



Take some time to look around at all the birds and creatures that make the shoreline their home. As the tides retreat, you can see a variety of creatures in the tidal pools by the rocks, including sea stars, crabs and mollusks. Identify them and show your children, but respect that these creatures need to remain in their habitat. Join a Beach Walk and learn more. Can you recognize the laughing gull by its call or the sandpiper by its habit of energetically dodging the waves? Respect these amazing creatures. Please don't feed the birds or animals and keep your food secure. Wonder at their beauty as you visit their environment.

Conserve our Wildlife

Dunes not only provide habitat for beach vegetation and wildlife, but they protect our community from the incredible forces of wind and ocean storms. Walking and playing on the dunes destroys the beach grasses that hold the dunes in place. Trash on the beaches is not only unsightly, but dangerous for wildlife that may mistake plastic items for food. Please recycle. Recycling and trash containers are provided for your convenience on the beaches. Please help us keep the beach beautiful, both for you and the wildlife.

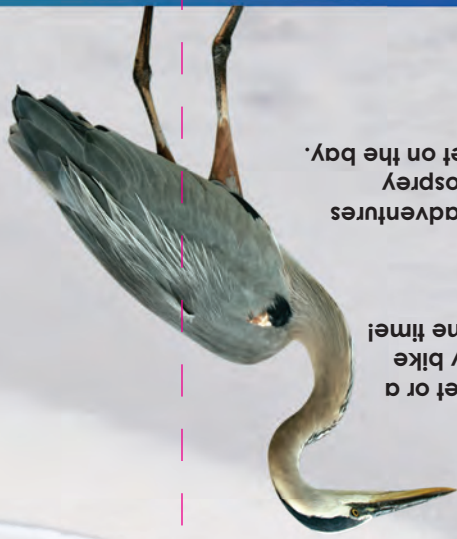
Respect our Beaches and Dunes

Ecotourism in Ocean City a leading Green Community

The City of Ocean City, the Ocean City Environmental Commission, and the city's Green Team invite you to explore America's Greenest Family Resort.

As you explore Ocean City, you'll see some of our successes in energy conservation, with solar panels on public buildings like the civic center and the library.

Many opportunities for fun and exploration are in a relatively small area. Take the trolley, go for a stroll or ride a bike. You'll find the summer alternatives to driving are not only environmentally friendly but often faster and easier.



Enjoy both the busy spots for active adventures and the quiet spots for watching an osprey family resting on their nest or a sunset on the bay.

Explore

Park your car because Ocean City is a great place to bike. With a basket or a backpack you can enjoy the city by bike and help the environment at the same time!

Biking

Take a kayak tour, fish, sail, go birding, or just enjoy a sunset. The bay is a wonderful, but sometimes forgotten part, of Ocean City. The BaySide Center is a great location to begin your exploration.

The Bay

Surf, bodyboard, body surf, paddleboard or just wade. Kite sailing, sailing and ocean kayaking are also popular. Just sitting and enjoying the ocean breezes and the sound of the surf is very relaxing and refreshing.

The Ocean

Everyone enjoys the beach! Sit and relax, walk the boards, enjoy the birds or fly a kite. Beach walks occur Tuesdays and Wednesdays in July and August at 59th St. & Central Ave. and the Longport Bridge. You will be surprised how much you don't know about the beach!

The Beach

There are a multitude of activities in Ocean City to keep you busy for a weekend or a lifetime. Pick your passion and your desires will be answered.

What to do



What to see

As a barrier island, Ocean City is abundant with wildlife. Most of the time the wildlife is unseen but it is always present. Sometimes you just need to be patient, aware of your surroundings and quiet. You merely have to walk the water's edge to see the life the ocean supports. Atlantic dolphins and whales migrate and play just off the beach. Crabs nibble at your toes and seabirds chatter overhead.

Sea Life

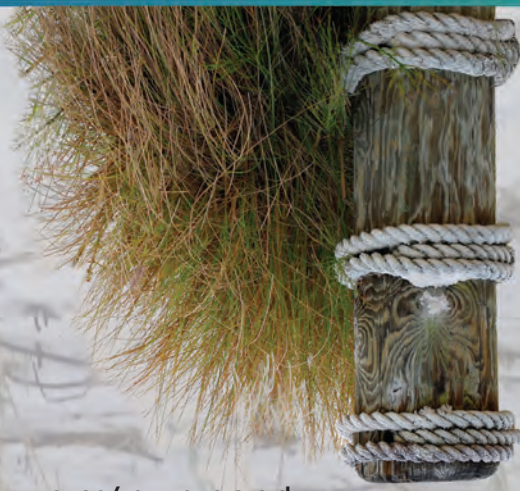
Ocean City is home to many familiar mammals and birds. Wildlife is always your neighbor no matter where you are. Make space for your neighbors, treat them with respect and enjoy them in the process.

Vegetation

Wetlands make up much of Ocean City's back bays. These are vital and protected areas that support wildlife and migratory birds. On the beach, the dunes offer valuable protection for our island and our wildlife.

Parks & Scenic Views

Ocean City has many treasures and all residents and guests have their own favorite, be it the bay, beach or park. The Welcome Center, on the Route 52 Causeway, is a preferred bird watching destination. Explore and find your own favorite spot.



our barrier island resort is more than a beach and a boardwalk



BAYSIDE CENTER: 520 Bay Avenue
This bayfront facility is dedicated to our environment and culture. Originally owned by the Diesel family, the grounds now host environmental programs during the summer. Enjoy great views, environmental displays, a life guard museum, ship models, and a to-scale collection of historical Ocean City buildings. The docks allow bay access for fishing, crabbing, picnics, paddleboarding and kayaking as well as slips from which to launch or dock on a short-term basis.



