



## Planning Your Visit

### Something for Everyone

Assateague offers opportunities to experience wilderness solitude, nature exploration and wildlife viewing. For more information:

- Assateague Island Visitor Center, mailing address: 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD 21811, (410) 641-1441 (press 1), GPS address: 11800 Marsh View Lane, Berlin, MD 21811
- Toms Cove Visitor Center, 8586 Beach Road, Chincoteague, VA 23336, (410) 641-1441 (press 2)
- [www.nps.gov/asis](http://www.nps.gov/asis)

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## Maryland District

### Camping

National Seashore campgrounds and offices are open year round.

- [www.nps.gov/asis/camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/asis/camping.htm) or (410) 641-1441 (press 3)

Reservations are recommended April 15 through October 15 and sites are \$25 per night. October 16 through April 14 sites are first come first served and \$20 per night. Organizations may reserve group campsites year round for \$40 per night.

- [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or (877) 444-6777 for reservations

### Backcountry Camping

Hike-in sites and paddle-in sites are available on a first come first serve basis. A backcountry camping permit (and \$6/person registration fee) are required and several restrictions apply.

- [www.nps.gov/asis/camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/asis/camping.htm) or (410) 641-1441 (press 3)

### Area Campgrounds

Assateague State Park, open April-October, (410) 641-2120 or (410) 641-2918

- [www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/assateague.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/assateague.asp)

Private

- [www.gocampingamerica.com](http://www.gocampingamerica.com)

### Area Lodging

Ocean City Chamber of Commerce

- [www.oceancity.org](http://www.oceancity.org) or (888)-OCMD-FUN

Worcester County, Maryland tourism office

- [www.visitworcester.org](http://www.visitworcester.org) or (800) 852-0335

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## Virginia District

### National Park Service

The National Park Service assists the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in managing recreation and education in the Toms Cove portion of Assateague Island.

- [www.nps.gov/asis](http://www.nps.gov/asis) or (410) 641-1441 (press 2)

### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Nearly all of the land area of the Virginia portion of Assateague Island is managed as a National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is open year round.

- [www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco) or (757) 336-6122

### Chincoteague, Virginia

Located near Assateague Island, Chincoteague offers shopping, restaurants, camping and lodging.

- [www.chincoteaguechamber.com](http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com) or (757) 336-6161
- [www.chincoteague.com](http://www.chincoteague.com)

### For Your Information

In the Virginia portion of Assateague Island:

- Pets are **prohibited** even in your car.
  - There is no camping. Accommodations are available in nearby Chincoteague, VA.
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**Wildlife** Your actions have consequences long after you leave. Feeding or touching wildlife is illegal. Respect all wildlife and observe from a distance. Assateague's horses are special because they are wild. Assateague Island is an oasis of habitat in this world of ever-shrinking natural places. Your decisions and actions will make the difference in protecting this special place.

**Pets** Pets are **permitted** only in specific areas of the Maryland portion of the National Seashore. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times! Please pick up after your pet.

Pets are **prohibited** in the following areas to protect wildlife, habitat and visitors:

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

### Entrance Fees and Permits

All passes and permits are valid at both Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia.

Type of pass	Where valid	Where to purchase	cost
Assateague 7 day motorcycle pass	In MD and VA	MD	\$10
Assateague 7 day vehicle pass	In MD and VA	MD	\$15
Assateague Annual Entrance Pass (valid January 1 – December 31)	In MD and VA	MD	\$30
Interagency Annual Pass (valid 1 year from purchase)	Federal recreation lands	MD and VA	\$80
Interagency Senior Pass (62yrs or older, valid for a lifetime)	Federal recreation lands	MD and VA	\$10
Interagency Access Pass (permanent disability, valid for a lifetime)	Federal recreation lands	MD and VA	Free
Chincoteague NWR 1 day pass	In Virginia Only	VA	\$ 8
Chincoteague NWR 7 day pass	In VA and MD	VA	\$15
Chincoteague NWR Annual Pass (valid 1 year from purchase)	In VA and MD	VA	\$30

Over Sand Permits	When valid	Where to purchase	cost
VA Only Oversand Vehicle Day Use Permit	1 year from purchase, Refuge hours, No summer access	MD and VA	\$70
Island-wide (MD & VA) Oversand Vehicle Day Use Permit	1 year from purchase 5 AM – Midnight only	MD and VA	\$90
Overnight Oversand Vehicle Permit (Includes Island-wide Day Use) Must be awake/no camping	1 year from purchase 24hrs/day except in Refuge	MD and VA	\$110
Bull Pen Overnight Parking Permit (Includes Island-wide Day Use and Overnight)	1 year from purchase 24hrs/day except in Refuge	MD	\$150

**Over Sand Vehicle Use** For more information and regulations contact the Maryland District Ranger Station at (410) 641-1441 (press 3), the Toms Cove Visitor Center in Virginia at (410) 641-1441 (press 2) or visit [www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/osv.htm](http://www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/osv.htm).