

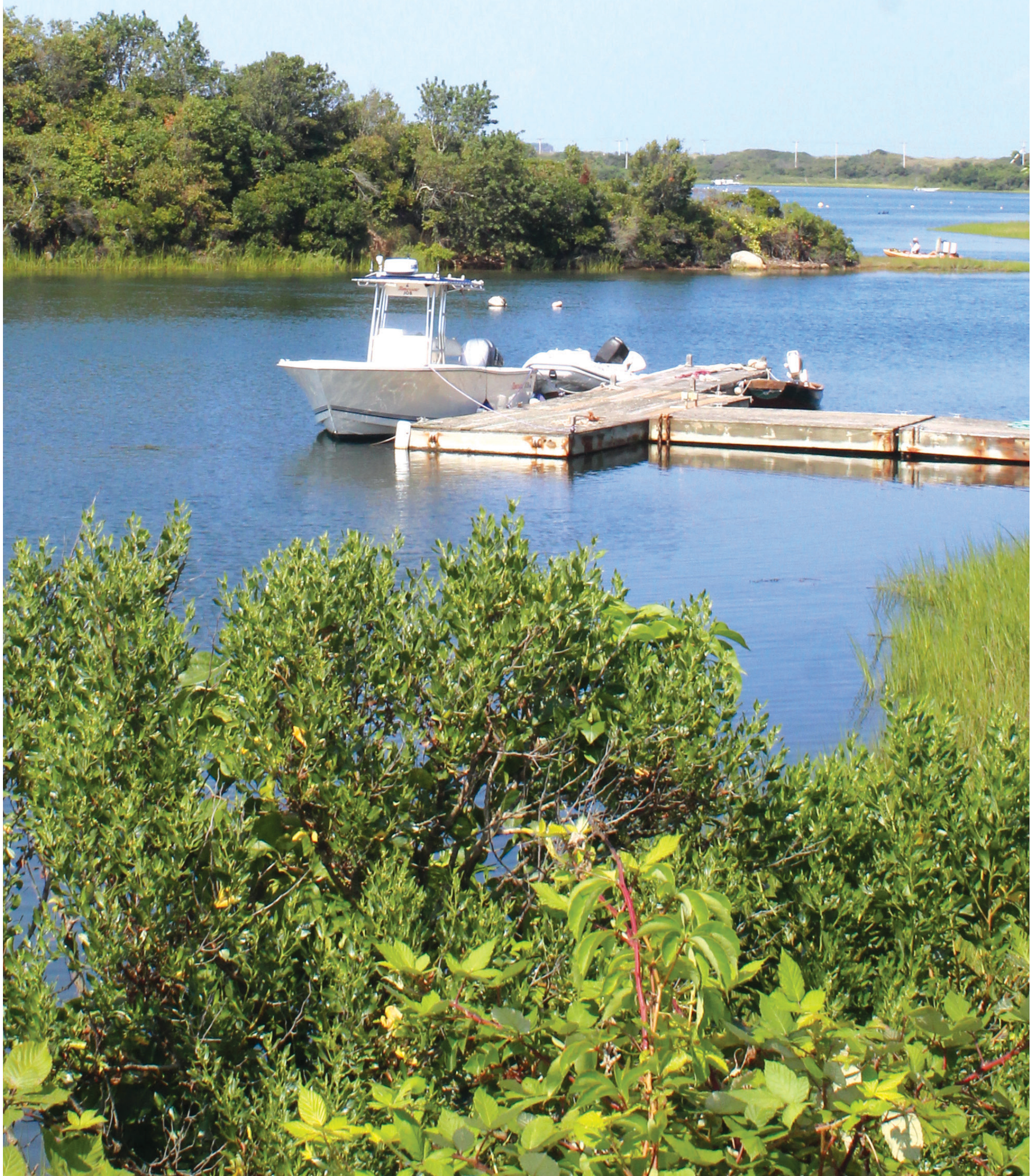
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Community Calendar

September - October 2025



AUGUST 30 – SEPT 5:
Opening reception for Eileen Miller and Susana Gardner, Painting and Collage, at Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. on August 30. Show runs through September 5.

SEPTEMBER 2:
Soundwaves Movies on the Beach presents “The Grand Budapest Hotel,” [2014, R] at Fred Benson Town Beach at sunset.

SEPTEMBER 3:
Block Island Farmers Market. Hotel Manisses parking lot. 9 to 11:30 a.m.
The Nature Conservancy’s Andy’s Way Bird Walk. 10 a.m. at Andy’s Way.



Block Island Farmers Market

SEPTEMBER 6:
Block Island Farmers Market. Legion Park 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Opening reception for Isabella Berube, Photography, at Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through September 12.
Full Moon Rise Walk. Meet at Mansion Beach lower parking lot at 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7:
Block Island Arts and Crafts Guild Fair. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Block Island Historical Society grounds.
Walk to End Alzheimer’s. Starts at Fred Benson Town Beach at 12:15 p.m.



Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

SEPTEMBER 10:
Block Island Farmers Market. Hotel Manisses parking lot. 9 to 11:30 a.m.
The Nature Conservancy’s Andy’s Way Bird Walk. 4 p.m. at Andy’s Way.

SEPTEMBER 11:
“Block Island Boats,” book-signing and discussion with Greg Abbott. Block Island Historical Society at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12 – 14:
Block Island Pride



BI Pride Parade.

SEPTEMBER 12:
Unicorn Bingo. Island Free Library from 5 to 6 p.m.
Night Sky Viewing. Hodge Family Wildlife Preserve at 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13:
Block Island Farmers Market. Legion Park 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Rainbow Story Hour. Island Free Library at 10 a.m.

Block Island Pride Parade. Starts at the Ocean View Pavilion at 12:15 p.m.
Soundwaves Movies on the Beach. Fred Benson Beach Pavilion at 6:30 p.m.
Opening reception for Paige Gaffett and Leslie Hartnett, Mixed Media, Painting and Ceramics, at Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through September 19.

SEPTEMBER 14:
Queerness in Nature Walk. Meet at Payne Road entrance to Fresh Swamp Preserve. 11 a.m.
Block Island Historical Society Annual Meeting with presentation on the Hurricane of 1938. 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17:
Block Island Farmers Market. Hotel Manisses parking lot. 9 to 11:30 a.m.
The Nature Conservancy’s Andy’s Way Bird Walk. 10 a.m. at Andy’s Way.

SEPTEMBER 20:
Block Island Farmers Market. Legion Park 9 to 11:30 a.m.
The Nature Conservancy’s James Stover Exploration Series Goldenrod Walk at Rodman’s Hollow. Meet at Rodman’s Hollow trailhead at 10 a.m.

Opening reception for Elizabeth Doherty, Mixed Media, at Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through September 26.

SEPTEMBER 24:
Block Island Farmers Market. Hotel Manisses parking lot. 9 to 11:30 a.m.
The Nature Conservancy’s Andy’s Way Bird Walk. 4 p.m. at Andy’s Way.