ROY GILLIAN WELCOME CENTER:
Route 52, 9th Street Causeway
The central hub for information on all that is Ocean City, NJ. Find information about attractions, accommodations, restaurants, shopping, recreational activities and more. It also offers an ample amount of parking, access to the pedestrian walkway, restrooms, fishing piers, view of bird habitat and a scenic wrap-around deck on both levels.



HOWARD STAINTON WILDLIFE REFUGE:
Observation Platform, 28th and Bay Ave.
Ride your bike to this 16-acre preserve and platform to observe a variety of waterfowl and marshland birds at rest, nest and play.

 **BIKE ROUTES**

OC1: FAMILY FRIENDLY BIKE ROUTE
Absolutely the best North-South route for those wishing to enjoy a leisurely ride with safety in mind. This “Share the Road” route connects to the OC Community Center, several playgrounds, ball fields, shopping and other attractions.

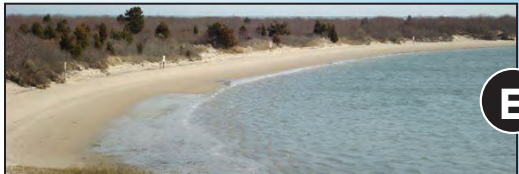
WEST AVENUE ROUTE:
12th to 55th Street.
Designed for the advanced rider who is comfortable riding in traffic.

THE BOARDWALK:
Take in the ocean views and sea breezes year round on Ocean City’s famed boardwalk that spans 2½ miles.
Summer biking hours are 5am to noon from May 15th–Labor Day.

CONNECTOR ROUTES:
“Share the Road” connectors are located at 6th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 18th, 24th, 29th, 42nd, 46th, 52nd, 55th Streets, and the Route 52 Causeway



51ST STREET ACCESS TO CROOK HORN CREEK:
Hike, bike, fish, crab, reflect and enjoy some of Ocean City’s most magnificent sunsets.



CORSON'S INLET STATE PARK:
Beach Access: 59th and Central Avenue.
Bay Access and Boat Ramp: 1/2 mile south of 56th St. on Bay Ave.

Bike over to see 341 acres of Ocean City’s southern tip. Observe ospreys, hawks, monarch butterflies and other species that pass through this area every year.



9TH STREET CAUSEWAY

- Fishing Pier
- Bird Watching
- Welcome Center
- Pedestrian & Bike Walkway



BASEBALL FIELDS

- 5th St. & Haven Ave.
- 35th St. & Simpson Ave.



BASKETBALL COURTS

- North Street & Haven Ave.
- 6th St. & Boardwalk
- 8th St. & Haven Ave.
- 15th St. & Bay Ave.
- 34th St. & West Ave.
- 52nd St. & Haven Ave.



FISHING AREAS

- Route 52, 9th Street Causeway Fishing Piers
- Longport Fishing Pier, Route 656
- 5th St. & Boardwalk, Fishing Jetty
- 12th St. and the Bay
- Unguarded Beaches, 19th St.–59th St.
- Crook Horn Creek, 51st St. & the Bay
- Corson's Inlet State Park, 59th St. & Bay Ave.



GOLF COURSE

- 2601 Bay Avenue



OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

- Civic Center and Recreational Areas, 550 Boardwalk: Volleyball, Track, Football, and Basketball
- Shuffleboard Courts, 5th St. & Boardwalk
- Skate Park, 550 Asbury Ave.
- OC Community Center, 1735 Simpson Ave.
- Boat Ramps: Tennessee Ave. Corson's Inlet
- Humane Society, 1 Shelter Rd.
- Recycling Center, 1 Shelter Rd. (609) 525-9261



PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

- Ocean City-Longport Bridge
- North St. & Haven Ave.
- 6th St. & Simpson Ave.
- 8th St. & Haven Ave.
- 9th St. & West Ave.
- 15th St. & Bay Ave.
- 29th St. & West Ave.
- 34th St. & West Ave.
- 52nd St. & Haven Ave.
- 59th St. & Central Ave.
- Lake Memorial Park, 409 Wesley Ave.
- Tennessee Ave. Park, Tennessee Ave. & The Bay



RESTROOMS

- 1st St. & Boardwalk
- 5th St. Baseball Field
- 6th St. & Boardwalk
- Music Pier, Moorlyn Terrace & Boardwalk
- City Hall, 861 Asbury Ave.
- Transportation Center, 10th St. & Haven Ave.
- 11th St. & Boardwalk
- 12th St. Comfort Station, 12th St. & Boardwalk
- 34th St. Comfort Station, 34th St. & Beach
- 59th St. & Beach



SAILING, KAYAKING & PADDLEBOARDING

- 9th Street Causeway
- Bayside Center, 520 Bay Ave.
- Tennessee Ave. Boat Ramp
- Corson's Inlet State Park
- Beaches at 3rd, 29th, 41st, 57th, Seaspray, and Morningside



SOCCER FIELDS

- 15th St. & Haven Ave.
- Tennessee Ave.
- 6th St. & Bay Ave.



SURFING BEACHES

- Waverly Blvd.
- 7th St. & Boardwalk
- 16th St. & Boardwalk



TENNIS COURTS

- 6th St. & Ocean Ave.
- 18th St. & Haven Ave.
- 34th St. & West Ave.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

POLICE STATION

- 835 Central Ave., (609) 399-9111

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Headquarters: 550 Asbury Ave., (609) 525-9182
- Station 2: 29th St. & West Ave., (609) 525-9183
- Station 3: 46th St. & West Ave., (609) 525-9184