



THE COASTAL EXPERIENCE FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

BUSES are utilized as transport between locations at Sandy Hook and **MUST REMAIN** with visiting group(s) the entire day. Drivers should bring their own lunch, so be sure to notify your bus company.

OUR FIELD TRIPS TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE, SO PLEASE BE PREPARED FOR THE WEATHER! *

Student discipline is the responsibility of visiting teachers, not New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium (NJS GC) staff.

Programs require at least one teacher per class and one adult chaperone per 10 students.

Please divide students into groups of no more than 25-30 prior to arrival. This will be their group for the entire field trip.

Students must bring their own lunch. Please note that lunch is “picnic-style”; there are no indoor eating facilities in the park.

Sandy Hook is a “carry-in, carry-out” park. Lunch trash removal is your responsibility so please bring your own garbage bags. We can supply small trash bags for you to take your trash away in if necessary.

Students **may not** walk barefoot. Old sneakers are best; expect them to get dirty.

Swimming is not allowed. The only time students are allowed in the water is for the seining activity using the chest waders provided.

Students should bring a collection box/ bag for sea shells. If using a plastic grocery bag be sure to recycle it.

Students will be outdoors most or all of the day and should dress accordingly. It is always a little chillier here at Sandy Hook due to our geographic location (on a peninsula).

Sand and water reflect sunlight so sunscreen is recommended. Bug spray is a good idea and remember to always apply it outdoors.

Schools are encouraged to bring a nurse, especially if students are known to have allergies, asthma, or if medications are to be administered.

Teachers should have cell phones with them at all times. It is advisable to exchange cell numbers with your bus driver(s).

To better accommodate your group, please notify NJSGC if there are any students with physical disabilities. Sand wheelchairs are available upon advanced request and some program modifications can be made if necessary.

A Gift Shop is located in NJSGC's Building #22. Pre-orders are urged for large groups. A copy of our pre-order catalog will arrive in a separate mailing upon request. It is also available for download from our website: <http://njseagrant.org/education/education-gift-shop/>. Pre-orders mailed in advance are ready to go home with you by the end of your trip.

NJSGC understands cancellations are sometimes necessary. Cancellations require at least 24 hours notice to receive a refund. Please be advised – Deposits are **NON-REFUNDABLE** in all cases unless, at the time of cancellation, you reschedule your program to a new date within six (6) months.

**In the event of extreme weather conditions, New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium (NJSGC) reserves the right to make modifications to your program or may suggest rescheduling to a later date (if available).*

DIRECTIONS TO NJSGC

From the North:

Garden State Parkway South to Exit 117. Take Route 36 east, following signs for Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area, approximately twelve (12) miles. See "Once in the Park" below.

From the South:

Garden State Parkway North to Exit 105. Take Route 36 (Joline Ave.) to the Ocean Boulevard intersection. Turn left at traffic light to follow Route 36 (Ocean Boulevard); go approximately eight (8) miles. Follow signs for Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area. See "Once in the Park" below.

Once in the Park:

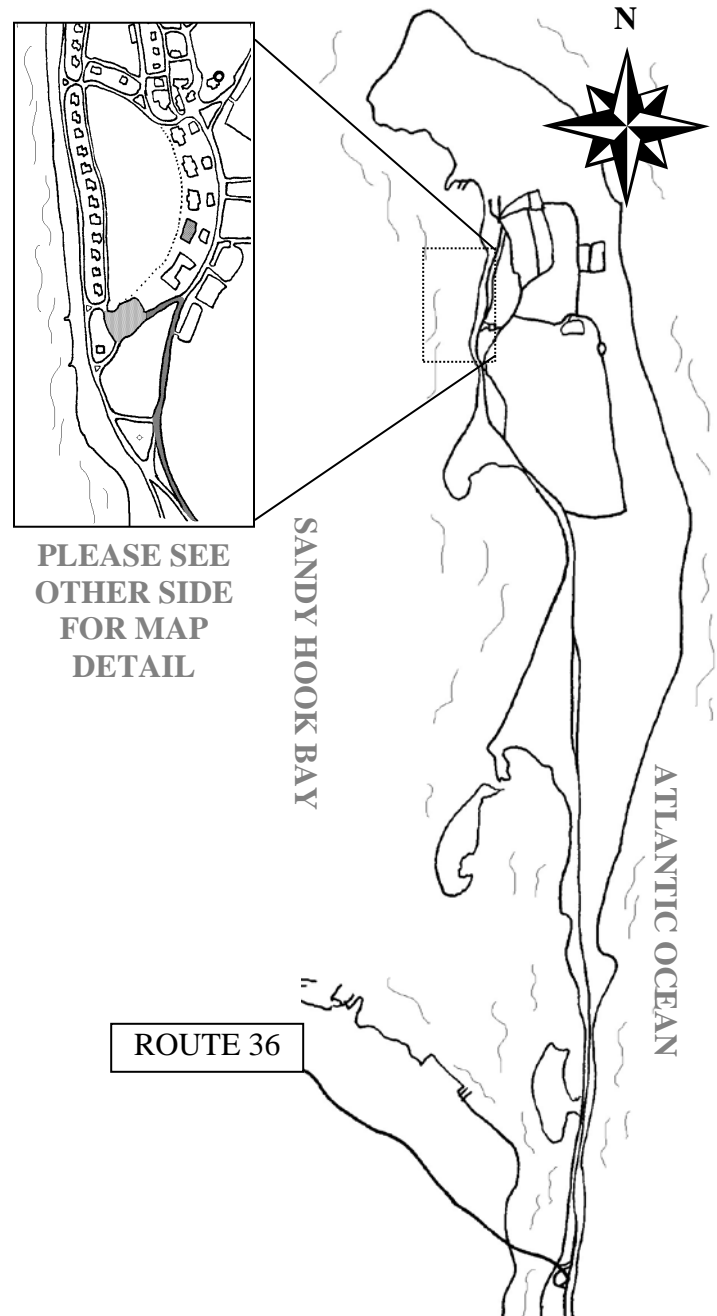
Drive straight ahead on main road (Hartshorne Drive) approximately four (4) miles to historic Fort Hancock. At the Nike Missile Monument (Guardian Park) bear right onto Magruder Road. Go one-tenth (0.1) mile and turn left into the entrance of the Pershing Field/Parade Grounds parking lot (BEFORE the NOAA, James J. Howard Marine Lab). Your field guide(s) will meet you at the corner of this parking lot. If you need to locate our building, it can be found by following the brick walkway from the parking lot to the second building on the right, #22.

Have a field trip date AFTER Memorial Day?

You will have to stop at a fee collection booth upon entering the park. Instruct your bus driver to tell the attendant that you will be participating in an education program at NJ Sea Grant Consortium. He or she will wave you through. **You do not pay an entrance fee unless using ocean beaches for bathing after an NJSGC education program.**

Travel problems?

Call 732-872-1300, x16 or 13.



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