



as you visit their environment. and keep your food secure. Wonder at their beauty

creatures. Please don't feed the birds or animals dodging the waves? Respect these amazing call or the sandering by its habit of energetically more. Can you recognize the laughing gull by its remain in their habitat. Join a Beach Walk and learn children, but respect that these creatures need to crabs and mollusks. Identify them and show your in the tidal pools by the rocks, including sea stars, the tides retreat, you can see a variety of creatures Take some time to look around at all the birds and creatures that make the shoreline their home. As

*Conserve our Wildlife*

Dunes not only provide habitat for beach vegetation and wildlife, but they protect our community from the incredible forces of wind and ocean storms. Walking and playing on the dunes destroys the beach grasses that hold the dunes in place. Trash on the beaches is not only unsightly, but dangerous for wildlife that may mistake plastic items for food. Please recycle. Recycling and trash containers are provided for your convenience on the beaches. Please help us keep the beach beautiful, both for you and the wildlife.

*Respect our Beaches and Dunes*



Enjoy both the busy spots for active adventures and the quiet spots for watching an osprey family resting on their nest or a sunset on the bay.

*Explore*

Park your car because Ocean City is a great place to bike. With a basket or a backpack you can enjoy the city by bike and help the environment at the same time!

*Biking*

Take a kayak tour, fish, sail, go birding, or just enjoy a sunset. The bay is a wonderful, but sometimes forgotten part, of Ocean City. The BaySide Center is a great location to begin your exploration.

*The Bay*

Surf, bodyboard, body surf, paddleboard or just wade. Kite sailing, sailing and ocean kayaking are also popular. Just sitting and enjoying the ocean breezes and the sound of the surf is very relaxing and refreshing.

*The Ocean*

Everyone enjoys the beach! Sit and relax, walk the boards, enjoy the birds or fly a kite. Beach walks occur Tuesdays and Wednesdays in July and August at 59th St. & Central Ave. and the Longport Bridge. You will be surprised how much you don't know about the beach!

*The Beach*

There are a multitude of activities in Ocean City to keep you busy for a weekend or a lifetime. Pick your passion and your desires will be answered.

*What to do*



*What to see*

As a barrier island, Ocean City is abundant with wildlife. Most of the time the wildlife is unseen but it is always present. Sometimes you just need to be patient, aware of your surroundings and quiet.

*Sea Life*

You merely have to walk the water's edge to see the life the ocean supports. Atlantic dolphins and whales migrate and play just off the beach. Crabs nibble at your toes and seabirds chatter overhead.

*Wildlife*

Ocean City is home to many familiar mammals and birds. Wildlife is always your neighbor no matter where you are. Make space for your neighbors, treat them with respect and enjoy them in the process.

*Vegetation*

Wetlands make up much of Ocean City's back bays. These are vital and protected areas that support wildlife and migratory birds. On the beach, the dunes offer valuable protection for our island and our wildlife.

*Parks & Scenic Views*

Ocean City has many treasures and all residents and guests have their own favorite, be it the bay, beach or park. The Welcome Center, on the Route 52 Causeway, is a preferred bird watching destination. Explore and find your own favorite spot.



*Ecotourism in Ocean City  
a leading Green Community*

The City of Ocean City, the Ocean City Environmental Commission, and the city's Green Team invite you to explore America's Greenest Family Resort.

As you explore Ocean City, you'll see some of our successes in energy conservation, with solar panels on public buildings like the civic center and the library.

Many opportunities for fun and exploration are in a relatively small area. Take the trolley, go for a stroll or ride a bike. You'll find the summer alternatives to driving are not only environmentally friendly but often faster and easier.

*How Green Will You Be Today?*

- Bring a reusable bag instead of receiving a plastic or paper one.
- Choose to walk, ride your bike or take the trolley instead of driving.
- Enjoy cool ocean breezes instead of air conditioning.
- Minimize your water usage. Take shorter showers, turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- Pick up after your pets. Everything drains into the ocean!
- Recycle and clean-up your litter, both at the beach and at your residence.
- Sun-dry your towels or clothes outside instead of using a dryer.
- Spend a quiet moment to experience and enjoy the beauty of our natural environment.
- Turn off computers and televisions when not in use to save electricity.
- Turn your vehicle off when parked. No idling!

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In Ocean City, NJ*

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our barrier island resort is more than a beach and a boardwalk





**A**

**BAYSIDE CENTER: 520 Bay Avenue**  
This bayfront facility is dedicated to our environment and culture. Originally owned by the Diesel family, the grounds now host environmental programs during the summer. Enjoy great views, environmental displays, a life-guard museum, ship models, and a to-scale collection of historical Ocean City buildings. The docks allow bay access for fishing, crabbing, picnics, paddleboarding and kayaking as well as slips from which to launch or dock on a short-term basis.



**B**

**ROY GILLIAN WELCOME CENTER: Route 52, 9th Street Causeway**  
The central hub for information on all that is Ocean City, NJ. Find information about attractions, accommodations, restaurants, shopping, recreational activities and more. It also offers an ample amount of parking, access to the pedestrian walkway, restrooms, fishing piers, view of bird habitat and a scenic wrap-around deck on both levels.



**C**

**HOWARD STAINTON WILDLIFE REFUGE: Observation Platform, 28th and Bay Ave.**  
Ride your bike to this 16-acre preserve and platform to observe a variety of waterfowl and marshland birds at rest, nest and play.

**BIKE ROUTES**

**OC1: FAMILY FRIENDLY BIKE ROUTE**  
Absolutely the best North-South route for those wishing to enjoy a leisurely ride with safety in mind. This "Share the Road" route connects to the OC Community Center, several playgrounds, ball fields, shopping and other attractions.

