



Suggested Activities & Places: By Category

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Introduction

THE SUMMER FUN CHALLENGE IS BACK! We want Girl Scouts to keep active during the summer & to learn about all the great local places and events that are located close to home. Registered Girl Scouts from the Sandy Hook Region may earn a free patch or rocker! (Challenge may be done with troop, with family & friends, or alone with adult supervision.)

Complete 20 activities between Memorial Day & Labor Day. **Take photos while wearing your sash or vest**, make a collage & send to council.

Already have the patch?

- **2ND YEAR CHALLENGERS:** Complete 20 activities to earn an add-on rocker. At least 15 activities must be new.
- **3RD & 4TH YEAR CHALLENGERS:** only 15 activities/7 new are required.
- **5TH YEAR CHALLENGERS:** Only 10 activities are required. At least 5 must take place in a town other than your own.

For rules, instructions on how to register for your patch, and additional information, visit <http://bit.ly/GSJSSummerFun19>

Rainy Day Activities

1. **Your Local Library** (some of the larger libraries are listed below)
2. **Monster Mini Golf (Indoor)** * EATONTOWN * 749 Hope Road * 732-544-2200 * www.monsterminigolf.com
3. **Brunswick Zone Bowling** * HAZLET * 1400 Route 36 (Airport Plaza) * 732-264-0800 *
4. **Bell Works** * HOLMDEL * 101 Crawfords Corner Road * 732-226-8818
 - Visit the **Holmdel Library** (732-226-8818, Member, Monmouth County Library System), eat lunch and see how Bell Works has been redesigned into a mall & office space. An escape room and a virtual reality space are scheduled to open.
5. **Keansburg Amusement Park** * 275 Beachway Avenue * 732-495-1400 * The amusement park is usually open during the rain – if it is too rainy for the rides, you can spend time at the arcade or get something to eat.
6. **Monmouth Museum** * located on Brookdale CC campus * LINCROFT * 732-747-2266 * monmouthmuseum.org
7. **Gravity Vault** * MIDDLETOWN * 37 Kanes Lane * 732.856.9599 * gravityvault.com * Indoor Rock Climbing
8. **Huber Woods Environmental Center** * LOCUST * 732-872-2670 or 0336 * Come explore its hands-on exhibit areas
9. **Ice World @ Middletown Sports Complex** MIDDLETOWN * 214 Harmony Road * 732-856-9700
10. **Middletown Township Central Library** * 55 New Monmouth Road * 732-671-3700 * www.mtpl.org
 - **NOT** A member of the Monmouth County Library System
11. **Galleria** * RED BANK * Corner Bridge Ave. & W. Front Street * 732-530-7300 * www.thegalleriaredbank.com *
 - Grab a bite to eat in historic building, formerly a textile factory; weekly farmer's market
12. **Red Bank Armory Ice Complex** * RED BANK * 75 Chestnut Street * 732-450-9001 * www.redbankarmory.com
13. **Two River Theater** * RED BANK * 21 Bridge Avenue * 732.345.1400 * tworivertheater.org
14. **YesterCades** * RED BANK * 80 Broad St. * 732-383-7873 * yestercades.com
15. **Eastern Branch Library** * SHREWSBURY * 1001 Route 35 * 732-683-8980 Member, Monmouth County Library System
16. **Fort Monmouth Recreation Center** * TINTON FALLS * 2566 Guam Lane (07724) * 848-456-4278
17. Many of the historical buildings on our history list (<http://bit.ly/SHSummerFun18>) are indoors but have limited hours. Call before visiting.

Let's Go Hiking

1. **Henry Hudson Trail** * **ACTIVITY CENTER** * **ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS** * 947 Route 36 * 732-495-2115
 - **MATAWAN** * GPS: Use 20 Gerard Ave., 07747 (Gerard Ave./Clark St-Lloyd Road/ Broadway)
 - **UNION BEACH** * GPS: Use 214 Wilson Ave., 07735
 - **NORTH MIDDLETOWN** * GPS: Use 2 Alberta Ave., 07748 (Parking Fee)
 - **ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS** * GPS: Use 947 Route 36, 07716
 - **POPAMORA POINT** * **HIGHLANDS** * GPS: Use 369 Shore Dr., 07732 * 732-495-2115
2. **Natco Park** * **HAZLET** * New Entrance & parking lot at 401 Middle Road Call environmental commission at 732-264-1700 ext 8694 to schedule nature walk with environmental guide.
3. **GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA** * **HIGHLANDS/ SANDY HOOK** * 732-872-5900 * www.nps.gov
4. **Hartshorne Woods Park** * **HIGHLANDS/LOCUST** * 732-872-0336-RangerStation
 - Rocky Point Entrance * **HIGHLANDS** * 1402 Portland Road, (07732) * 732-872-0336 - Ranger Station
 - Buttermilk Valley Entrance * **MIDDLETOWN** * 300 Navesink Ave. (07716)
 - Claypit Entrance * **MIDDLETOWN** * 239 Locust Ave. (07760 300 Navesink Ave., Locust 07716)
5. **Holmdel Park** * **HOLMDEL** * 44 Longstreet Road * 732-946-9562 - Ranger Station
6. **Sunnyside Recreation Area** * **LINCROFT** * 628 Middletown-Lincroft Rd * 732-224-1367
7. **Thompson Park** * **LINCROFT** * 805 Newman Springs Road * 732-842-4000ext.4312
8. **Huber Woods** * **LOCUST** * 732-872-2670 or 0336
9. **Tatum Park** * **MIDDLETOWN** * 151 Red Hill Road * 732-671-6050 or 1987