SEPTEMBER 26:
Atwater and Donnelly traditional American and Celtic folk music and dance. Island Free Library at 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27:
Block Island Farmers Market. Legion Park 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Opening reception for Tracy Lee Michaelson, Photography, at Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through October 3.

OCTOBER 1:
Block Island Farmers Market. Hotel Manisses parking lot. 9 to 11:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 4:
Block Island Farmers Market. Legion Park 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Opening reception for Josh Maldonado, Multi Media, at Spring Street Gallery at 5 p.m. Show runs through September 26.

OCTOBER 8:
Block Island Farmers Market. Hotel Manisses parking lot. 9 to 11:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 11:
Block Island Farmers Market. Block Island Historical Society. 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Block Island Arts and Crafts Guild Fair. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Block Island Historical Society grounds.

OCTOBER 12:
Block Island Half Marathon. Starts at Fred Benson Town Beach. 12:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 19:
25th Anniversary of the Ocean View Pavilion Community Potluck. 12 to 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 31:
Halloween Block Party. Location TBD. 4 – 9 p.m.

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Dish off the Block

By Pamela Gelsomini

Fish tacos are definitely a top five requested meal by my family and friends and the striped bass are running off the Block Island shores! Break out that fishing pole, get a charter, or head over to Dick’s Fish for the freshest striper around. Swimmingly good...

Ragin’ Cajun Striped Bass Tacos with Black Bean and Corn Salsa

- The Salsa:*
- 2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes, cut into quarters
 - 1 cup grilled corn, cut from the cob (or frozen corn, thawed)
 - 1, 15.5-ounce can black beans, drained in a colander and rinsed with cold water
 - 1 small onion, diced
 - 1 jalapeño pepper, finely chopped, including seeds
 - 1 avocado, chopped
 - ½ cup fresh cilantro chopped
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 teaspoons sugar
 - 2 teaspoons cumin
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon Dish off the Block Ragin’ Cajun Spice Blend

- The Mexican Crema:*
- 1 cup sour cream
 - ¾ cup heavy cream
 - 1 teaspoon salt

- The Tacos:*
- 6-8 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 - 2 pounds striped bass filets, skinned (or other white fish such as black sea bass, cod, mahi, haddock, etc...)
 - 3-4 tablespoons Dish off the Block

- Ragin’ Cajun Spice Blend
- 2 cups Mexican blend or cheddar shredded cheese
 - 8, 8-inch flour tortillas
 - Sriracha mayonnaise
 - ½ cup cilantro leaves
 - 2 limes, quartered

To make the salsa, place all of the salsa ingredients in medium size bowl and toss, toss, toss. Let stand 1 hour or longer for flavors to marry.

To make the crema, whisk all ingredients in a small bowl. If you have a squeeze bottle, place the crema in the bottle for easy application or just drizzle on the tacos with a spoon.

Heat 3 tablespoons of the olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium high heat. Sprinkle the Cajun seasoning over fish on both sides and rub it into the flesh (the more spices you use the spicier the fish will be). Place seasoned filets in the hot skillet and cook about 2 to 3 minutes per side until just cooked through and a fork inserted in the center of the filet goes in and out easily. Turn off the heat and liberally sprinkle the cheese on the fish. Cover the pan, allowing the cheese to melt, for 3 to 4 minutes.

Lightly brush each tortilla with olive oil on both sides. Place the oiled tortillas in a hot non-stick skillet and toast on each side until lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Stack them and cover with a clean towel until ready to serve.

To assemble tacos, place a few pieces of fish down the center of each tortilla. Top the fish with about 3 to 4 tablespoons salsa and drizzle with the crema and sriracha sauces. Top with a few cilantro leaves and serve with a wedge of

Ragin’ Cajun Striper Tacos bring on the heat



lime to squeeze over the top. Devour!

Get hundreds of approachable and simply delicious recipes on Pam’s blog <https://www.dishofftheblock.com> and follow her on FB, Insta, and TikTok @dishofftheblock for new recipes and tips! You can also get the DotB Ragin’ Cajun and her other custom spice

blends on island at the Block Island Grocery, Dick’s Fish, or B.I. Trading Co.! If you are not on Block Island, order her spices and cookbooks on her website and make mealtime deliciously easy!

September 2025 Nature Walks & Programs



Andy’s Way Bird Walks

A bird walk for all skill levels. Wear shoes that can get wet. Meet up in parking lot.

Sept. 3 at 10 am Sept. 17 at 10 am

Sept. 10 at 4 pm Sept. 24 at 4 pm



Full Moon Rise Walk

Saturday Sept. 6

6:30 pm: Mansion Beach

Join us for an evening stroll to watch the full moon rise over the ocean.



Night Sky Viewing

Friday Sept. 12

7:30 pm: Hodge Preserve

Local naturalist narrates the season’s constellations, planets, and maybe a shooting star. Bring a blanket or beach chair, flashlight, and insect repellent. If sky is obscured program will be postponed to the following night.



Queerness in Nature

In conjunction with Block Island Pride

Sunday Sept. 14 at Fresh Swamp

11 am: Meet at Payne Road entrance

When we look to nature we find a diverse spectrum of gender expressions and sexual behaviors, because nature is queer and being queer is natural.

Goldenrod Walk

James Stover Exploration

Saturday Sept. 20

10 am: Rodman’s Hollow

Join us for a walk during peak goldenrod. Meet at Rodman’s Hollow parking lot.



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Boats ashore in Rat Island at New Harbor. Photo courtesy of the Block Island Historical Society.

TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM Hurricane Planning for Residents and Visitors

Everyone should be aware that the National Weather Service is warning the East Coast that a major hurricane will strike within the next few years. We are asking everyone who owns property on Block Island or will be visiting during hurricane season to create an individual plan for the eventuality of a hurricane warning being issued for Block Island.

Please read the following carefully and make your plans in advance.

A) **If you are a visitor**, please heed the directives to leave the Island if they are issued. All our ferries will cease operations and move to a safer harbor well before the hurricane arrives so you must react immediately when you are advised to leave.

B) **If you are an Island resident**, observe the following home preparedness:

- Check working conditions of all emergency equipment flashlights, battery powered radios.
- Have enough perishable food and water supplies on hand for 3-5 days.
- Bring in all loose items around the porches or property.
- Make sure your vehicles have gas.
- If you have a propane grill, secure it and keep the propane supply full, but secured outdoors.
- Cover large windows with shutters or plywood.
- Have a first aid kit prepared.
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes.
- Turn refrigerator to its coldest settings and keep door closed.
- Medicine renewals - have enough of your regular medication for 1-2 weeks.
- If you are concerned about your location in a storm, consider going to a friend’s house in a safer location. Corn Neck Road may not be passable due to high tides: flooding and access to Town may be cut off for some time.

If you have questions, please call Police Dispatch at (401) 466-3220. DO NOT CALL, except for an emergency once the storm hits.

