

Sayville Ferry Service

The Sayville Ferry began the Fire Island run in 1894 with a 31-foot sloop — *The Mildred A.* Today, the sailboat has been replaced with high-speed passenger ferries.

For over a hundred years Fire Island - with its wide ocean beaches, natural forests, wetlands and lively downtowns - has been an attraction for people from all over the world.

The sounds of nature rule here where no cars are permitted and the only roads are nature trails or wooden boardwalks.

Fire Island's central communities of Cherry Grove, Fire Island Pines, Water Island and Sailors Haven/Sunken Forest, a Fire Island National Seashore Park, are served by the Sayville Ferry, which is located on River Road in the South Shore hamlet of Sayville.

Once on the island, the only means of transport is a hand-pulled wagon and the only rubber you burn is the soles of your shoes.



SAYVILLE FERRY SERVICE

Serving Fire Island for more than 100 years

A Concessioner of the Fire Island National Seashore, The National Park Service

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FIRE ISLAND

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Cherry Grove

Fire Island Pines

Sunken Forest at Sailors Haven

Water Island



Fire Island

Cherry Grove

The scene is set for pure light-hearted fun in this high-spirited and primarily gay community that was named for a grove of wild cherry trees destroyed in the hurricane of 1938.

Music fills the air day and night, rain or shine. Outdoor bars and restaurants offering a variety of entertainment line the main walks near the bay front. The day could be spent just reading the playful name plates on the cottages.

Bulletin boards announce the arts and entertainment schedules, and narrow stairways lead over carefully nurtured dunes to the wide ocean beach with its clean, sparkling sand. Dotting the horizon are timeless weather-beaten cottages and dazzling white modern beach houses.

At the Grove and the Pines

Outdoor & Indoor Restaurants & Bars
Groceries & Delicatessens
Flower Shops & Gift Shops
Hotels & Lodging

Fire Island Pines

Developed in the mid-1940s, this community, which is primarily gay, is in good part populated by members of the world of fashion and design. It is well-known for its upscale social life and beautiful harbor.

Colorful umbrella-spiked tables on the wide terraces of outdoor bars and restaurants front the picturesque harbor. Gleaming boats rock gently against the boardwalk featuring shops and a flower-decked pavilion at the ferry dock. The houses — flowered and sea-grassed old cottages or designer beach houses with swimming pools overlooking the ocean — nestle within their wooded environs.

The narrow boardwalks weave from bay to ocean dip and roll through the pines and shrubs following the natural swells of the terrain. All of them seem to lead to a view somehow better than the last.



Destinations

Sunken Forest at Sailors Haven

Considered the crown jewel of our National Seashore, this site blends Sunken Forest, a 300-year-old primeval holly forest, with Sailors Haven, a magnificent, wide ocean beach with all the amenities, including snack bar, picnic areas, lifeguards, restrooms and a marina.

A 1½ mile boardwalk meanders through the cooling trees shaded by a diverse canopy of leaves.

Often a destination for families and nature lovers this place — like no other on Earth — also offers substantive educational opportunities to school and exploratory groups.

Sailors Haven Amenities

Marina • Nature Walk • Picnic Areas & Barbecues
Maritime Forest Exhibits & Visitor Center • Gift Shop
Snack Bar • Lifeguards • Restrooms & Showers
Handicap Accessible • School / Education Programs

Water Island

Home to two hotels during the late 1800s and early 1900s catering to the likes of Teddy Roosevelt, Water Island has become a small private community of about 48 homes between The Fire Island Pines and Davis Park.

Residents prefer a somewhat elementary lifestyle. The community only introduced electricity in the 1970s. There are no public facilities, no commercial activity. A Sunday morning newspaper is delivered via ferry during the summer months.