Let's Eat

1. **Veteran's Memorial Park** * **HAZLET** * 1776 Union Ave. * Before heading to the park, stop at the small strip mall on the opposite side of Union Ave. and grab something to eat from the pizza, bagel or ice stores.
2. **Bell Works** * **HOLMDEL** * 101 Crawfords Corner Road * 732-226-8818 * <https://bell.works/shop/> * Have a bite to eat in Café Bell and see how Bell Works has been redesigned into a mall and office space. Limited hours
3. **Kazia Rae's** * **KEANSBURG** * 49 Carr Ave * 732-344-6126 * www.kaziaraes.online * Burgers, bubble tea & more in this restaurant located in 100-year-old building
4. **Keansburg Amusement Park & Runaway Rapids Water Park** * **KEANSBURG** * 275 Beachway Avenue * 732-495-1400 * keansburgamusementpark.com * Arcade & several places to eat on the boardwalk of this historic amusement park
5. **Keyport Waterfront** * **KEYPORT** * American Legion Drive * 732-471-0408 * Check out restaurants on nearby Front Street; many have seating facing the waterfront
6. **Pier Village/Long Branch Boardwalk** * **LONG BRANCH** * <https://piervillage.com/dining/> *
7. **Bayshore Waterfront Park** * **MIDDLETOWN** * 719 Port Monmouth Road * 732-495-2115-RangerStation * Buy some food from Jersey Joes (732.787.5779) across the street and have a picnic on the beach
8. **New Monmouth Diner** * **MIDDLETOWN** * 1887 Route 35 * 732-671-1316 * newmonmouthdiner.com * Take a photo in front of the classic car
9. **Galleria** * **RED BANK** * Corner Bridge Ave. & W. Front Street * 732-530-7300 * www.thegalleriaredbank.com * Grab a bite to eat in historic building, formerly a textile factory; weekly farmer's market

Locations with Playgrounds

1. **Veterans Memorial Park** * ABERDEEN/CLIFFWOOD BEACH * Ocean Blvd. & Lakeshore Dr
2. **Mount Mitchill Scenic Overlook** * ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS * 460 Ocean Blvd 732-872-0336
3. **Husky Brook Park** * EATONTOWN * Grant Ave.
4. **Brookside Ave. Playground** * HAZLET * Between Nevada Drive & Irwin Place
5. **Veteran's Memorial Park** * HAZLET * 1776 Union Ave.
6. **Allocco Park** * HOLMDEL * Middle Road east of Laurel Avenue
7. **Holmdel Park** * HOLMDEL * 44 Longstreet Road * 732-946-9562 - Ranger Station
8. **Keyport Waterfront** * KEYPORT * American Legion Drive * 732-471-0408
9. **Thompson Park** * LINCROFT * 805 Newman Springs Road * 732-842-4000ext.4312
10. **Huber Woods** * 732-872-2670 or 0336
11. **Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park** * LONG BRANCH * 221 Ocean Avenue North * 732-229-0924 or 732-229-7025
12. **Middletown Township Parks** * MIDDLETOWN * 732-615-2260 * <http://bit.ly/2GGPmra>
13. **Tatum Park** * MIDDLETOWN * 151 Red Hill Road * 732-671-6050 or 1987
14. **Ideal Beach** * NORTH MIDDLETOWN * 6 Bayside Parkway * 732-615-2260
15. **Fort Monmouth Recreation Center** * TINTON FALLS * 2566 Guam Lane (07724) * 848-456-4278
16. **Firefighter's Park** * UNION BEACH * 727 Front Street

Locations with Spraygrounds

1. **Veterans Memorial Park** * ABERDEEN/CLIFFWOOD BEACH * Ocean Blvd. & Lakeshore Dr
2. **Cross Farm Park** * HOLMDEL * 10 Longbridge Road
3. **Victory Park** * RUMSON * Lafayette Street and River Road * www.rumsonrec.org/parks.html

