

Beaver Island STATE PARK



Grand Island, New York



Facilities

- 9 Picnic Shelters
- Clubhouse/Group Event Catering
- Playgrounds
- Soccer Field
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Horseshoes
- Driving Range
- 18 Hole Golf Course
- 18 Hole Disc Golf Course
- Snack Bars (golf & beach)
- Sandy Beach/Boardwalk
- Changing Room Facilities
- Transient/Seasonal Slip Marina
- Big 6 Mile Creek Marina
- Nature Center (Seasonal)
- Buckhorn Island State Park
- East River Wetlands
- Kayak/Canoe/Car Top Launch Sites

Pets

Pets must be properly licensed and immunized as required by law and must be under your control at all times. Dogs must be restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet and pets are not allowed in designated bathing areas. There is a Pooper Scooper Law in effect requiring that you clean up after your pet.



Accessible parking spaces and restrooms are available. Contact the park office for specific information.

Beaver Island State Park

2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Park Office: (716) 773-3271

Fax: (716) 773-4150

IN AN EMERGENCY

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Police, Ambulance, Fire.....911

Special Passes

The **Access Pass** is available to New Yorkers with qualifying disabilities. The **Golden Park Program** allows New York State residents 62 years of age or older unlimited weekday and non-holiday access to all state parks by showing a NYS driver's license or non-driver identification. The **Empire Passport** provides unlimited vehicle entry to most state parks and recreation areas. Passes can be purchased in person at most state parks or recreation areas, or by mail from State Parks, Albany, NY 12238.



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Beaver Island's History

Beaver Island State Park is located on Grand Island, in the Niagara River between metropolitan Buffalo and the City of Niagara Falls. Research has dated campsites used by early peoples on Grand Island to 20,000+ years ago. Grand Island was called "Owanungah" by the Neuter Indians, "Ga-We'Not", which means "on the island" by the Senecas who conquered them, and "La Grande Isle" by the French explorers.

In 1833, the East Boston Timber Company from Massachusetts came to New York State in pursuit of oak forests to be used in building clipper ships. They purchased 16,000 acres on Grand Island and built the sawmill town of Whitehaven. The Whitehaven sawmill was used to process the oaks to make wood for barrel staves. By the mid 1800's, the island's oaks had been cut and lumbering had given way to expansive cattle ranches, grand hotel, and magnificent homes.

Remnants of an era gone by make up today's 952 acre Beaver Island State Park located on the southern tip of the island. One of the most significant structures in the park is River Lea, home of cattle rancher, farmer and horticulturist Lewis F. Allen, uncle of Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th President of the United States. Built in 1873, this locally designated historic site is "home" of the Grand Island Historical Society.

Mr. Allen's original farm formed the nucleus of land designated in 1935 as Beaver Island State Park. The Civilian Conservation Corps contributed significantly to the early development of the park including the prominent and very popular Casino-

Bathhouse that was destroyed by fire in October 1992.

Beaver Island Golf Course

The Beaver Island Golf Course is a USGA recognized, championship 18 hole public course. The popular 6,779 yard, par 72 golf course offers wide tree-lined fairways leading to large manicured greens, accented with hazards of white sand that challenge even the most seasoned golfer. A state of the art, computerized sprinkler system keeps the course in excellent condition throughout the summer. Outings may be booked by calling the park office after January 1st. For other information call the Starter/Cashier Booth at 716-773-4668 or the Pro Shop at 716-698-7412 during the regular season (mid-April through mid-November, weather permitting).

Beaver Island Clubhouse

The Beaver Island Clubhouse is located inside Beaver Island State Park and overlooks the Niagara River.

Banquet/Catering information is available for your special event by calling 716-949-6049.

Blue Heron Disc Golf Course

Established in 1999, this 18 hole, par 66 course is nearly 4,000 yards long. Disc golf is a great individual or family activity offering scenic views of the park's lagoon and the Niagara River. Disc sales and rentals are available at the park office.

Nature at Beaver Island

Bald eagles and osprey are familiar sights in the park. You may want to visit the nature center or take a walk along one of our nature trails.

During season, naturalists are available to conduct interesting and informative nature education programs. The center's wonderful interactive and static displays make learning about nature fun for the whole family.

Interpretive Programs: The Niagara Region Park Interpretive Programs Office provides group education programs, walks, and hikes year-round. For more

information and a schedule of events, please call (716) 282-5154 or (716)549-1050.

Enjoying Winter Months

During the winter months, the park is open for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding and ice fishing. Snowmobiling is only allowed on designated trails along West River Parkway and a permit must be issued from the Park Office.

Metal Detecting: A metal detecting permit is required and obtained by calling or visiting the park office. Metal detection is allowed ONLY on the beach after Labor Day through mid-May.

Waterfowl Hunting: Is permitted by blind draw ONLY. For more information, call the park office.

Swimming and Water Sports

Beaver Island State Park's half mile, crescent shaped, guarded beach is located on the Niagara River. Because of its location it provides beachgoers an opportunity to swim safely and enjoy the sun. The Upper Niagara River offers sports enthusiasts great fishing, boating of all kinds, and windsurfing just off shore.

Picnicking

The park has picnic areas, shelters, tables, and grills. Shelters may be reserved and rented by calling the park office after January 1st. The park also offers a variety of athletic activities which include basketball, horseshoes, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Respecting Wildlife

Please do not feed or harass any wildlife while visiting the park. If you see any wildlife that appears ill, contact park personnel immediately. If you come in physical contact with an ill animal, report it to a park employee immediately.

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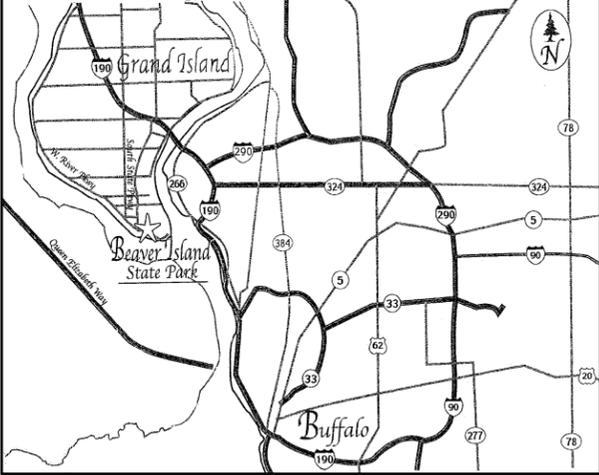
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