

# Fair Haven Beach STATE PARK



Fair Haven, New York



Finger Lakes Region  
2021

## Facilities

While the park is open year-round, some facilities and activities are only available on a seasonal basis. Please check with the park office or visit our web site [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com) before arriving at the park.

**CAMPING:** Reservations through Reserve America. All campsites are reserved by site number and cannot be changed upon arriving at the park.  
Comfort Stations: Hot Showers/Flush Toilets  
Trailer/RV Dumping Station  
Camp Store  
Transient Dockage: Overnight dockage is rented on a space available basis.

**CAMPGROUNDS:** 46 electric and 137 non-electric sites. No permanent water hookups available.  
**CABINS:** 33 cabins.  
**COTTAGES:** 4 cottages.

**DAY USE:** Day use areas of the park are open from dawn to dusk. There is an \$8.00 vehicle-use fee in effect from April 1 -October 31 at the park. Permitted activities are posted in the park office.

Boat Launch  
Swimming: Lake Ontario.  
Swimming available weather and conditions permitting.  
Bathhouses  
Picnic Areas: Tables and grills  
Picnic Pavilions: Can be reserved 11 months in advance. Call 1-800-CAMP, or online at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com).

Daily vehicle use fees are charged. If an outside party besides the pavilion renter caters a meal, an additional fee will be charged. Tents are available to rent, 20' x 20' and 20' x 30'.

Concession Stand  
Boat Rentals  
Play Fields  
Playgrounds  
Comfort Station  
Pay Phones  
Nature Activities  
Trails: Lakeshore and Woodland



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

## FAIR HAVEN BEACH STATE PARK

P.O. Box 16, 14985 Park Road  
Fair Haven, New York 13064

**Park Office: 315-947-5205**

**Regional Office and Park Police: 607-387-7041**

[FairHavenBeachSP@parks.ny.gov](mailto:FairHavenBeachSP@parks.ny.gov)

Joshua Dunlap, Park Manager

### IN AN EMERGENCY

Park Police.....1-800-255-3577  
Police, Ambulance, Fire.....911

### Camping Reservations

Camping and cabin reservations in NYS parks may be made up to nine months in advance. Call 1-800-456-CAMP (2267), or on line at [www.ReserveAmerica.com](http://www.ReserveAmerica.com).

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### Special Passes

**Access Passes:** Available to NY residents with qualifying disabilities.

**Golden Park Program:** For NY residents age 62+ with NY driver's license or ID card allows unlimited weekday and non-holiday access.

**Empire Pass:** Unlimited vehicle access to most NY state parks and recreation areas. It can be purchased at park offices, [shop.parks.ny.gov](http://shop.parks.ny.gov) or by calling 518-474-0458. Passes are renewable online and are valid from date of purchase through December 31.

### "Carry In-Carry Out" Parks

Our facilities are designated "Carry In-Carry Out." Please take your trash and recyclables home with you for proper disposal.

### Nearby State Parks

Cayuga Lake: N.Y.S. Rte. 89, 3 miles east of Seneca Falls

Selkirk Shores: N.Y. S. Rte. 3, 3 miles west of Pulaski

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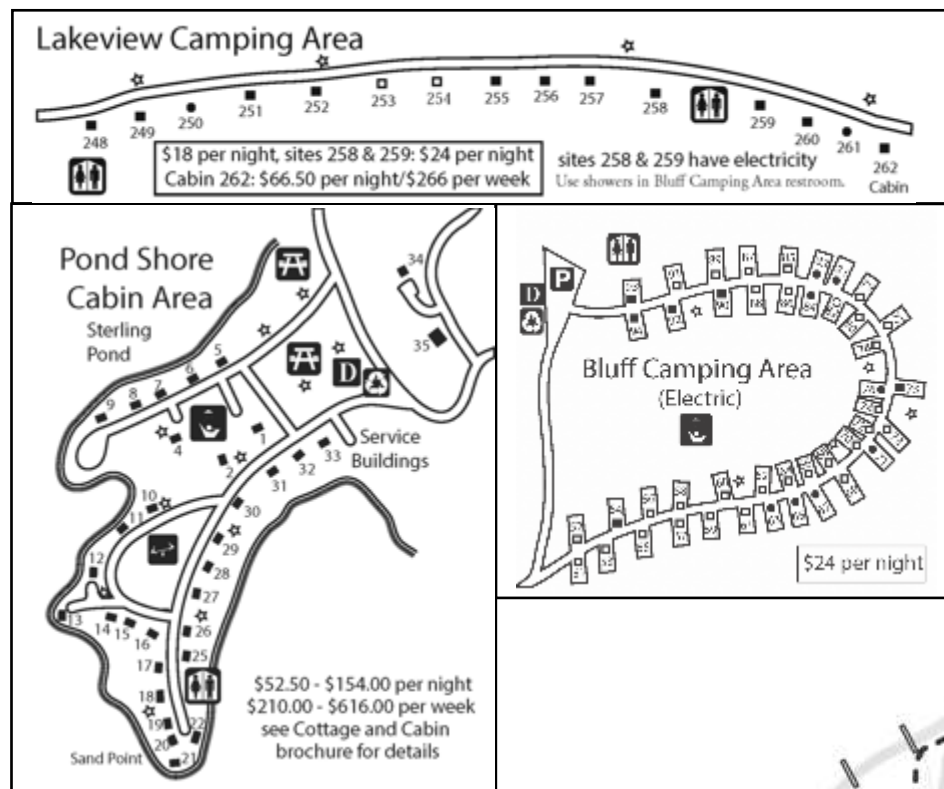
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**Cottages** Peak and non-peak rates available. For more information on rental cottages, refer to the Cabin and Cottage brochure available at the park office.