Stay inside until the storm has passed. Do not venture out in the calm when the eye is overhead and do not go walking on any breakwater during the storm.

Heavy rain may undermine bluff areas, so please do not walk along any bluffs during or following the storm.

Use common sense; make sure family members know where you are

EMERGENCY PREPARATION FOR PETS

Complete these preparations in advance of visiting Block Island:

- Have vaccinations up to date and a good supply of any medications used.
- Have tranquilizers if pet becomes upset or agitated in unusual situations.
- Have identification on the animal: tags, tattoo or chip.
- Purchase a pet carrier that is large enough for the animal to lie down, turn around and stand up comfortably. Do not house different species in one carrier.
- Take good pictures of the animal (front, left and right sides) that shows distinguishing marks.
- Put pictures, licenses, medical records and ownership papers together in a waterproof bag.

Just before leaving home, assemble a pet disaster kit which contains:

- Above mentioned medications, photos and records.
- Have a leash and properly fitted collar or harness for each pet.
- Non spill dishes and a two week supply of food and water in unbreakable containers.
- Manual can opener, if canned food is used.
- Grooming supplies and medical kit for injuries.
- The pet’s blanket, comfort items.
- Items to handle waste, including paper towel, plastic bags, disinfectant, cleanser, litter box and litter or newspaper to shred.

On The Beach

It's a simple fact: all Block Island vacations include a day at the beach. Block Island has 17 miles worth of unspoiled coastline and pristine beaches. While numerous beaches offer strong, consistent swells for wave sports, others are calmer and more placid, perfect for sunbathing and swimming. There are beaches that are ideal for families with children seeking a low-key spot, beaches where you may be the only one around, or beaches that are more action-packed. Use this guide to help find the best beach for you.

Fred Benson Town Beach Pavilion

Right smack in the middle of the big stretch of beach on the east side of the island is the Town Beach Pavilion which is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day. Life-guards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the full season. Beach chairs, boogie boards and umbrella rentals are available daily. Food is served all day with everything from cold drinks and ice cream to hamburgers and french fries. Bathrooms and showers are available (token showers).



1. Cow Cove is located near Settlers Rock. Although the shoreline is rocky, it offers some of the best coastal views and also sports the historic North Light. This is not a safe place to swim because of a strong rip tide. Be careful where you walk too: the beach is a nesting area for many rare birds.



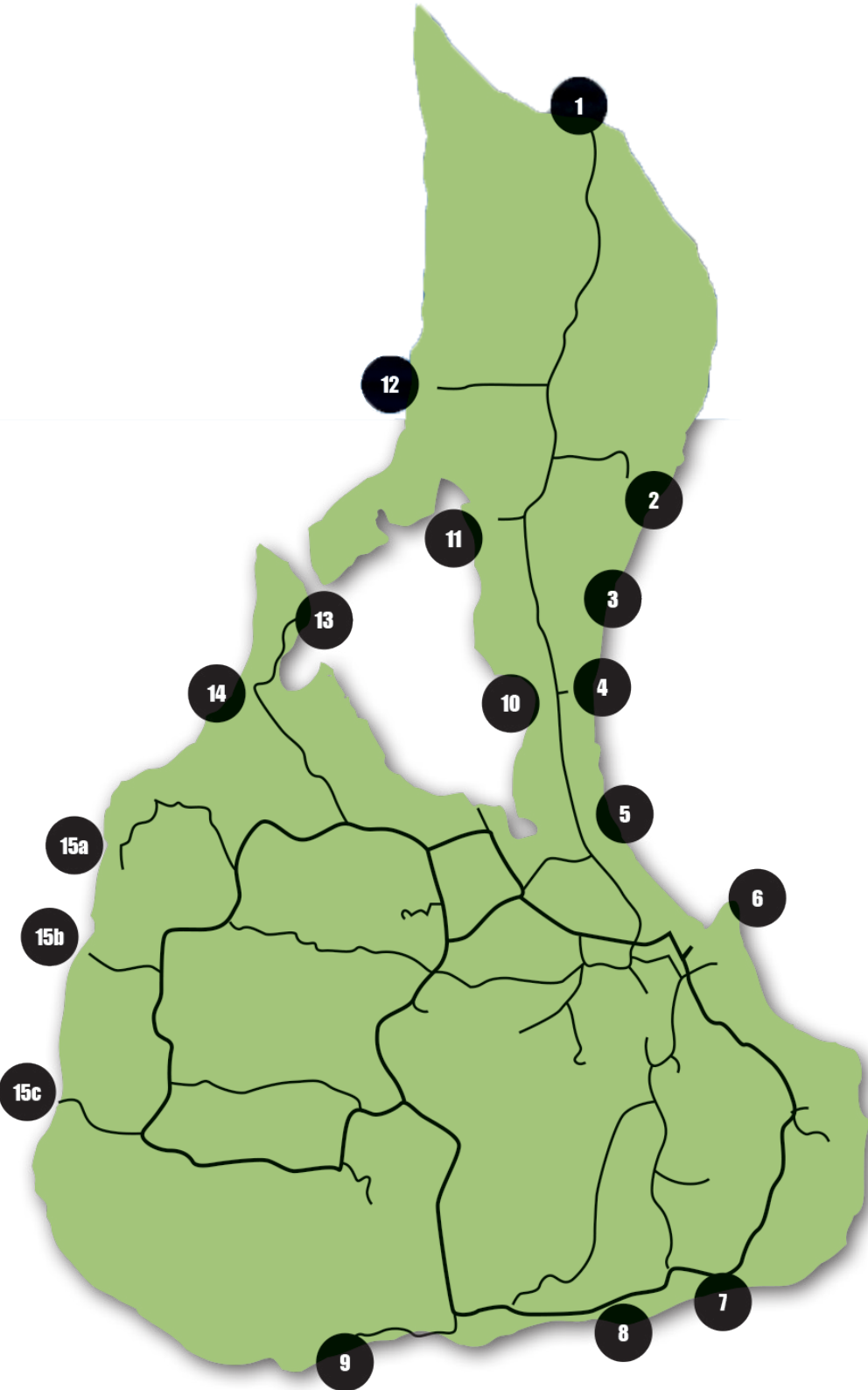
2. Mansion Beach lies at the end of a dirt road with the same name. The island's most stately mansion once sat like a jewel on a hill overlooking Jerry's Point. Fire destroyed the house and it was never rebuilt. However, the beach fits the name by being the island's grandest.



