

Bayshore Heritage Byway
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| Abbotts Meadow WMA | Salem | The farm fields, meadows and a far-reaching tidal marsh of Abbotts Meadow attract thousands of birds and wildlife. Hedgerows provide habitat to Baltimore and Orchard Orioles, Northern Cardinal and Field sparrows. Come winter, waterfowl and wading birds hang around the marshlands and occasionally, a raptor or two. Osprey, bald eagles and various varieties of egrets also hang out here. In addition to the birds, muskrat are occasionally spotted, and their dens can be found all around the marshlands | Without any amenities beyond a parking area, Abbott's Meadow WMA is not for the faint at heart. For the serious naturalist; however, it is an ideal bird and wildlife watching site. It is also a popular place for hunters. The hunting seasons will vary by animal, so wildlife watchers should always be aware of the potential for hunting. Trails wind through the site. Fishing is permitted. | Directions: Traveling east for about 3.0 miles on CR 624 from Fort Elfsborg , Abbotts Farm Road will be on the right. Turn onto Abbotts Farm Road and follow to its end. There is a parking area on the left. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| Alloway Creek Watershed Wetland Restoration Site | Salem | This site consists of 2,840 acres of wetlands and 130 acres of upland adjacent to Alloway Creek and the Delaware River restored by PSEG to provide more fish habitat. Restoration efforts here have focused on reducing the invasive weed, Phragmites. In the fall and winter, raptors can be seen. In the winter they are joined by large flocks of Snow Geese and an occasional Rough-legged Hawk. In the spring numerous shorebird species arrive for breeding season, and in summer, Osprey fledglings are active. | Elevated observation platforms, two well-maintained nature trails, and a bird viewing blind provide opportunities to see migratory and resident birds, as well as other wildlife that inhabit the area. The first trail goes through a marsh area to the west, while the second, in the vicinity of the power lines, leads to one of the platforms, this one with views to the east and south. Two parking area off of Money Island Road are accessible and accommodate buses as well as standard cars. | Location: Money Island Road, Elsinboro, NJ Directions: There are multiple access areas. From state road 49 in Salem, travel southwest for two miles on CR658, which initially is named York St, and changes into Salem-Hancocks Bridge Rd. Turn right onto Ft. Elfsborg Rd., left on Money Island Rd., and follow it to the end. 2) From SR49 in Salem to Chestnut St. (CR 625) west. The road name changes to Ft. Elfsborg-Salem Rd, and parking is at the end of the road. 3) There is also viewing adjacent to the Hancock House. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: 1-888-MARSHES (888-627-7437) Website: www.pseg.com | yes | yes | yes |
| Burden Hill Preserve | Salem | | | | | | |
| Elsinboro Neck | Salem | In the spring, Elsinboro Neck is busy with flocks of migrating shorebirds, including the Glossy Ibis, arriving in large numbers. At this time of year, the marsh mammals -- muskrat, beaver and fox -- are also active. In the summer, herons and egrets can be seen foraging or in flight, and in the winter months, migrating birds that follow the Delaware River, such as Cooper's Hawk, Pergrine Falcon and Bald Eagle, may be spotted. | Located at the mouth of the Salem River, Elsinboro Neck offers a small beach with a boardwalk high enough to afford views of the salt marsh below. Fishing is permitted on site. A small parking area is located on site. | Directions: Traveling south on CR 625/Fort Elfsborg-Salem Road, drive through Elsinboro, past the elementary school. Continue on Fort Elfsborg-Salem Road as it curves to the right and then left. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (888) 627-7437 Website: www.pseg.com/environment/estuary | | yes | |
| Fort Mott State Park/Finn's Point Lighthouse | Salem | Located near the mouth of the Delaware River, Fort Mott State Park is well positioned for migrating birds, including ducks and shorebirds, that use the river as a guide to their ultimate destinations. Ducks and geese settle along the riverbank, while small mammals and woodland birds -- migrating warblers and other song birds -- seek refuge in the park's forested areas. Wading birds such as the Great Egret, Snowy Egret and Great Blue Heron gather in the small moat on site. Nearby Pea Patch Island, is home to nesting egrets and herons, boasting the largest heron rookery in the mid-Atlantic. The variety of habitat within the Park and immediate vicinity attracts a diverse collection of wildlife. | Fort Mott State Park, the site of a nineteenth century for and gun battery, is rich in both history and recreation. Visitors can climb to the top of the Fort for panoramic views of the Delaware Bay or look for woodland birds and small mammals along the park's wooded Nature Interpretive Trail. A shoreline trail affords wildlife viewing year-round, especially for ducks and geese, and the ferry pier provides a great vantage point from which to observe waterfowl on the Delaware River. The park offers picnic facilities for small and large groups as well as open space to serve as informal playgrounds. Pea Patch Island is accessible by short ferry ride. The nature trail on the north side of the island offers views of the nesting birds. | Location: 454 Fort Mott Road, Pennsville, NJ 08070 Directions: Heading outbound on NJ 49, the byway spur, turn left on Lighthouse Road/CR 632. Stay to the left at the triangular intersection, turning left onto Fort Mott Road. The park entrance will be 1.3 miles ahead on the right. Hours: Open daily sunrise to sunset (Office open Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm) Telephone: (856) 935-3218 Website: http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/fortmott.html | yes | yes | |

