

Explore Staten Island, the FDR Boardwalk, Beaches, Fort Wadsworth & More!



Self-Guided BIKE TOUR



WITH TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS & POINTS OF INTEREST

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A Points of Interest

- A. FDR Boardwalk** At over 80 years old and spanning 2.5 miles, this boardwalk continues to be a popular spot to enjoy Staten Island's coastline.
- B. Fantasy Shore Amusement Park** As Staten Island's only amusement park, Fantasy Shore offers a variety of classic rides and amusement park games.
- C. Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex** The Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex is a track and field enthusiast's dream. With a construction cost of \$93 million and a footprint of 135,000 square feet, this state-of-the-art facility uses hydraulics to convert the running track from six lanes up to eight and raise the floor to an incline of up to 4.5 feet.
- D. South Beach Wetlands** Spanning almost 5 acres, these urban wetlands are filled with an array of plants and animals. It's home to osprey, egrets, and black-crowned night herons.
- E. Fountain of the Dolphins** Unveiled in 1996 and sculpted by Steven Dickey, this sculpture consists of 6 life size dolphins and fiber optic lighting effects.
- F. Fort Wadsworth Chapel/Father Vincent Capodanno Chapel** This chapel honors Father Vincent Capodanno –the recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts who was felled by sniper fire as he administered last rites on the battlefield. Now offering Catholic and Jewish services, this historic chapel trained multitudes of military chaplains through the years.
- G. Fort Wadsworth** Part of the Gateway National Recreation Area, Fort Wadsworth is a former military installation with a storied past going back to 1663. Closing in 1994, it was the longest continuously manned military installation in the United States.
- H. Fort Wadsworth Light** Constructed in 1903, the light cast from this lighthouse was visible for 16 miles. In use for over 60 years, Fort Wadsworth Light was rendered obsolete in 1965 by the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.
- I. Mont Sec House** Bike along the tree-lined Mont Sec Ave, also known as Officers' Row. These stately homes housed military officers and their families. The oldest house was built in the 1870s. Stop by the Mont Sec Historic House, 112A. It is open on a limited basis. Programs and events are free and open to the public. Call (718) 354-4500.
- J. Battery Weed** At an impressive three stories high, and built during the Civil War, this fortification protected New York from attack at sea and houses the Fort Wadsworth Light.
- K. Fort Tompkins** Found within Fort Wadsworth, this area was the site of the 1663 original fortification.
- L. Verrazano-Narrows Bridge** Originally planned as a tunnel, discussion for crossing the Narrows began in 1888. After a bridge was proposed and the design nixed, they went back to the tunnel idea, and began digging. The abandoned tunnels, which only went 150 feet but still remain, were nicknamed "Hylan's Holes" after then-Mayor John F. Hylan,

who championed the failed project. (Note: There are no signs of tunnels on the Staten Island side). The project went back and forth between tunnel/bridge until talk about a bridge, under the recommendation of Robert Moses, became serious in 1946. The length of its central span, which made it the longest suspension bridge in the world when it opened, is 4,260 feet. It lost that title in 1981 and is currently the eleventh longest suspension bridge in the world, and still holds the title of the longest suspension bridge in the United States. The roadway of the bridge is 12 feet lower in the summer than in the winter because of thermal expansion.

- M. Camp Hudson/Gateway** Grab a tent and a sleeping bag and camp at one of seven campsites at historic Fort Wadsworth. These sites boast gorgeous views of New York Harbor and the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. Reservations for camp spots can be made by calling the camp office at (718) 354-4655.
- N. Hoffman Island** Built in tandem with Swinburne Island, Hoffman Island was also used as a quarantine station. Today, it's off limits to humans, but it is becoming an increasingly important 11-acre habitat for an abundance of marine birds and harbor seals.
- O. Midland Beach Fishing Pier** Fishing aficionados flock to Midland Beach to cast their rods and test their luck in the waters surrounding the largest steel and concrete recreational pier on the Atlantic Ocean.
- P. Swinburne Island** Built in 1873, this artificial island was used as a quarantine facility to house and treat ill and contagious immigrants who were denied entry to Ellis Island. Today, the island is off-limits to humans.
- Q. Midland Beach** Enjoy the sun, surf, and sand at this classic Atlantic Ocean beach. Make sure to visit the Midland Beach War Memorial which honors the late Navy Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno.
- R. Miller Field** Opening in 1921, Miller Field was the only Air Service Coast Defense Station on the East Coast. Once housing planes, runways, training space, hangars and more, Miller Field now functions as a park with baseball and soccer fields.