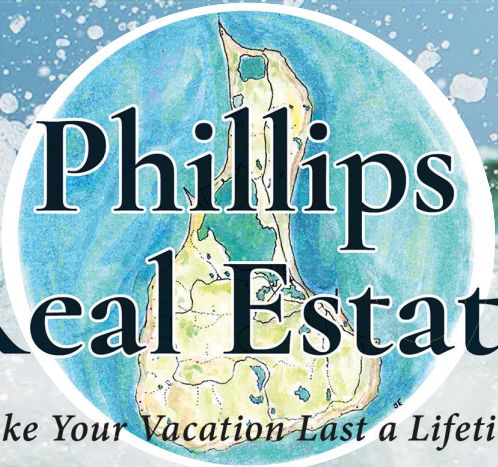
3. Scotch Beach is a quarter mile north of Fred Benson Town Beach. Scotch is a sandbox for kids and the place to go for vacationers looking for a hotly contested game of volleyball. There is a small parking lot between the road and the dunes.



4. Fred Benson Town Beach home to Block Island's fully equipped bathhouse. Showers, lockers, food, and rental items, the beach is staffed with lifeguards in the summer months. The parking lot was expanded to accommodate more cars.



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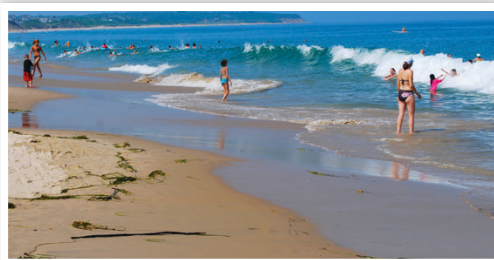
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5. Baby Beach is a well-sheltered beachfront at the south end of Crescent Beach, where children can easily play in the shallow waters. It's an ideal place to check out the abundant sea life such as small crabs and starfish and go hunting for shells and sand dollars.



6. Ballard's Beach is located on the south side of the Old Harbor breakwater and adjacent to Ballard's restaurant. Staffed with lifeguards throughout the summer months, it is also a popular destination for sunbathing, swimming, and volleyball.



7. Mohegan Bluffs beachfront at the bottom of the steps descending from the bluffs. A favorite spot for surfers and beautiful, secluded place to swim.



8. Vaill Beach is a large beach at the bottom of a hollow. The path to it is located at the bend in Snake Hole Road. At the base of the bend turn left and walk for approximately 50 yards. The surf here is rough and rocks line the shallows, so swimmers should exercise caution.



9. Black Rock boasts expanses of sand and a series of coves at the base of a cliff. Swimming is difficult due to the large number of rocks, but it's a perfect place for an oceanside hike. The area takes its name from a large, dark rock that rests offshore in about 15 feet of water that has spelled the end for many ships. Located a pace off the main road, it's best to walk or bike to get there.



10. Mosquito Beach, also known as "Dinghy Beach," is located just across the road from Scotch Beach, a quarter mile north of Fred Benson Town Beach. It provides a place for boaters in New Harbor to tie up their rafts and dinghies. The majestic views of Great Salt Pond, make it a good backdrop for photos.



11. Andy's Way is the island's premier clamming spot. Standing at the end of a dirt road that bears the same name, it's a good place to take a stroll. Just north is Beane Point, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife property that is home to many rare birds.



12. West Beach is lightly trafficked and has gentle surf. It's perfect for walking and is close to the North Light.



13. Coast Guard Beach is at the end of Champlin Road and derives its name from the old Coast Guard station that was formerly located there. Don't swim here, but it's a good place for clamming and fishing.



14. Charlestown Beach is popular with fishermen because it has a long jetty at its end. Typically uncrowded, it's a nice spot to watch the boats come into the harbor or explore the former Coast Guard station that is now town-owned.



15. Grace's, Dorry's, and Cooneymus coves are secluded beaches on the west side of the island. They are perfect for a challenging hike or for those looking for an out-of-the-way spot to catch a sunset or a moonrise.



Rentals at Diamondblue
Diamondblue Surf Shop beach rentals are close to town and are located at their store in Bridegate Square. Daily and hourly rentals of beach chairs, umbrellas, stand-up paddle boards, surf boards, and kayaks are available through Columbus Day weekend.

Help Protect Our Dunes

After Hurricane Sandy and subsequent 2013 winter storms devastated dunes along Corn Neck Road, and in particular those protecting Crescent Beach, volunteers installed snow fences to clearly mark rights of way to the beach from Corn Neck Road and beach parking areas. The fences help the dunes replenish, so please do not move them. And keep to these designated trails, so that new plantings to help anchor the sand have a chance to take root. ***They are an important line of defense to this fragile ecosystem.***



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The Nature Conservancy

Ocean Views

By Kim Gaffett

September and October: Look closely with attention and awe

As a pairing, you can't do better than September and October. On Block Island during this time period one can experience the best days of summer and the most exquisite days of fall.

Because of the changing angle between the sun and earth, the quality of light goes from yellow to golden hues. Between September 1 and October 31, the island's golden daylight hours will diminish by nearly three hours; even so, there are plenty of hours in a day to observe and enjoy the wonders of island nature. And, even nighttime marvels abound.

There are plenty of September and October beach days left for swimming and walking, fishing and clamming, and this is the perfect time to explore any of the island's 25-plus miles of trails. There are so many beautiful and fascinating things to be found when one slows down to the pace of a walking stroll. Here's a mini check list of things to find and observe – observing includes hearing, not just seeing – during these late summer days: moth and butterfly caterpillars, buzzing cicadids, a new suite of bird species migrating south and stopping by the island, lady beetles with differing numbers of spots, squealing terns, and puffs of sea lavender along the edges of the Great Salt Pond.

When day shifts to night, watch for stunning fall sunsets, awe-inspiring moon rises (and moon sets), fluttering bats in the evening twilight, and the happy sound of chirping crickets.

And, at day's end, time spent outside on September and October nights will position you to: see shooting stars, see and maybe hear chattering barn owls hunting over an open field, and hear the croaking-galumph of green frogs in a nearby pond.

As early September waxes towards cooler and clearer October days, take note of the subtle color changes. Not only does the

color of sunlight change, so does the color of the island's landscape. But, the changes are not dramatic like the changes found on mainland New England. The brilliance of September's goldenrod fields is replaced by the leaf-dropping reveal of stone walls: a hundred shades of gray laced together by claret-red Virginia creeper vines and leaves. Shad trees stand out in the landscape, holding on to their yellowy-copper leaves well past October 31.

Throughout these late summer days, make a special effort to note some of the occurrences listed above. And while you are out and about, consider which being you find most interesting, or colorful, or beautiful, or bizarre, or surprising, or most fragrant, or terrifying in a fascinating way (for instance bats – they are both amazing and hair-stand-up-on-your-neck chilling). Look closely at what crosses your path and appreciate in awe. Did you know that different species of lady beetles have different number of spots, that bumblebee species have different amounts of fuzzy yellow hairs on them, and that some quahogs have more and deeper shades of purple on their inner shells depending on where in the Great Salt Pond they are dug? If you find a lady beetle with nine spots, or a bumblebee with a rusty patch of hairs above the yellow, take a photo of it – it is a rare species, and maybe no longer found in Rhode Island.