**WEST AVENUE ROUTE:**  
12th to 55th Street.  
Designed for the advanced rider who is comfortable riding in traffic.

**THE BOARDWALK:**  
Take in the ocean views and sea breezes year round on Ocean City's famed boardwalk that spans 2½ miles. Summer biking hours are 5am to noon from May 15th-Labor Day.

**CONNECTOR ROUTES:**  
"Share the Road" connectors are located at 6th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 18th, 24th, 29th, 42nd, 46th, 52nd, 55th Streets, and the Route 52 Causeway



**D**

**51ST STREET ACCESS TO CROOK HORN CREEK:**  
Hike, bike, fish, crab, reflect and enjoy some of Ocean City's most magnificent sunsets.



**E**

**CORSON'S INLET STATE PARK:**  
Beach Access: 59th and Central Avenue.  
Bay Access and Boat Ramp: 1/2 mile south of 56th St. on Bay Ave.

Bike over to see 341 acres of Ocean City's southern tip. Observe ospreys, hawks, monarch butterflies and other species that pass through this area every year.



**ART TOUR**

- 1** TRAFFIC QUILT: 20th & Haven Ave., and 52nd & 53rd at Haven Ave.
- 2** FIREHOUSE MURAL: 29th & West Ave.
- 3** "BONAPART" THE DOG SCULPTURE: Tennessee Ave. & Bay Ave.
- 4** OC COMMUNITY CENTER SCULPTURES: 1735 Simpson Ave.
- 5** SPORTS ILLUSTRATED MURAL: 12th & West Ave.
- 6** "THE BIKER" SCULPTURE: 9th & Haven Ave.
- 7** "A DAY AT THE BAY" MURAL: 861 Asbury Ave.
- 8** SURFER MURAL: Moorlyn Terrace & the Boardwalk
- 9** WHALE MURAL: 8th & the Boardwalk
- 10** "TAG IT" SCULPTURE: On the south side of building at 641 Asbury Ave.
- 11** FIREHOUSE HEADQUARTERS PROTECTING HEARTS & HOMES MURAL: 550 Asbury Ave.
- 12** "THE DOOR" SCULPTURE: Primary School, 5th & West Ave.
- 13** SEA LIFE MURALS: Sports Field Fence at 6th & Bay Ave.

**9TH STREET CAUSEWAY**

- Fishing Pier
- Bird Watching
- Welcome Center
- Pedestrian & Bike Walkway



**BASEBALL FIELDS**

- 5th St. & Haven Ave.
- 35th St. & Simpson Ave.



**BASKETBALL COURTS**

- North Street & Haven Ave.
- 6th St. & Boardwalk
- 8th St. & Haven Ave.
- 15th St. & Bay Ave.
- 34th St. & West Ave.
- 52nd St. & Haven Ave.



**FISHING AREAS**

- Route 52, 9th Street Causeway Fishing Piers
- Longport Fishing Pier, Route 656
- 5th St. & Boardwalk, Fishing Jetty
- 12th St. and the Bay
- Unguarded Beaches, 19th St.-59th St.
- Crook Horn Creek, 51st St. & the Bay
- Corson's Inlet State Park, 59th St. & Bay Ave.



**GOLF COURSE**

- 2601 Bay Avenue



**OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Civic Center and Recreational Areas, 550 Boardwalk: Volleyball, Track, Football, and Basketball
- Shuffleboard Courts, 5th St. & Boardwalk
- Skate Park, 550 Asbury Ave.
- OC Community Center, 1735 Simpson Ave.
- Boat Ramps: Tennessee Ave. Corson's Inlet
- Humane Society, 1 Shelter Rd.
- Recycling Center, 1 Shelter Rd. (609) 525-9261



**PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS**

- Ocean City-Longport Bridge
- North St. & Haven Ave.
- 6th St. & Simpson Ave.
- 8th St. & Haven Ave.
- 9th St. & West Ave.
- 15th St. & Bay Ave.
- 29th St. & West Ave.
- 34th St. & West Ave.
- 52nd St. & Haven Ave.
- 59th St. & Central Ave.
- Lake Memorial Park, 409 Wesley Ave.
- Tennessee Ave. Park, Tennessee Ave. & The Bay



**RESTROOMS**

- 1st St. & Boardwalk
- 5th St. Baseball Field
- 6th St. & Boardwalk
- Music Pier, Moorlyn Terrace & Boardwalk
- City Hall, 861 Asbury Ave.
- Transportation Center, 10th St. & Haven Ave.
- 11th St. & Boardwalk
- 12th St. Comfort Station, 12th St. & Boardwalk
- 34th St. Comfort Station, 34th St. & Beach
- 59th St. & Beach



**SAILING, KAYAKING & PADDLEBOARDING**

- 9th Street Causeway
- Bayside Center, 520 Bay Ave.
- Tennessee Ave. Boat Ramp
- Corson's Inlet State Park
- Beaches at 3rd, 29th, 41st, 57th, Seaspray, and Morningside



**SOCCKER FIELDS**

- 15th St. & Haven Ave.
- Tennessee Ave.
- 6th St. & Bay Ave.



**SURFING BEACHES**

- Waverly Blvd.
- 7th St. & Boardwalk
- 16th St. & Boardwalk



**TENNIS COURTS**

- 6th St. & Ocean Ave.
- 18th St. & Haven Ave.
- 34th St. & West Ave.



**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

**POLICE STATION**

- 835 Central Ave., (609) 399-9111

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Headquarters: 550 Asbury Ave., (609) 525-9182
- Station 2: 29th St. & West Ave., (609) 525-9183
- Station 3: 46th St. & West Ave., (609) 525-9184