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## Assateague State Park

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Maryland's only ocean park is located on Assateague Island, a barrier island bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean and on the west by Sinepuxent Bay. Two miles of ocean beaches offer swimming, beachcombing, sunbathing, surfing and fishing. The island's bayside offers canoeing to secluded coves. The marsh areas have a variety of wildlife, including deer and feral horses. Assateague was selected by National Geographic Travel magazine in 1994 as one of the 10 best state parks in the United States.

### Features

- Bike trail, boat launch, nature programs, camp sites, camp store, dumping station, food & beverage, fishing, swimming, nature center.
- Swimming - Guarded swimming area available from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
- Fishing - Fishing is available in the boat launch area or from the ocean beach.
- Pets - No pets are permitted in the park.
- Boating - Launch facilities are on the mainland park acreage.
- Camping - 350 sites are available for camping, with a fire ring and picnic table at each campsite, limited electric hook-ups available. [Click here for camping season beginning and ending dates, and camping and shelter service charges.](#)
- Make sure you look at our [map of the park](#).
- [Assateague State Park Special Events for 2005](#)



### Environmental Education Day Camps and Programs

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Discover the unique ecology of a salt marsh and barrier island through Assateague's Environmental Education Day Camps and hands-on Programs.



Detailed information about these youth programs can be accessed from the links provided below. Call the park if you have any questions.

- [Assateague State Park 2005 Summer Day Camps](#)
- [Assateague 2005 Environmental Education Programs For School Groups](#)
- [Assateague 2005 Environmental Education Programs For Youth Groups](#)
- [Assateague 2005 Junior Beach Patrol Program](#)



## Youth Group Camping

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The state park has two areas set aside for youth group camping. These areas are open April 30th to November 1st. Reservations are required. Requests will be honored by the order in which they are received by mail. There is no guarantee. Please contact the park for an application. Incomplete applications will be returned. Confirmations will be mailed.

A \$10.00 reservation service charge must accompany the application. Checks or money orders are payable to *MD DNR-Assateague*. The youth group camping service charge is \$2.00 per person per night, unless you possess a valid Maryland Youth Group Pass. There is no charge if you have a valid Maryland Youth Group Pass. We will be glad to provide you with a youth group pass application if desired.

Each area will accommodate a maximum of 75 persons. The number of adults may not exceed one adult per five youth. Each area has nine picnic tables and five fire rings. Open fires are not permitted. There is an outside rinse platform located adjacent to the camping area. Restroom and showers are available in the day-use bathhouse. Wheeled units or vehicles are not permitted on the site or in the sand. Wheeled units are required to obtain their own site. The youth area beach is not guarded. Please keep everyone off the dunes. Check-in must be before 10 PM. Checkout must be before 11 AM on your day of departure.

The Youth Group Camping Area has been relocated to the northern area of the state park.

Should you require any additional information prior to your arrival, please contact the park at 410-641-2120, Ext. 10. The number for the Ranger Station 410-641-2918.



Assateague State Park is fully accessible to the disabled. Special campsites, beach wheelchair, fishing pier, and food concessions are all designed for easy access.

For additional accessible amenities in Maryland State Forests and Parks, visit the [Accessibility For All](#) section of this website.

**Join the [Friends of Assateague State Park](#) and support your park.**

### Location

The park is in the eastern portion of the state in Worcester County, 8 miles south of Ocean City, and may be reached via MD RT 50 to MD RT 611.



Assateague State Park  
7307 Stephen Decatur Highway

Berlin, MD 21811

(410)641-2120

**Call 1-888-432-CAMP(2267) for reservations**

**[Click here to make reservations on-line for Assateague State Park.](#)**

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