And, if you find something that you are wondering what the heck it is, contact the OVF naturalist at The Nature Conservancy and see if you can stump the naturalist (hint: you probably can).

While noticing the dramatic shift that occurs between September 1 and October 31, take note also of the subtle shifts that occur within days or short-weeks: the mini-seasons of September and October.



An annual cicada seen and heard every summer.



lo moth caterpillar

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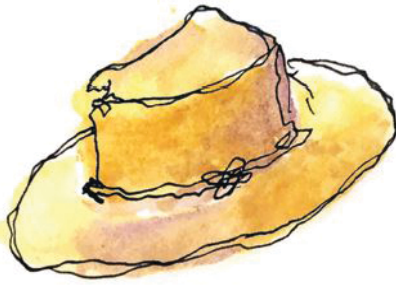
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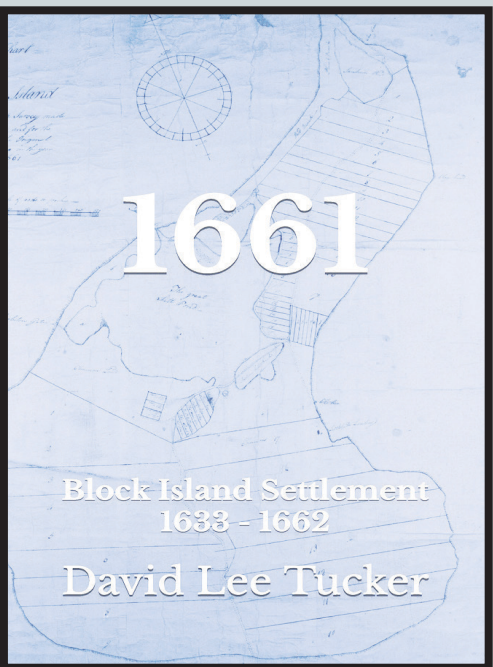
BLOCK ISLAND SETTLEMENT

Author, David Lee Tucker has combined his six-part novella series into one novel just in time for your summer reading enjoyment

This series of historical episodes brings to life the amazing figures and events that led to the establishment of the first true democracy in America on Block Island, RI.

Filled with drama and adventure, 1661 is both educational and entertaining, and is sure to provide plenty of the intriguing history of the period even for people familiar with Block Island lore.

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Dragonflies and Bonito: September 1 – September 14.

Life is on the move from summer locations to wintering grounds. Watch for the ebb and flow around our shores of humans, common nighthawks, porpoises and whales, green darners and other dragonflies, and false albacore and Atlantic bonito. One of the great transitions is from seed to fruit. It is time to look for – and pick – the year’s first windfall apples, wild grapes, and hidden beach plums. **Full Monarch Moon** will occur on September 7 at 2:09 p.m.

Fields of Gold-leaf: September 15 – September 28

More than 20 species of goldenrod flourish during September: some species bloom early; others don’t bloom until the waning weeks of summer into fall. Monarch caterpillars have transformed into a gem-like jade chrysalis’ and will soon emerge as butterflies. **The New Fluttering Bat Moon** will occur at 3:54 p.m. on September 21. And the **Autumnal Equinox** will occur at 2:19 p.m. on September 22.

Season of Mushroom Flourishes and Migrating Birds: September 29 – October 12.

It has been a dry summer, but if we get some soaking rains, expect a “blooming” of mushrooms (fungi’s fruiting body). Watch for puffballs, chicken-of-the-woods, fairy rings, boletes, and forms unknown or noticed in other years. While looking groundward for mushrooms, don’t forget to look skyward for shifting bird species. Good-bye gray catbirds, hello myrtle warblers. **The Full Puffball Moon** will occur at 1:48 p.m. on October 6, and the Draconid meteor showers will peak between October 6 and 10.

Time of Crickets, Asters and Splashing Stripers: October 13 – October 26.

Many insects, which are cold blooded, are preparing for cool eve-

nings, winter, and next year. Monarch butterflies will roost together overnight in great numbers on the southeast side of a tree. Praying mantis are exuding their egg cases, called oothecae, on dried flower stems in fields throughout the island. Crickets are chirping and seeking warm overwintering niches.

As the goldenrods of September turn into lovely dried arrangements the fields will in turn be adorned by an array of white, blue, and purple asters: from small white aster to the dramatic and larger New England aster.

October fishing is great for pelagic species including bluefish, which will stick around through the end of the month. Striped bass, migrating south after a summer of northward movement, will peak around the island in mid-October.

The New Cricket Moon will occur on October 21 at 8:26 a.m., and the Orionid meteor showers peak during the night of October 21 and 22.

Season of Milkweed pods and White-throated Sparrows: October 27 – November 9

Many of the island’s native plants are setting and dispersing seeds at this time. Perhaps the loveliest and most enchanting of these is the drying, and splitting of the common milkweed pods, resulting in the release of thousands of seeds held aloft by plumes of down to facilitate dispersal.

As late October arrives, many of the migrating birds will find their wintering grounds on the island: this is the time to watch for winter wrens, myrtle warblers, and listen for the winter return of white-throated sparrows. **The Full Owl Moon** will occur on November 5 at 8:19 a.m.

To learn more about the nature of what you are seeing, from bats to fish to falcons, monarch butterflies, and astronomical phenomenon, check out The Nature Conservancy programs at www.natureblockisland.org.



