

On Long Island, Summer Fun Is Always Close At Hand!



Here's a curated **Long Island Summer Bucket List** for 2025, featuring a mix of local iconic attractions, hidden gems, and seasonal events perfect for making the most of the warm months:

Unique Night On The Water

- TIKI BOAT: Long Island's Premier Party Boat
- Public Cruises, Private Parties, Corporate Events
- www.TikiBoatLongIsland.com
- Kevin@TikiBoatLI.com
- 631-648-8055



Beach, Water, and Outdoor Adventures

- Jones Beach State Park
- WildPlay at Jones Beach: Experience ziplining, rope courses, and a 40-foot bungee jump with ocean views.
- Smith Point County Park
- Sunken Meadow State Park
- Montauk
- The Hamptons
- Robert Moses State Park
- Gilgo Beach



- Cedar Beach
- Cupsogue Beach County Park
- Wildwood State Park
- Sunken Meadow State Park
- Orient Beach State Park
- Captree State Park
- Norman J. Levy Park & Preserve: Hike trails with panoramic views of Manhattan and the ocean
- Heckscher State Park: Enjoy hiking, biking, and bird-watching in a park known as the "Home of the White-tailed Deer."
- Wantagh Park: Features a marina, swimming complex, playgrounds, and picnic areas along the waterfront.
- Montauk Point Lighthouse: Visit New York's oldest lighthouse and enjoy panoramic ocean views.
- Vanderbilt Museum & Planetarium: Explore a historic mansion, marine museum, and attend laser light shows.
- CRADLE OF AVIATION: Check out old planes at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Visit more than 73 airplanes and spacecraft from Charles Lindbergh's historic flight to space exploration at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City. There's also a giant screen dome theater, playing daily shows. (516-572-4111; www.cradleofaviation.org).
- AMERICAN AIRPOWER MUSEUM, FARMINGDALE: The museum's strategic mission is the preservation of the legacy of all Americans who have sacrificed themselves to defend our liberties and to educate a new generation regarding the courage, valor and heroism of our nation's citizen soldiers by presenting operational aircraft and armor in the museum's collection and its related displays, exhibits and programs. <http://americanairpowermuseum.com/>
- SEALS: Venture on a seal walk in Westhampton. At Cupsogue Beach County Park in Westhampton Beach you can take about a 1 1/2-mile

guided walk to see For YOU 2 seals with CRESLI (Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island) between May and November. 631-319-6003 <https://cresli.org>

- **WHALE WATCHING:** Take a whale-watching cruise on the Viking Fleet out of Montauk. Every Wednesday and Sunday, the Viking Fleet out of Montauk sets sail in search of whales, dolphins and other sea life; 631-668-5700; www.vikingfleet.com.
- **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS:** Enjoy a free outdoor concert at the Chapin Rainbow Stage at Heckscher Park. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. 631-351-3000 <https://tbrnewsmedia.com/tag/chapin-rainbow-stage/>
- **JONES BEACH CONCERT:** Grab a concert with your favorite artist at one of the most beautiful concert venues around!
<https://www.livenation.com/venue/KovZpZAE6eAA/northwell-at-jones-beach-theater-events>. Jimmy Buffett may be gone, but his band, The Coral Reefers will be at the beach this summer!
- **THE BIG DUCK:** Don't miss a photo-op at the Big Duck, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Pose for a picture in front of the Big Duck in Flanders and peek inside the souvenir shop that sells rubber ducks, stuffed animals, T-shirts and more. The gift shop is open year-round but call for hours. (631-852-8292; www.bigduck.org).
- **FIRE ISLAND:** Catch a ferry in Bay Shore and spend the day exploring Fire Island: www.fireislandferries.com
- **KAYAK/WAVE RUNNERS:** Rent a kayak or wave runner and check out the great Long Island waters. Google KAYAY or WAVE RUNNER and your closet town to find rentals near you.



- **THE NAUTICAL MILE:** Stroll down the Nautical Mile in Freeport. An abundance of the sites and sounds and foods of summer to be found here!
- **LONG ISLAND DUCKS BASEBALL:** Take your kids out to a ball game and route for your home team at Bethpage Ballpark.
www.LIDUCKS.com
- **MONTAUK LIGHTHOUSE:** Climb to the top of the Montauk Lighthouse. Visitors can walk and play on the grounds at Montauk Point Lighthouse, the first lighthouse in New York State, commissioned by President George Washington. Don't forget to check out the spectacular views from the top. (631-668-2544;
www.montauklighthouse.com

Food, Wine & Farm Fun

- **North Fork Vineyards:** Explore over 30 wineries offering tastings and tours in a more relaxed setting compared to the Hamptons.
- **Pick-Your-Own Farms:** Visit farms in Manorville or Riverhead for berry picking and enjoy strawberry festivals in Mattituck or Massapequa.
- **Beach Bars:** Relax with frozen cocktails and live music at popular spots like The Beach Hut at Smith Point or Flynn's on Fire Island.



