- 3 Visit the Tuckerton Seaport, a 40 acre-maritime museum.♦♦
- 4 Take a horseback riding lesson.
- 5 Sail, row, or motor boat.
- 6 Fly a kite on one of Ocean County's beautiful beaches.
- 7 Get your laughs in at a comedy show at Uncle Vinnie's.
- 8 Seek adventure at The Mainland's aerial ropes course.
- 9 Take me out to the ballgame! See the Lakewood BlueClaws, the A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies.
- 10 Watch the commercial fisherman "pack out" their daily catch.
- 11 Take an early morning or evening boardwalk bike ride.
- 12 Watch a sailboat regatta on the Toms River, Metedeconk River, or Barnegat Bay.
- 13 Catch a movie on the bay or ocean.
- 14 Listen to the sounds of the Pinelands every Saturday at Waretown's Albert Music Hall.♦
- 15 Learn to sail, water ski, scuba dive, swim, surf, or paddleboard.
- 16 Crab and clam on one of our beautiful waterways.
- 17 Cool down at one of Ocean County's spray parks.
- 18 Wind surf on Barnegat Bay.
- 19 Comb the beach for seashells and sea glass.
- 20 Make a splash at Lake Barnegat's inflatable Wibit water park.
- 21 Take a Canoe or Kayak Eco-Tour for a close-up view of the Pinelands.
- 22 Enjoy a program or display at one of the county's 21 library branches.♦
- 23 Sip high tea at a tea room.♦
- 24 Photograph an awesome sunset over Barnegat Bay.
- 25 Watch the Offshore Power Boat or Garvey races on the bay.
- 26 Get scared at New Jersey's biggest Halloween parade in Toms River.
- 27 Dine with an Ocean or bay view.♦♦
- 28 Charter a boat and a captain for fishing, birding, tours or a sunset cruise.
- 29 Visit Navy Lakehurst's Information Center, home of Historic Hangar 1 & the tragic Hindenburg crash.♦♦
- 30 Take the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge in October. ♦♦
- 31 Enjoy a Victorian Walking Tour in Beach Haven.♦♦
- 32 Take an environmental appreciation tour on Long Beach Island.♦♦
- 33 Visit the Pine Barrens and hunt for the legendary "Jersey Devil." ♦♦
- 34 Spend the night at a romantic B&B.♦
- 35 Take a lunch or dinner cruise on the Barnegat Bay aboard a double deck Mississippi paddle wheeler.♦♦
- 36 Bird watch. (We are on a major fly way. Take binoculars.)
- 37 Make a howl at Howling Wolves Farm.
- 38 Roller skate or bowl.♦
- 39 Take a tour at Ocean County's Historical Society.♦
- 40 Race a crab at Harvey Cedars.
- 41 Borrow a DVD about local history at The Ocean County Library.
- 42 Rent a rowboat at Lake Shenandoah County Park.
- 43 Play a game of chance on the boardwalk.♦♦
- 44 Splash around at a water park ~ Breakwater Beach, Seaside Heights, Thundering Surf, Beach Haven, or Six Flag's Hurricane Harbor, Jackson.
- 45 Peek inside some Long Beach Island mansions on the annual house tour. ♦♦
- 46 Visit Antique Emporium in Point Pleasant Beach, many dealers under one roof. ♦
- 47 Putt around at one of Ocean County's many miniature golf courses.
- 48 Hit some balls at a batting cage.
- 49 Get up close and personal with alpaca's at Out of Sight Alpaca's.
- 50 Here ye! Here ye! Watch knight's joust at Lakewood's Renaissance Festival (September).
- 51 Bid at an auction.♦♦
- 52 Hike and tour Cedar Bridge Tavern Museum Historical Site in Barnegat
- 53 Catch your next wave in Seaside Heights ~ Named one of the top ten places to surf in the US.
- 54 Become an artist and create your own pottery at a studio.♦
- 55 Search for treasure on a pirate ship.
- 56 Play beach volleyball.
- 57 Attend Summer in the Street, in Downtown Toms River.