Seven-spotted lady beetle

Shamrock orb weaver



Virginia creeper, a beautiful native vine



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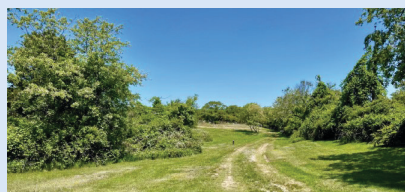
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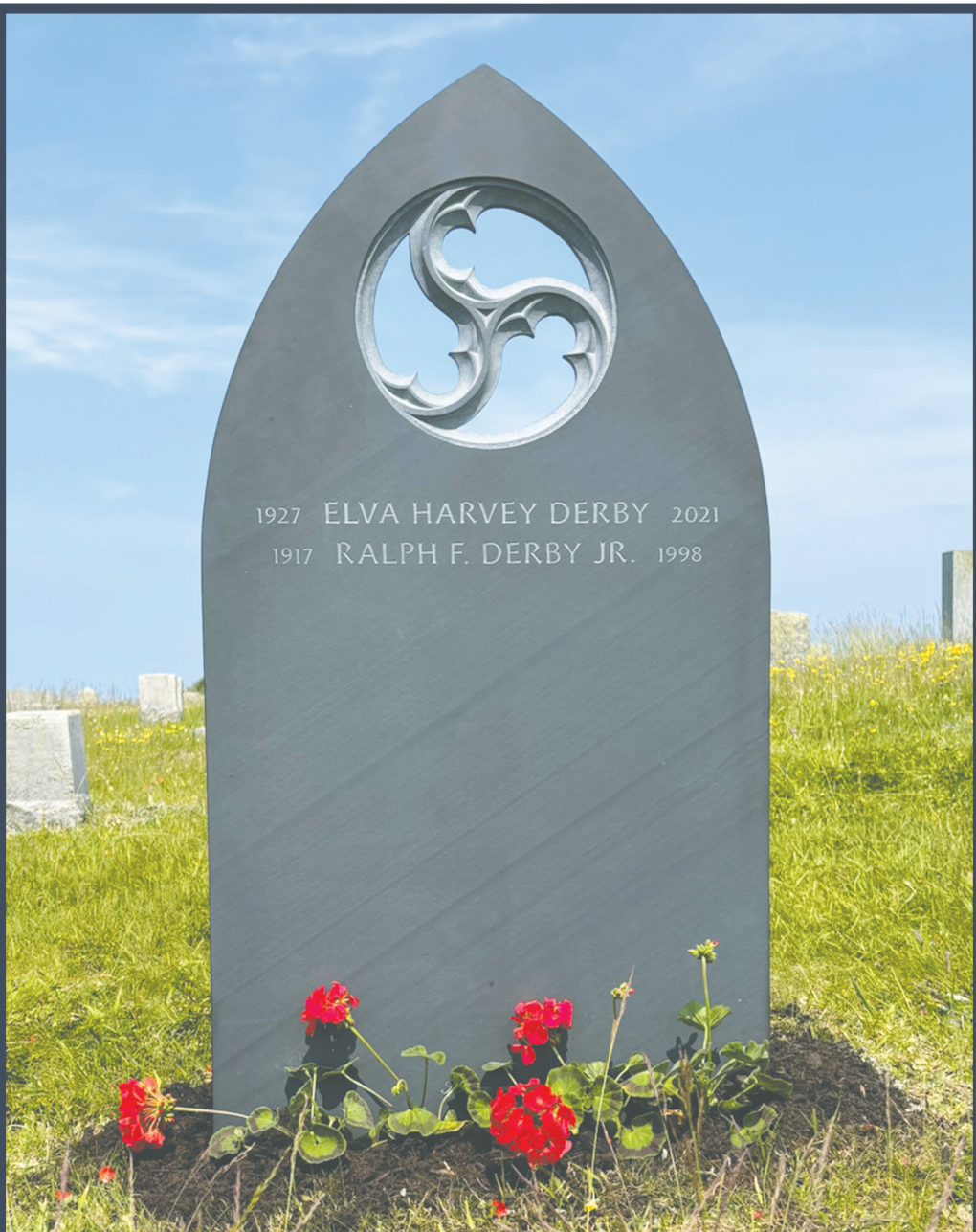
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Take a hike

1. Hodge Family Wildlife Preserve

Walking Time: 1 hour
Degree of Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 1 mile round-trip
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 3.2 miles

This preserve is composed of coastal shrub and meadow habitat with great sunset and water views. To reach the parking lot travel north on Corn Neck Rd., turn left through the gap in the stonewall to a parking area defined by split-rail fencing. There is a link to Clay Head Trail. Cross over Corn Neck Rd. and walk south 175 feet. Trail is on your left and will take you through the Maze to the bluff trail.

2. Clay Head Trail

Walking Time: 1.5 hours along main bluff trail.
Degree of difficulty: Moderate - some steep slopes and uneven ground
Distance: 2 miles for main bluff trail, 0.7 miles from Corn Neck Rd. to bluff trail
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 3 miles
Clay Head Trail traverses some of the most spectacular scenery on the eastern seaboard. To reach the trail, look for a post marker on the right side of Corn Neck Rd. Turn down the dirt road and go straight about a 1/3-mile to reach parking area. The main trail runs parallel to the bluff. Periodically you will see trails on your left heading away from the ocean. Known as the “Maze”, these intertwining trails are unmarked and are perfect for hours of wandering.

3. Meadow Hill Greenway

Walking Time: 15 minutes
Degree of difficulty: Moderate - some steep slopes and uneven ground
Distance: 0.4 mile one-way
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 0.5 mile
The trail extends from the corner of Old Town Rd. and Connecticut Ave to a point on Old Town Rd. approximately 1/3-mile to the west. Wonderful views to the north are available along this trail.

4. Greenway: Great Salt Pond to Beacon Hill

Walking Time: 45 minutes one-way
Degree of difficulty: Moderate - some steep slopes and uneven ground
Distance: 1 mile one-way
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 1.5 miles to north entrance, 1.7 miles to south entrance
This is the northern end of the Greenway trail system. It is possible to reach Great Salt Pond through the Ball O’Brien Park. The trail connects New Harbor to West Side Rd. and Beacon Hill Rd. allowing walkers to traverse 3 miles from Great Salt Pond to Black Rock Pt.

5. Greenway: South of Beacon Hill & Nathan Mott Park

Walking Time: 1.5 hours one-way
Degree of difficulty: Hard - steep slopes & uneven ground
Distance: 1.33 miles one-way
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 1.5 miles to Nathan Mott Park entrance, 1.7 miles to South Beacon Hill entrance
There are four different places to access Nathan Mott Park. The Greenway goes through the park, beginning at the midpoint of Beacon Hill Rd., continuing south, and then connecting to Turnip Farm. There is an entrance with a parking area on Center Rd. across from the airport as well as an entrance off Old Mill Rd.

6. Turnip Farm & Loffredo Memorial Preserve

Walking Time: 2 hours one-way
Degree of difficulty: Easy/moderate – a few steep slopes
Distance: 1.7 miles one-way
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 2.5 miles
There are four ways to access Turnip Farm and Loffredo Preserve. The Greenway trail comes in from Nathan Mott Park, winds through the farm and joins the path to Rodman’s Hollow on Old Mill Rd. The Loffredo Preserve, which can be accessed from the Dodge Cemetery or Turnip Farm, has some of the highest land on the island with views of the Block Island Sound, Eastern Long Island Sound and Montauk, Long Island.

7. Rodman’s Hollow

Walking Time: 2 hours one-way
Degree of difficulty: Moderate – steep slopes & uneven ground
Distance: 2.6 mile one-way
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 2.8 miles
To access the hollow, walk down Black Rock Rd. off of Cooneymus Rd. About a ¼-mile down on your left, you will see the trail entrance. The trail soon splits. If you bear left, you will be led through the bottom of the hollow, while bearing right will take you atop a knoll offering a wonderful panoramic vista. The trails intersect again and will lead you to the new trail head on the left. At the end of this trail, you can access the beach from both directions via a trail down the bluff.

