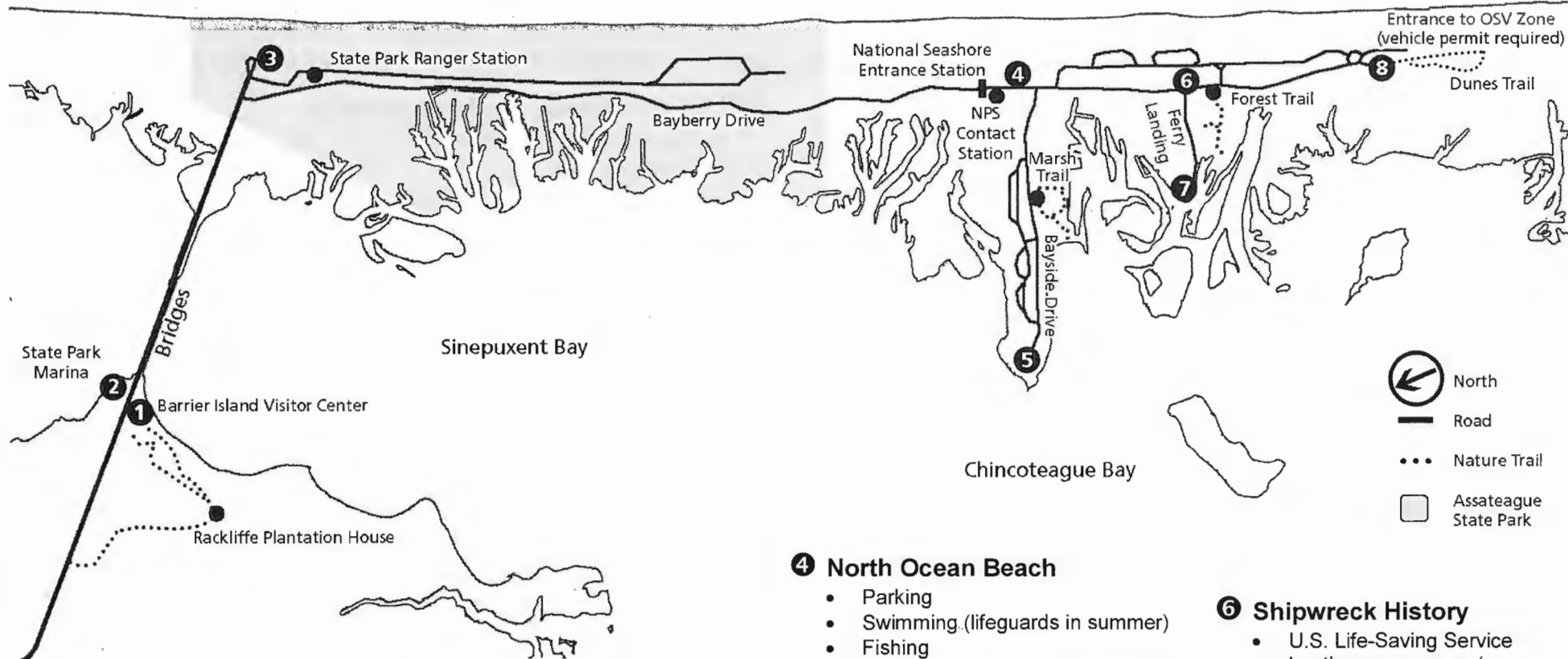


Assateague Island National Seashore

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1 Assateague Island Visitor Center

- Visitor information
- Restrooms
- Exhibits
- Wheelchair access
- Free of charge

2 MD State Park marina

- Boat launch
- Fishing and crabbing pier
- Restrooms
- User fee required

3 State Park (open April-October)

- Parking
- Swimming (lifeguards in summer)
- Restrooms and showers
- Camping
- Food concession
- Wheelchair access
- Entrance fee required

4 North Ocean Beach

- Parking
- Swimming (lifeguards in summer)
- Fishing
- Restrooms and outdoor showers
- Campground office/contact station
- Wheelchair access
- Beach Hut Store (open seasonally)
- Picnic Shelter

5 Bayside

- Parking
- Picnic area
- Restrooms
- Canoe and kayak launch
- Clamming
- Bicycle and canoe rentals (seasonally)
- Limited wheelchair access

6 Shipwreck History

- U.S. Life-Saving Service boathouse museum (open seasonally)

7 Old Ferry Landing

- Parking
- Restroom
- Canoe and kayak launch
- Crabbing and clamming
- Limited wheelchair access

8 South Ocean Beach

- Parking
- Swimming (no lifeguards)
- Fishing
- Restrooms/outdoor shower
- Limited wheelchair access

Things to Know

Wildlife Viewing

Feeding or touching wildlife is illegal. Respect all wildlife, this includes wild horses! Observe them from a distance.

Bicycling

The bicycle trail follows alongside the park road. Visitors may park at the visitor center or the front lot of park headquarters and cycle into the park.

Nature Trails

Life of the Marsh ½ mi (wheelchair accessible)

Life of the Forest ½ mi (wheelchair accessible)

Life of the Dunes ¾ mi

The Life of Assateague nature trails are self-guided. Trail guides are available at the visitor center and ranger station. Parking is available at each trail.

Accessibility

Boardwalks provide limited wheelchair access to the top of the dune near the beach.

Beach wheelchairs are available at the contact station and lifeguard office (in summer).

Assateague Island Visitor Center

The visitor center is located on the mainland just before the bridge to Assateague Island. Aquariums, a touch tank, exhibits, maps, brochures, a film about the island's wild horses and a variety of educational opportunities are available. The visitor center is free of charge.

Entrance Fees

- National Seashore entrance fee in effect year round
- State Park entrance fee in effect year round

Pets

National Seashore - Pets are **permitted** on most areas of the beach and frontcountry campgrounds. Pets must be kept on a leash and in control at all times! Please pick up after your pet.

Pets are **prohibited** in the following areas:

- All backcountry campsites
- Nature trails
- Lifeguard-protected beach
- North of the State Park to the Ocean City Inlet
- The entire Virginia portion of Assateague Island

Assateague State Park – Pets are **permitted** in Assateague State Park in the following areas: in the marina area to board vessels, in camp loop J and adjoining beach, and in day-use areas from October 1 to April 30.

Concessions (Seasonal)

Oceanside Beach Hut – Convenience items, souvenirs, camping and beach sundries, firewood and ice.

Bayside Rental Stand – Equipment rentals: Canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, clam rakes, bicycles.

Be Prepared For Assateague Island

- Mosquitoes, flies, and ticks are abundant until a hard frost, usually in late fall. Bring repellent.
- Shade is minimal. Wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat. Drink water often.
- Stay on trails and boardwalks to avoid ticks and poison ivy.

Trash and Recycle

Large trash dumpsters and recycle bins are located throughout the park.