1 Local Dining

- 1. Amazing Deli** 643 Oceanside Ave., Staten Island, New York 10305 (718) 979-4368
Traditional deli. Hearty sandwiches and sides crafted with premium ingredients.
- 2. South Fin Grill** 300 Father Capodanno Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10305 (718) 447-7679. Staten Island's premiere seafood establishment. Enjoy an intimate meal while soaking up views of FDR Boardwalk.
- 3. Basilio Inn** 6 Galesville Ct., Staten Island, New York 10305 (718) 720-6835.
Serving up classic Italian fare with old-world charm.
- 4. Verrazano Grill** 628 Midland Ave., Staten Island, New York 10306 (718) 979-8200.
Varied menu featuring Russian cuisine and steak and seafood dishes.



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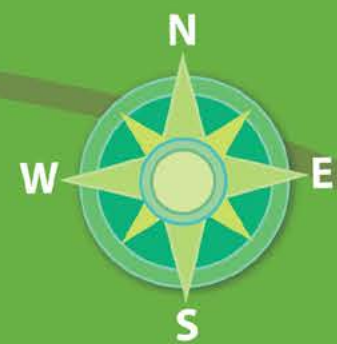
Turn-By-Turn Directions

- 1 Whether you are starting from the Sand Lane or Jefferson Ave. Wheel Fun Rentals location, you will begin your ride by facing the water and turning left to join the lower bike path, and start riding North East.
- 2 Continue on the **lower bike path** until you pass the very end of the upper boardwalk. The bike path will curve away from the beach; at the T-intersection, turn right onto USS North Carolina Rd.
- 3 Turn right onto Hudson Rd.
- 4 Keep to the left to stay on Hudson Rd and continue under the Verrazzano Narrows Bridge, and on to overlook.
- 5 Turn left onto Mount Sec Ave.
- 6 At New York Ave turn make a U-Turn and continue back on Mount Sec Ave, returning to the FDR Boardwalk by same route, via Hudson and USS North Carolina Ave.
- 7 Turn left to re-enter bike path.
- 8 At the first upper-boardwalk on-ramp, get off your bike, and walk it up the ramp. **(When riding on the upper boardwalk, stay in the designated bike lane on the right hand side.)**
- 9 The upper boardwalk will descend into the lower bike path. **Use brakes at all times, and proceed slowly downhill.** At the bottom, stay left to re-enter the designated bike lane.
- 10 Continue riding South West to Miller Field where the bike path ends. Explore Miller Field.
- 11 To return to Wheel Fun Rentals, ride the lower bike path the way you came, making sure to return your bike to the Wheel Fun Rentals location you started from.

Total Bike Tour: 7.5 miles round trip.

For a shorter ride, you may turn around at any point.

For access to upper and lower boardwalks, use ramps and walk your bike.



Wheel Fun Rentals
Sand Lane



Wheel Fun Rentals
Jefferson Ave.



Jefferson Ave.

Midland Ave.

Miller Field

Seaview Ave.

Father Capodanno Blvd.

Midland Beach

Ocean Breeze Park

Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk

Midland Beach Fishing Pier



Bike Safe!

Bicyclists 13 and under must wear helmets, NY state law. Proceed through streets and intersections carefully, yield to pedestrians, and obey all traffic laws. When riding on both the lower bike path and the upper boardwalk, stay in the designated bike lanes. Wear comfortable clothing and don't forget water, sunscreen, and your camera!

	Lower Bike Path/Tour Route		Turn Indicators
	Upper Boardwalk/Tour Route		Points of Interest
	Paved Road		Local Dining