8. Fresh Pond Greenway

Walking Time: 1 hour one-way
Degree of difficulty: Hard – steep slopes & uneven ground
Distance: 0.8 mile one-way
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 2 miles
The trail extends from Fresh Pond to Rodman’s Hollow. Beginning on the north end of Lakeside Dr., the trail continues past the pond up to a knoll which provides a breathtaking view of the pond and the eastern part of the island. You can continue on to Rodman’s Hollow by taking the link from the

9. Fresh Swamp & Payne Farm Trail

Walking Time: 1 hour one-way
Degree of difficulty: Moderate – steep slopes
Distance: 0.9 mile one-way
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 2.2 miles
The trail begins across the street from Fresh Pond on Lakeside Dr., a few hundred yards south of Isaac’s Corner. Look for a wooden step stile along the stone wall. The trail offers a secluded, tranquil walk.

10. Win Dodge Preserve & Lewis-Dickens Farm Trail

Walking Time: 1.5 hours round trip for Win Dodge and Dickens Trail combined
Degree of difficulty: Win Dodge: Hard – steep slopes and uneven ground, Dickens Farm: Easy
Distance: 2.36 mile round trip for Win Dodge & Dickens combined
From Old Harbor Ferry Landing: 3.3 miles
To access this trail, we suggest you walk along the dirt road from Cooneymus Rd. Win Dodge will be on your left. Follow the “Walkers Welcome” sign for an amazing view of the southwest part of the Island. Continue on the trail turning left onto the dirt road. Look for Lewis-Dickens Farm trail sign on your right.

11. Ocean View Pavilion

The Pavilion site is an "in-town" open space oasis overlooking the Old Harbor. It is: a peaceful place to rest, location of nature programs and a student garden, Ocean View Hotel foundation ruins, and beach access.

Other Walking Trails & Significant Views

While there are significant views throughout the island there are several small trails that offer great vistas. Look for the binocular symbol for these areas.

Please...

- Respect all signs marked private. Keep noise to a minimum.
- Do not bike on trails. No horseback riding allowed on trails.
- Stay off dunes and bluffs.
- Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints.
- Beware of Poison Ivy “Leaves in three, let it be!”
- During hunting season (fall & winter) wear blaze orange.
- Lyme disease is on Block Island. We strongly suggest you take precautions to avoid deer ticks. Wear long pants tucked into socks, stay clear of tall grass, and make body checks after any outdoor activity.

Block Island Trail System



Roads



Hiking Trails



Lighthouse



Scenic View

Sea Level

Highest Point (211 feet)



Map produced by Kevin Ruddock, The Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island, May 2017.

Good stuff to know when you are on Block Island:



IMPORTANT: THE DIALING OF 911 IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY!

An emergency is when immediate police, fire or rescue assistance is necessary. 911 should not be dialed for non-emergency calls that do not involve or require immediate assistance. However, if you feel that there is an emergency occurring, but don't know for certain, presume it is an emergency and use 911. IF IN DOUBT, USE 911!

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Do exactly what the 911 operator tells you to do. Give the operator all necessary information, including the fire number on the house. (There are no street addresses on Block Island. Instead, all buildings have fire numbers clearly marked on the outside of the house.) Remember, your assistance could make the difference between serious injury, life or death.

Block Island Nature Rules

VEHICULAR BEACH RESTRICTIONS

Vehicles are permitted to drive on Crescent Beach only from 6 p.m. until 9 a.m. No motor vehicle shall be allowed on the beach without a valid, updated permit from the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC). Permits are available at the police department for \$100/residents, \$200/non-residents (June 20- Sept.7) Sunday, 6-7 p.m., Monday, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Friday, 3-4 p.m. All motor vehicles of any description are prohibited on dunes except on trails marked expressly for vehicular use. Vehicles are also not allowed on any lands designated "Open Space" and maintained by the town for the benefit of the general public.

DUNE PROTECTION

The dunes offer a home to countless species of plants and animals that, like the beach itself, need our protection if they are to survive. To help save the life of our dunes and beaches, we urge you to:

- Use designated access paths and parking lots only.
- Keep off dunes and beach vegetation.
- Keep all vehicles off the beach, as they destroy vegetation and cause beach erosion.
- Do not sleep on the beach overnight.

BEACH FIRES

Beach fires are prohibited without a permit. Permits are available at the police department, and are valid for one day, expiring at midnight. Fires must be at least 25 feet from dunes. Please clean up and dispose of all trash properly and extinguish fires completely before leaving the beach.

POND PROTECTION

Gas motors banned
All forms of gasoline or diesel fuel-powered motors on boats are prohibited on B.I.'s freshwater ponds.
Pollutants and contaminants banned
No discharging of any sewage, petroleum products, detergents, pesticides, or any other form of pollutants or contaminants is permitted.

Penalty for violation

Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$100, or confinement for not more than 10 days, or both such fine and confinement. Any person convicted of a second violation shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$200, or forfeiture of motor and equipment, or both.

WILDLIFE REFUGES

Protected wildlife areas
Wildlife refuge areas on Block Island include Sachem Pond, Payne's Farm, the Southeast Lighthouse, Rodman's Hollow, Lewis-Dickens Farm, Beane Point and Cormorant Cove. No one may hunt, shoot, trap, or annoy wildlife, or destroy or disturb the eggs, nest or nesting area of any wildlife within designated areas.

Penalty for violation

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or be imprisoned not more than 10 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, together with costs of prosecution.

SHELLFISH ORDINANCES

A license is required for shellfishing. Beds are currently closed to the harvesting of scallops, oysters, and softshell clams. The harvesting of clams is restricted. For more info, call the Harbors Department at 466-3204 or stop by the Harbormaster's shack in New Harbor (adjacent to the Boat Basin), where shellfishing licenses are sold.



ANIMAL ORDINANCES

Dogs must be licensed and wear tags on a collar. Unless in a vehicle or on property of its owner, dogs must be leashed with a cord not exceeding 6 feet in length. For problems contact the Police Department at 466-3220. Horses: the New Shoreham Town Council requests that all persons refrain from riding horses in the downtown area.

Useful Island Information



RECYCLING. All trash must be separated for recycling. Deposit your sidewalk trash in the recycling containers marked for bottles, cans or trash only. These special containers are not for household or boat trash. Those renting houses should use the Transfer Station, located on West Beach Road. Recyclables (newspaper, glass, cardboard, plastics, aluminum and tin cans) are free. Glass, cans, plastics and aluminum should be clean. Other trash is deposited at a charge of 17 cents per pound, paid in cash, by local check or credit card at the Transfer Station (466-3234).

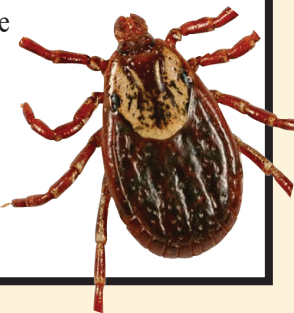
RABIES NOTICE. State law and town ordinances require that all pets (cats, dogs or ferrets) brought to the island be vaccinated against rabies. In addition to vaccinating pets, people should stay away from all wild and stray animals. Rabies is always fatal unless treated before symptoms develop. Rhode Island rabies hotline: 1-800-482-7878, ext. 3.

