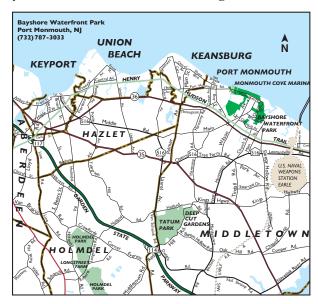
#### **Park Hours**

Bayshore Waterfront Park is open every day of the year from 8am to dusk, free of charge.



From Garden State Parkway: Take Exit 117 (North and Southbound), bear left and follow Hwy 36 South for 5 miles. Take jughandle to turn left onto Main Street, Port Monmouth. Follow Main Street to Wilson Avenue, turn left and continue to end. Turn left onto Port Monmouth Road; follow to park entrance.

From State Hwy 36: Traveling northbound, turn right onto Main Street, Port Monmouth; traveling southbound, take jughandle to turn left onto Main Street, Port Monmouth. Follow Main Street to Wilson Avenue, turn left and continue to end. Turn left onto Port Monmouth Road; follow to park entrance.

From State Hwy 35: Traveling northbound, turn right onto Laurel Avenue; traveling southbound, take jughandle to turn left onto Laurel Avenue. Follow to Middle Road, turn right. Middle Road becomes Main Street. Follow and cross Hwy 36. Follow Main Street to Wilson Avenue, turn left and continue to end. Turn left onto Port Monmouth Road; follow to park entrance.

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## **Monmouth County Park System**

# Bayshore Waterfront Park

Port Monmouth, NJ



www.monmouthcountyparks.com

# Welcome to Bayshore Waterfront Park

At 227 acres, this scenic park is home to a 300-foot fishing pier, beautiful views of the New York City skyline, and the historic Seabrook-Wilson House. It provides visitors with a quiet place for a picnic, boating, fishing or birding, as well as a taste of history. The park is located on the beaches of Port Monmouth and sits adjacent to the Monmouth Cove Marina.

#### **Park History**

Bayshore Waterfront Park was acquired by Monmouth County in 1988. In 1998 the Seabrook-Wilson House was acquired from Middletown Township as a park addition. It is one of the oldest surviving houses in the Bayshore region with ties to the area's settlement, as well as maritime history. The oldest section of this large frame house dates back to the early 1700s, with multiple additions built by the Seabrook and Wilson families between the 1700s and 1800s. The waterfront setting of this valued community landmark gives way to views of the New York City skyline and Sandy Hook Bay.



#### **Fishing**

The Park System welcomes the public to fish year-round off the park's wheelchair accessible 300-foot pier or from the sandy shores. No fishing license is required for anglers to cast in the Raritan Bay for striped bass, fluke, flounder, weakfish and bluefish. Please consult signs for fishing restrictions/advisories.



### **Boating**

Boats such as kayaks, canoes, and windsurfers (as well as other car-top vessels) are permitted at Bayshore Waterfront Park. Because the park does not have a boat ramp, boaters should be aware that they must carry their vessel(s) from the parking lot to the water. For motor powered boats, please visit neighboring Monmouth Cove Marina.

#### **Other Activities**

Bayshore Waterfront Park is a conveniently located spot to enjoy the sun and surf during the summer, and views of the New York City skyline year round. A view of the ocean sets the perfect ambience for picnicking next to the Seabrook-Wilson house, followed by a stroll on the beach. Also nature programs and activities are conducted at the Bay House Program Building. For more information, please call (732) 872-2670.

#### Wildlife

Recent wildlife sightings include the Baltimore oriole, egrets, ring-necked pheasant, red fox and the endangered short-nose sturgeon (a type of fish). But one of the most interesting sightings is that of harbor seals which may be found lounging on the beach or on the ice during the months of November through March each year.



#### **Protect Your Parks**

The Park System preserves and manages natural and cultural resources on more than 14,000 acres of land in Monmouth County. Protecting water quality, eliminating invasive plant species, and promoting healthy wildlife habitats are just a few objectives.

Please help protect the park by leaving flowers, plants, animals, and other features as you found them; adhering to posted park rules; using designated containers for trash, recyclables and pet waste; and keeping your pets leashed. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Call (732) 842-4000 or visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com for more information.



More than just a clean place for fun in the sun, the park is something increasingly rare at the Jersey Shore: a protected ecological habitat. The Park System attempts to stabilize the shoreline by planting erosion-fighting beach grass. These planted areas act as a natural barrier against severe storms and serve as habitat for threatened bird and plant species. As such, certain areas of the beach are sometimes closed and removed from the beach raking schedule to "let natural processes prevail." This is done so that various native species may survive and thrive undisturbed.

Monmouth Cove Marina neighbors Bayshore Waterfront Park. As a multi-service facility for boaters, the marina is home to 154 wet slips (3 available for personal watercraft), which are supplied with electricity and water, concrete floating docks, transient dockage and a fuel dock. The marina also offers year-around boat storage, both on land and wet/rack depending on the season, using 58-rack storage bunks, 15-ton Acme Marina Hoist and Taylor forklift. Please call (732) 495-9440 for more information.