



BEAUTIFUL BEACHES OF THE SEACOAST

SEACOAST | There's lots to do in the Seacoast area, but the main attraction is the coastline. Beaches are plentiful along New Hampshire's coastline and tourists just need to take a leisurely drive along scenic Route 1A to find the perfect spot. Here's a list of what to look for.

SALISBURY BEACH

Route 1A, Salisbury. Located just across the line in Massachusetts, Salisbury Beach offers a variety of amusements and shops, sailing, boating and fishing activities, restaurants and accommodations. Metered and all-day parking lots are



available. A state reservation is available for those who want to camp out, go boating, fishing and so on.

HAMPTON BEACH

Route 1A, Hampton. Hampton Beach stretches from the Hampton Harbor Inlet at Hampton Beach State Park northward along Ocean

Boulevard (Route 1A). Metered parking is available at a current fee of ten minutes per quarter. There are a number of parking lots that offer all-day parking for a fee. A state reservation is available for those who want to camp out in RVs. Accommodations, amusements, entertainment, boating and fishing are also readily available.

NORTH BEACH

Route 1A, Hampton Beach. North of Hampton Beach's commercial and resort strip, North Beach offers limited metered parking, bathhouse facilities and lifeguards. A great place to

surf.

NORTH HAMPTON STATE BEACH

Route 1A, North Hampton. Limited metered parking and bathhouses available, as well as lifeguards for ocean swimming.

JENNESS STATE BEACH

Route 1A, Rye. Limited metered parking and bathhouses available, as well as lifeguards for ocean swimming.

RAGGED NECK STATE PARK

Route 1A, Rye, north side of Rye Harbor. Entry Fee. Offers a picnicking area, access to Foss Beach, fishing and bathhouse facilities.

WALLIS SANDS STATE BEACH

Route 1A, Rye. Entry fee. Offers a picnicking area, snack bar and bathhouse facilities. Partially sheltered by rocky cliffs.

ODIORNE POINT STATE PARK

Route 1A, Rye. Entry fee. Park consists of 137 acres of protected coastline, with miles of biking and walking trails, a visitor center, picnic areas, a boat launch, and scenic views of the rocky coast and the Atlantic. Most of the park is accessible to the handicapped. There are no camping facilities here. Gravel beaches are found at the south entrance of the park; a sheltered sandy beach is accessible from the north entrance. Both are a significant distance from the parking areas.

Also on the site is the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point for an additional \$1 entrance fee, offering programs 7 days a week. Call 436-8043 for more information.

GREAT ISLAND COMMON

Located on Route 1B in Newcastle. Entry fee. A small sandy beach provides recreation in the water, with a large adjoining field with scattered groups of picnic tables make the common ideal for large gatherings or picnics. Bathrooms and playground on site, and is within walking distance of historic Fort Constitution and the Fort Point Lighthouse.

BEACH BRIEFS

SOMETHING'S FUNNY AT SRT

PORTSMOUTH | Double entendres, mistaken identity, and insults abound in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," playing now through July 16 at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, located at 125 Bow Street in Portsmouth.

A farcical story about hen-pecked husbands, gorgon wives, silly old codgers, lascivious young men, soldiers and eunuchs, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" takes comedy back to its roots, combining the situations of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville.

The result is a non-stop laugh-fest in which a crafty slave (Pseudolus) struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan (Philia) for his young master (Hero), in exchange for freedom. Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written — the perfect escape from life's foibles. It may be "tragedy tomorrow" but it's "...comedy tonight!"

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" plays at SRT on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$22-\$32 depending upon seating; discounts are available for groups and Senior Citizens.

To order tickets, visit www.seacoastrep.org or call the SRT box office at (800) 639-7659 or (603) 433-4472. For additional information call (603) 433-4793.

NORTH HAMPTON BANDSTAND CONCERTS

NORTH HAMPTON | Enjoy a summer of music and exciting children's programs with North Hampton's 2006 Summer Concert Series, held each week at the town bandstand, located on Atlantic Avenue (Route 111) in North Hampton. All concerts will be held on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the North Hampton School on Atlantic Avenue (east of Route 1); the children's programs will be held at the church across from the bandstand. Concert-goers may bring a picnic, or they may purchase barbecue items from American Legion Post #35 or hot dogs, beans, chips, and beverages from the Masonic Lodge. The North Hampton Woman's Club will have cookies and brownies for sale, and Boy Scout Troop 162 will be selling popcorn. Be sure to bring chairs or blankets to sit upon.

This summer's concert schedule, which began with the sound of the Spectras on North Hampton's Old Home Day, continues as follows:

For more information about the 2006 Summer Concert Series at the North Hampton bandstand, contact Committee Chairman Delores Chase at 964-6029.

Thursday, July 20, 10:30 am. Anthony Michaud performs all original children's music with his "Little Melodies" program. Visit www.littlemelodies.com with the kids so they will be familiar with the songs and can sing along. Sponsored by Caroline C. Levine Charitable Trust.

Wednesday, July 26, Islandslide brings the sound of summer with their jammin' reggae-calypso music.

MUSIC BY THE SEA

RYE | It's surely summertime again when the Seacoast Science Center begins its annual Music-by-the-Sea Concert Series, held on Thursday evenings on the lawn of the Seacoast Science Center (SSC), located at Odiorne Point State Park on Route 1A in Rye. Gates open at 5 p.m., with the concerts beginning at 6 p.m.

The following week, on July 20, the audience will be grooving to the Caribbean and Californian beach music sounds of the Corona Brothers. Then, get ready for the Jumbo Circus Peanuts — the Seacoast's favorite party band, performing July 27. JCP is a unique blend of pop, funk, soul, swing, Mardi Gras and showtunes, complete with crazy costumes.

Don Campbell brings his own upbeat, toe-tapping, independent country sound to the Seacoast Science Center with the Don Campbell Band, playing August 3.

The final concert of the season on August 10 will feature Truffle, offering unique R&B-reggae-bluegrass-soul-Cajun music.

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