- Bay View
- Young
- Taft

Add \$4.00 per night fee for Friday, Saturdays, and holidays.  
Add \$5.00 per night for out-of-state residents.

### TO ALL OUR GUESTS

**Trails:** The park provides a variety of trail opportunities. Please stay on the designated trails. Proper footwear for hiking in a variety of conditions will make your trail visit safer. Bicycles are not allowed on the trails. Due to varying weather conditions, park trails can close at any time throughout the year. Do not go on trails designated as CLOSED.

**Blading, Boarding and Bicycling Safety:** Safety helmets are required by New York State Law. Check at the park office for times and locations where these activities are allowed.

**Swimming Areas:** Supervised swimming is available at this facility. Swimming is not a guaranteed activity. The supervised swimming area may be closed due to weather conditions or availability of lifeguards. Pets, alcoholic beverages and glass containers of any kind are not permitted in the supervised swimming area.

**Pets:** Family pets must be leashed and attended at all times. Proof of rabies vaccination must be by **Veterinarian's certificate** - the collar tag will not be accepted as proof. Only **two** pets allowed per site.

**Respecting Wildlife:** Please do not feed or harass any wildlife while visiting the park. If you see any wildlife that appears ill leave it where it is and contact park personnel immediately. If you come in physical contact with an animal, report it to a park employee right away.

### TO OUR OVERNIGHT GUESTS

**Quiet Hours and Generator Hours:** Quiet hours in camping areas and marinas are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and are STRICTLY enforced. Your cooperation is appreciated by park staff and your fellow campers. Generators may be operated from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and must be attended.

**Camping Equipment and Vehicles:** Two sleeping tents or one camping unit (trailer, RV) and one tent are permitted per camp site. No more than two vehicles may be parked on a camp or cabin site. Additional parking for guests is available in nearby parking lots.

**Check In/Check Out:** Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Campers must occupy the site by 9:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of arrival or call the park office. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m. All equipment must be off the site at that time.

### The Finger Lakes Story

Sparkling lakes, breathtaking waterfalls, and rolling pastoral land dominate the landscape of the Finger Lakes Region. Over thousands of years, gigantic glaciers and coursing lakes and streams carved this landscape shared by generations of people. On the southern shore of Lake Ontario, Fair Haven Beach State Park is one of 29 facilities of the Finger Lakes State Parks Region where you can enjoy these treasured landscapes and discover the lives of people of the past. This park features 1,500 feet (457 m) of beautiful sand beach including 600 feet (182 m) of guarded swimming area as well as a scenic pond, marsh and woodland area. You can experience the park's rich scenery along hiking trails, at the swimming beach and picnic area, or by boating in Lake Ontario or Sterling Pond.

### The Nature of Fair Haven Beach

During the Ice Age, great glaciers advanced over the landscape from Canada. When the most recent glacier melted 10,000 years ago, it left Lake Ontario in a broad basin excavated by ice. South of the lake, the ice had compacted earth to form long, egg-shaped hills called "drumlins." Since that time, the waves of the lake have been pounding away at the bases of the drumlins at the lake shore, eroding sculptured bluffs. The bluffs east of the beach and another at the eastern end of the park are examples of wave-eroded drumlins. Fair Haven's diverse landscape and waterscape create homes for a rich variety of bird and mammal species. The park is featured as a wildlife-viewing site in the National Watchable Wildlife Program. Look for ducks and geese, particularly during waterfowl migration in spring and fall. And keep your eyes out for deer, beavers, muskrats, and if you are lucky, maybe even an otter!

### People and Fair Haven Beach

In 1923, Fair Haven Beach was proposed as a state park. Work on park roads and buildings began in 1927. In the 1930's, a Civilian Conservation Corps camp operated in the park. Over two hundred young men built roads, walkways, buildings and campsites. Look for exhibits about the CCC in one of their original cabins located next to the park visitor center. And visit a memorial on the camp's site by the picnic area on the bluff. The CCC camp housed prisoners of war from 1944 to 1945. German prisoners did park maintenance and worked on local farms.