Family-Friendly Attractions & Amusement Parks

- **Long Island Aquarium:** Celebrate its 25th anniversary by exploring marine exhibits, including a massive shark tank where visitors can dive with sand tiger sharks)

- **Splish Splash Water Park:** Cool off with water slides, wave pools, and kid-friendly attractions in Calverton.
- **Empire State Fair:** Held at Nassau Coliseum starting June 27 to July 13, 2025, featuring rides, games, and fair food.
- **Adventureland Farmingdale, NY:**
Established in 1962, Adventureland is a classic amusement park featuring over 30 rides and attractions.
- **Bayville Adventure Park Bayville, NY:**
Located near the beach, Bayville Adventure Park offers a mix of attractions: Pirate-themed mini golf, Bumper boats and rock climbing, Ropes course and funhouse, Arcade and ice cream parlor
- **Scott's Pointe Calverton, NY:** Scott's Pointe is an indoor-outdoor adventure park featuring:the largest surf wave and aqua park in the U.S., Rock climbing walls and laser tag, Mini golf, axe throwing, and virtual reality experiences, Arcade games and dining options



MINI GOLF

Nassau County

1. **Tiki Action Park – Centereach**
 - Voted Best Mini Golf on Long Island for 2025, featuring a tropical-themed 18-hole course with waterfalls, caves, and a koi pond. Also offers go-karts and an arcade.
 - 1878 Middle Country Rd, Centereach, NY
 - tikiactionpark.com
2. **Monster Mini Golf – Deer Park & Garden City**



- Indoor, glow-in-the-dark courses with animated monsters and creative obstacles. Additional attractions include arcades, laser mazes, and virtual reality games.
- 410 Commack Rd, Deer Park, NY
- 225 Community Dr, Garden City, NY
- monsterminigolf.com (Mommy Poppins, Monster Mini Golf)

3. Eisenhower Park – *East Meadow*

- Features two 18-hole mini golf courses: the Mountainside course, which climbs up to the top of a waterfall and is more challenging, and the Overlook course. Both courses are set in a scenic environment.
- 1899 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, NY

4. Cantiague Park – *Hicksville*

- Offers an 18-hole miniature golf course as part of its recreational facilities, which also include a 9-hole golf course, driving range, and various athletic fields.
- 480 W John St, Hicksville, NY

5. Wantagh Park – *Wantagh*

- Features an 18-hole mini golf course along with a variety of other amenities, such as a swimming complex, playgrounds, and picnic areas.
- 1 King Rd, Wantagh, NY

Suffolk County

6. Sayville Falls Mini Golf – *Sayville*

- An outdoor 18-hole course featuring flowing waterfalls and aquatic viewing platforms. It's suitable for both families and those seeking a challenging game.
- 30 Lakeland Ave, Sayville, NY
- sayvillefallsminigolf.com

7. Heartland Golf Park – *Edgewood*

- Home to an 18-hole miniature golf mountain, this park offers challenging holes for all ages. Facilities also include a driving range and an executive par-3 course.
- 1 Executive Dr, Edgewood, NY
- heartlandgolfpark.com(Heartland Golf Park - Long Island)

8. Country Fair Park – Medford

- Features two 18-hole mini golf courses with charming landscapes. The park also offers go-karts, laser tag, and batting cages.
- 3351 NY-112, Medford, NY(Mommy Poppins)

9. Station Sports Family Fun Center – Huntington Station

- Offers an 18-hole mini golf course with water features and a challenging layout. Additional attractions include batting cages and target paintball.
- 25 Depot Rd, Huntington Station, NY(Mommy Poppins)

East End

10. Drossos Miniature Golf – Greenport

- A classic 18-hole course featuring charming miniature buildings like a schoolhouse and lighthouse. After golf, enjoy frozen custard from the retro snack stand.
- Route 25, Greenport, NY

11. Puff 'n' Putt – Montauk

- This course is on the waterfront of Fort Pond, a 300-acre freshwater pond in Montauk Village. The course features fiberglass creatures, ranging from pirates to roaring lions, that a player must put past, and a variety of fun and tricky challenges. Rentals of kayaks, sailboats, and paddle boats are available for exploring the lake or for lessons. There is also a small arcade on site.
- 659 Montauk Hwy, Montauk, NY

12. The Whale's Tale – Shelter Island

- Offers a moderately tricky course that winds around three small water features, over little wooden bridges, and past fiberglass figures of mermaids, turtles, and a water-spouting whale. Inside, there is a Hershey's ice cream parlor and a small arcade.
- 3 Ram Island Rd, Shelter Island, NY