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- 58 Be a critic at an art gallery.
- 59 Enjoy live theatre performances at The Surfflight and Strand Theatres, The Arts and Community Center at Ocean County College, The RWJ Barnabas Arena, Ocean First Theater, Lakeside Children's Theatre, and Ocean Professional Theatre Company, Exit 82 Theatre, and Six Flags Great Adventure.
- 60 Be a taster at a Chowder Cook-Off in Beach Haven or for land-lubbers, a Chili Cook off in Toms River.
- 61 Sign up for a free behind-the-scenes tour of the commercial fishing fleet at Viking Village, Barnegat Light.
- 62 Watch a stock car race at New Egypt Speedway.
- 63 Golf an 18 hole scenic course.
- 64 End the year with a First Night Celebration in Seaside Heights. ♦♦
- 65 Dance to live music at a night club. ♦
- 66 Cool off ice skating. ♦♦
- 67 Listen to free summer concerts on the beach in Point Pleasant Beach; in Beach Haven's park; at Toms River's Quad, Brick Beach, or Lavallette's gazebo to name a few.
- 68 Race a go kart.
- 69 See 1,500 animals at Six Flag's Great Adventure Wild Safari off Road Adventure.
- 70 Walk miles of picturesque boardwalks.
- 71 Compete in an 18 mile run on Long Beach Island (October).
- 72 Take a hike or bike on the Barnegat Branch rail trail.
- 73 Visit a U-Pick and pick your own fruits and vegetables.
- 74 Watch weekly fireworks over the ocean on Wednesday & Thursdays.
- 75 Be a Farmer at Argo's Farm, Farm Camp.
- 76 Climb Barnegat Lighthouse; walk the inlet, then visit the lighthouse interpretive center. ♦♦
- 77 Plan a day at a Laurita Winery festival, and spend the night! ♦♦
- 78 Visit New Egypt flea market. ♦♦
- 79 Visit a brewery.
- 80 Photograph St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Church with its golden onion dome in Jackson.
- 81 See the Blessing of the Fleet in June.
- 82 Get to know a shark at Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant. ♦
- 83 Plunge with the Polar Bears at Seaside Heights or Long Beach Island.
- 84 Ride a surrey from Atlantic Ocean to Barnegat Bay.
- 85 Visit the Popcorn Park Zoo in Lacey Twp.
- 86 See small reptiles being fed at Cattus Island County Park. ♦♦
- 87 Power sail, windsurf or kite surf.
- 88 Listen to a history talk at the Long Beach Island Museum. ♦♦
- 89 Attend the Wooden boat festival.
- 90 See a performance & have some ice cream at Show Place Ice Cream Parlour, Beach Haven or the Music Man Ice Cream Shoppe, Lavallette. ♦
- 91 Lunch on the jetty at the south end of Island Beach State Park.
- 92 Enjoy and learn about astronomy at The Robert J. Novins Planetarium. ♦♦
- 93 Visit Seaside Heights Moreland Carousel and Museum. ♦
- 94 Relax and unwind at a seashore spa. ♦
- 95 Enjoy a panoramic view of Barnegat Bay from Cattus Island Park, Toms River Township.
- 96 See a cranberry bog and a restored sawmill at Double Trouble State Park.
- 97 Camp in the Pineland's.
- 98 March in the Annual Ocean County St. Patrick's Day and Columbus Day parades, Seaside Heights.
- 99 Visit one of many farmers markets.
- 100 Join the excitement and watch a life guard tournament.
- 101 Get a 5 story view of the Pinelands from Jakes Branch County Park.

## OCEANFRONT COMMUNITIES:

Point Pleasant  
Bay Head  
Mantoloking  
Lavallette, Seaside Heights  
Seaside Park  
Barnegat Light  
Harvey Cedars  
Surf City  
Ship Bottom  
Beach Haven & Long Beach Township  
And parts of Brick, Toms River and Berkeley Township

- ♦ indoor activity
- ♦♦ indoor and outdoor activity

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## Ocean County is Within Your Reach:

- Ocean County is on the eastern shore of New Jersey and little more than an hour's drive from New York, Pennsylvania and Atlantic City.
- It is easily reached between Garden State Parkway Exit 98 to the north; Exit 58 to the south.
- On Interstate 195, use Exit 16 to Exit 36
- Some resorts and major attractions are accessible by rail or bus. Call (800) 371-1339 for New Jersey Transit information.