PLEASE CONSERVE WATER. Water is a precious island resource. On properties with septic systems, be sure not to overload the system with showers, dishwashing and clothes-washing all at once. And please don't shock such systems with paper products, fats, oils and greases.

Advice for Visitors from the Block Island Medical Center

LYME DISEASE: DON'T GET TICKED OFF.

Lyme disease is a serious health threat on Block Island. Visitors should make a daily "tick check." Look for attached ticks, no bigger than a pinhead, red areas and itchiness. Symptoms include rashes, headaches, joint stiffness, chills, fever, and nausea. Not all ticks carry the disease; not all people bitten catch it. Infection is uncommon if the tick is removed within 24 hours. Consult your physician if you suspect you may have become infected. Treatment after early diagnosis is generally effective, but becomes more difficult if symptoms are left untreated. Long pants and sleeves and insect repellent are suggested for forays into wooded areas, brush and meadows.



Important Island Phone Numbers

BI Medical Center	(401) 466-2974
Police (non-emergency)	(401) 466-3220
Fire Department / Rescue Squad	(401) 466-3220
Coast Guard (Block Island)	(401) 466-2086
Coast Guard (Galilee) 24 hours	(401) 789-0444
RI Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
BI Airport	(401) 466-5511
Harbormaster	(401) 466-3204
Town Clerk	(401) 466-3200
Recreation Department	(401) 466-3223
Interstate Navigation (Block Island)	(401) 466-2261
Block Island Express	(401) 466-2212
Block Island Hi-Speed Ferry	(401) 466-2261
Transfer Station	(401) 466-3234

Town Ordinances Prohibit:

- Drinking alcoholic beverages in streets, on docks and beaches.
- Camping, except by special permission.
- Sleeping overnight in vehicles or on beaches.
- Operating motorcycles between midnight and 6 a.m.
- Beach fires and/or driving on the beach without a permit.
- Dumping refuse on roads or in harbors.
- Shellfishing without a license.
- Charcoal fires on boats tied up at docks.
- Disturbing the peace.
- Unleashed dogs.
- Littering.
- Single use plastic bags
- Balloons



Block Island's Rules Of The Road

Please note: A ban on hand held cell phones, while driving, went into effect on June 1, 2018 in Rhode Island.

PEDESTRIANS. Pay special attention to traffic while in the downtown area. According to Rhode Island law, pedestrians must walk against traffic (on the left side) on roads without sidewalks.

BICYCLISTS. Please take care when cycling the unique roads of Block Island. Ride with the traffic, obey traffic signs and adhere to all rules of the road. Hand signals are very helpful to other traffic and can prevent accidents. Keep on the right side of the road and ride single-file whenever possible. For nighttimeriding, a light is required for the front of the bicycle and a reflector should be attached to the rear. Bicycles are not permitted on Greenway trails. Helmets are required for bicyclists age 16 and under, and strongly encouraged for adults.

AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS. Please exercise extreme caution when traversing Block Island roads. The speed limit is 25 mph island-wide. Pass bicyclists and mopeds only when you are certain it's safe.

ROLLER BLADES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS. Due to heavy congestion and safety concerns, rollerblading, skateboarding and scooting are not permitted in the downtown area or on Ocean Avenue. Skating and scooting is allowed north of Town Beach, south of the Spring House and on the west side of the island. Please travel with the traffic and adhere to all rules of the road. Scooters with helper motors (electric or gas) are not allowed on roads by RI state law.

BICYCLES AND MOPEDS.

Bicycles are the preferred rental vehicles. You can explore dirt roads with them. If you do rent a moped, please note —

- Mopeds are not allowed on dirt roads.
- By law, a helmet and eye protection must be worn.
- Do not leave the training area until you are sure that you know how to operate the moped and its controls.
- Once you are on the road, proceed slowly enough to examine oncoming road conditions. Do not drive on the shoulder of the road. Driver inexperience, heavy traffic flow, sandy shoulders, sharp curves, and uneven pavement are common causes of accidents on Block Island.
- Mopeds may be operated from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. only.
- Passengers must ride behind the operator.

ACCIDENTS: Do not hesitate to seek help from the Rescue Squad if you have or witness an accident. First aid and ambulance service is rendered at no cost to you. A portion of the Rescue Squad budget is met by town funds, but the Rescue Squad relies heavily on donations to cover the full costs of training, equipment, supplies and maintenance. Any contribution made to support this work will be welcomed and acknowledged. Donations are tax-deductible. Mail donations to: Block Island Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 214, Block Island, RI 02807.



For live music and entertainment listings see
Beat of the Block page 8



BEAT OF THE BLOCK



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025



Yellow Kittens

Sept. 3: Duzie
Sept. 4: Nena Belen Single Release Party
Sept. 5 & 6: Never in Vegas
Sept. 11: Jake Hunsinger
Sept. 13: Drag Brunch
Sept. 13: Diva and the Playboys
Sept. 18: Sea Münsters
Sept. 19 & 20: Quick Hits
Sept. 27: Turn it Up

Ballard’s Resort

Sept. 1 – 14: Brennan McGuire
Sept. 1: Hazzard County
Sept. 6, 7: Madhouse
Sept. 13, 14: he Manatees
Sept. 20, 21, 28: Shawn David Allen Band

Captain Nick’s

Weekly through Sept. 27:
Fridays and Saturdays: Rob Davis

Sept. 1: Rob Davis
Sept. 1: Disco Night
Sept. 5 & 6: Highly Cyrus
Sept. 12: Drag Show and Liquid Dance Floor
Sept. 13: Dave Tessier & the All Star Stars
Sept 19 & 20: Vinyl Revolution
Sept. 26 & 27: Angelus Hall
Oct. 10 – 13: Booze Beggars



The National

Sept. 5, 6, 12 & 13:..... Marc Douglas Berardo



Mahogany Shoals

September 1 at 1 p.m.: Izzy Malek

Atlantic Inn

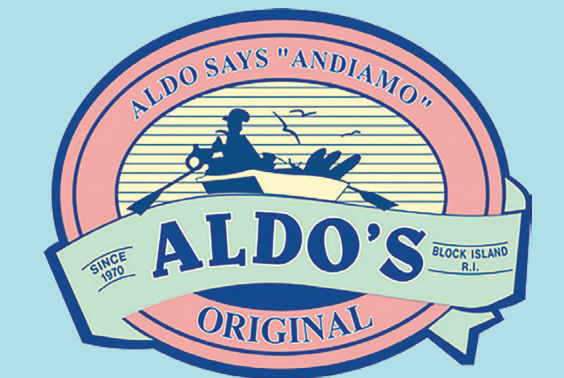
Sept. 3: Cameron Greenlee with Nena Belen & Matt Torrey. 6 – 9 p.m.



Champlin’s Marina

September 2: Dabs of Green with Cameron Greenlee and Lauren D. 6 – 9 p.m.

September 4: Cameron Greenlee with Nena Belen & Matt Torrey. 4 – 7 p.m.



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