Of Interest to Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

1. **Bliss Price Arboretum and Wildlife Sanctuary** * EATONTOWN * North Side of Wycoff Road
2. **Brunswick Zone Bowling** * HAZLET * 1400 Route 36 (Airport Plaza) * 732-264-0800
3. **Twin Lights Lighthouse** * HIGHLANDS * Lighthouse Road * 732-872-1814 * www.twinlightslighthouse.com
4. **GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA** * HIGHLANDS/ SANDY HOOK * 732-872-5900 * www.nps.gov
 - Overnight Camping at Sandy Hook <http://www.nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit/camp-sandy-hook.htm>
 - 2-mile canoe cruise for ages 14 and up. Call 877-444-6777 for more info
5. **Hartshorne Woods Park** * HIGHLANDS/LOCUST * 732-872-0336 * challenging trails; group cabin camping (reservations)
6. **Cross Farm Park** * HOLMDEL * 10 Longbridge Road
7. **Holmdel Park** * HOLMDEL * 44 Longstreet Road * 732-946-9562 - Ranger Station
8. **Jersey Shore Ghost Tours** * KEYPORT (Saturday Evenings) * RED BANK (Friday Nights) 732-500-6262
9. **Yoga by the Bay** * KEYPORT * <https://www.facebook.com/yogabythebaynj/>
10. **Brookdale Community College** * LINCROFT * arrange a tour: 732-224-1857 or recruitment@brookdalecc.edu
11. **Thompson Park** * LINCROFT * 805 Newman Springs Road * 732-842-4000ext.4312
 - Canoe rentals <http://bit.ly/2s6fTzo> , archery, ceramics
12. **Huber Woods** * LOCUST * 732-872-2670 or 0336 * CADETTEs: stop by the docent desk for a Tree Challenge backpack & start earning your Tree badge. * Easy-to-challenging hiking trails; picnic area, view of Navesink river
13. **Guided Kayak Tours on Lake Lefferts** * Matawan * July 21 & Aug. 25 <http://bit.ly/2I18TTY>
14. **Deep Cut Gardens** * MIDDLETOWN * 152 Red Hill Road * 732-671-6050 Walk across the road from Deep Cut Gardens to Tatum Park and do both the same day
15. **Gravity Vault** * MIDDLETOWN * 37 Kanes Lane * 732.856.9599 * gravityvault.com * Indoor rock climbing
16. **Kayak Tours** * MIDDLETOWN * Swimming River * <http://bit.ly/2s6cWYV>
17. **Jay and Silent Bob's Secret Stash** * RED BANK * 35 Broad St. * 732-758-0508 * jayandsilentbob.com
18. **Cemetery Tours** * For the older girls who like spooky things, check out our list of historic places at <http://bit.ly/SHSummerFun18> which includes old cemeteries

Spend the Day

1. **Henry Hudson Trail * ACTIVITY CENTER * LEONARDO** * 947 State Highway 36 * 732-495-2115 * <http://bit.ly/2J4xmwj>
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3. **Holmdel Park & Historic Longstreet Farm * HOLMDEL** * 44 Longstreet Road * 732-946-9562 - Ranger Station
4. **Keansburg Amusement Park & Runaway Rapids Water Park** * 275 Beachway Ave. * 732-495-1400 * keansburgamusementpark.com
5. **Newman Springs Road, LINCROFT**
 - **Brookdale Community College** * **LINCROFT** * 765 Newman Springs Road * 732-224-1857 * www.brookdalecc.edu (Seniors & Ambassadors, take a tour!)
 - **Monmouth Museum** * **located on Brookdale campus** * 732-747-2266 * monmouthmuseum.org
 - **Thompson Park** * **LINCROFT** * 805 Newman Springs Road * 732-842-4000ext.4312
6. **Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park * LONG BRANCH** * 221 Ocean Avenue North * 732-229-0924or732-229-7025
7. **Red Hill Road, MIDDLETOWN**
 - **Deep Cut Gardens** * **MIDDLETOWN** * 152 Red Hill Road * 732-671-6050
 - **Tatum Park** * **MIDDLETOWN** * 151 Red Hill Road * 732-671-6050or1987
 - You can walk across the road from Deep Cut Gardens to Tatum Park
8. **Poricy Park Conservancy * MIDDLETOWN** * 345 Oak Hill Road * 732-842-5966 * www.poricipark.org

Spend the Day—Gateway National Recreation Area (GNRA) Sandy Hook

1. **GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (GNRA) Sandy Hook**
HIGHLANDS/ SANDY HOOK * 732-872-5900 * www.nps.gov
 - Suggestions (each activity can count as one): nature preserve, picnics, hiking, nature walks, birding, overnight camping, Sandy Hook beach, Wednesday night concerts, explore the bay side, bike & kayak rentals, ranger-led canoe cruises, beach campfire (call or check online calendar for dates), yoga on the beach (Saturday Mornings)
2. **Fort Hancock at GNRA**
 - History House, Nike missile site, gun battery, bike paths
3. **Sandy Hook Lighthouse at GNRA** * 732-872-5970
4. **NJ Sea Grant Consortium Scout Programs at GNRA** * 732-872-1300

List of Towns in the Sandy Hook Region

Aberdeen * Atlantic Highlands * Belford * Eatontown * Elberon * Fair Haven * Fairview * Hazlet * Holmdel *
 Highlands * Keansburg * Keyport * Leonardo * Lincroft * Little Silver * Long Branch * Matawan *
 Middletown * Monmouth Beach * Navesink * Oceanport * Pt Monmouth * Red Bank * Rumson * Sandy
 Hook * Sea Bright * Shrewsbury * Tinton Falls * Union Beach *
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