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| Mad Horse Creek WMA | Salem | Mad Horse Creek WMA covers 9,498.33 acres across three sites: North, Central and South. The wide open wetlands with only a few stands of trees provides habitat to ducks and wading birds including Clapper Rail. Winter waterfowl include Brant, Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler and Ring-necked Duck. In the spring, Eastern Bluebird, Marsh Wren and Seaside sparrow are active. Other wildlife finding habitat along Mad Horse Creek include fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, groundhog and white-tailed deer. | Mad Horse Creek offers endless waterways for paddling. A boat launch is located at the end of Stowneck Road. An extensive trail system accommodates walkers/hikers as well as bicycles. (Mountain biking permitted on designated trails year-round and seasonally on others.) Hunting and fishing are also permitted on site. | Location: Stowneck Road, Canton, NJ Directions: Traveling south on CR 623/Main Street through Canton, turn right onto Stowneck Road. Follow Stowneck Road to the end. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.org | | yes | |
| Maskell Mill Pond WMA | Salem | Maskell Mill Pond WMA totals 1,112 acres. The pond is hidden within a deciduous oak-pine forest. Green Heron, Great Blue Heron and Great Egret can be seen from the bridge, and in the summer, red-eared sliders and painted turtles bask on floating logs. Northern Cardinal and Carolina Wren find habitat in the forest, along with the occasional Red-eyed Vireo. | Maskell Mill Pond WMA offers wildlife watching and active recreation on land or water. The WMA offers boat and canoe access to the pond where fishing is also permitted. A wooden bridge at the southern arm of the pond provides a good viewing spot and can accommodate vehicles as well as pedestrians. Trails for walking and hiking wind through the woodlands. | Location: Maskell's Mill Road, Lower Alloways Creek Twp, NJ Directions: Traveling south on CR 623/Main Street through Canton, turn left onto CR 652/Smick Road. Follow to the end and turn right onto Maskell's Mill Road. After 0.6 miles, turn right after the small bridge and then left into the parking area. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.org | | yes | |
| Parvin State Park | Salem | Parvin State Park comprises over 1,300 acres on the edge of the Pine Barrens and includes three lakes: Thundergust, Parvin and Muddy Run. Trails wind through typical pineland forests as well as hardwood swamp, an unusual and diminishing habitat specific for several rare and/or elusive species. | Parvin State Park offers a variety of recreational activities. Swimming is permitted in Parvin Lake and all three lakes accommodate boating and fishing. The park has several options for camping and picnicking, and the visitor center offers nature interpretive programs. An extensive trail system winds through the park. Hunting is permitted in designated areas. | Directions: From the byway in Bridgeton, follow CR 77/Pearl Street to CR 56/Landis Street. Turn right onto Northwest Avenue followed by a left onto CR 611/Centerton Street. (Note that CR 611 becomes CR 553.) Follow Centerton Street for 4.6 miles. Turn right onto Almond Road. Park office is 2.1 miles down the road on your right at 701 Almond Road. Hours: Open daily sunrise to sunset (Office is open Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4 pm) Telephone: (856) 358-8616 Website: http://www.njparksandforests.org | | yes | |
| Rainbow Lake WMA Salem River WMA | Salem | The Salem River WMA covers 3,225.4 acres across four sites. These provide habitat to birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians alike. Snow Geese fill the sky in the winter, along with an occasional raptor, while Green- and Blue-winged Teal and Wood Ducks are out and about throughout the marshlands. Indigo Buntings and Orchard Orioles frequent the woodland areas, while Common Yellowthroat warblers call from the shrubs. Closer to the marshes, turtles hatch in the spring, and muskrat and river otter become more active. | The Salem River WMA offers opportunities for nature lovers and wildlife watchers to experience a variety of animal species. There is parking off NJ 45, and a 0.2-mile dirt and gravel road leads to a second parking lot with an elevated observation platform affording views of the expansive Mannington Creek marshes. | Location: NJ 45, Salem, NJ Directions to Mannington East: From northern terminus of byway, head south on CR 540 into Mannington. Turn left onto NJ 45/Salem-Woodstown Road and follow for approximately 4 miles. Entrance is on the left. Hours: Open daily sunrise to sunset Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: http://www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| Stow Creek Viewing Area | Salem | This New Jersey Fish, Game and Wildlife site features a bald eagle nest and provides an opportunity for visitors to learn about the state's eagle restoration efforts. | An access road, parking area, elevated boardwalk, interpretive exhibits, and a viewing platform provide a way to enjoy the eagles, the salt marsh, and its wildlife species. | Directions: From state road 49 in Salem, turn south on county road 658 (Hancock's Bridge Rd.). At Hancock's Bridge, CR658 makes a left at the traffic light. Turn south (right) at the next light onto CR623 (New Bridge Rd.) toward Canton, travel about 8 miles to the parking area on the south (right) side of the road, just before the bridge over Stow Creek. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife (609) 628-2103. Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | yes | yes | |

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| Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge | Salem | The Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge is a 2,800-acre site located just north of the Salem River in the Delaware River estuary. Its central location and predominance of brackish tidal marsh make it a critical stop for migratory birds resting and feeding each spring and fall. It is also important foraging territory for nesting birds, especially those from nearby Pea Patch Island. Supawna's grassland habitats are management to attract and maintain populations of American Woodcock and American Kestrel. In addition, sandpipers and other shorebirds use the refuge marshes as a feeding area during the summer and during the migration seasons. | Two trails through the refuge provide hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities. The Grassland Trail is located on the south side of Lighthouse Road, and the Forest Habitat Trail is located further down the road on the north side at the corner of Xmas Tree land and Fort Mott Road. Hunting is also permitted in the Refuge, though for deer and waterfowl only. | Location: 197 Lighthouse Road, Pennsville, NJ 08070 Directions: Heading outbound on NJ 49, the Fort Mott/Supawna spur, turn left on Lighthouse Road/CR 632. Follow Lighthouse Road for approximately 2.3 miles. There will be a parking area and trailhead on the left. Hours: Open daily sunrise to sunset (Refuge headquarters currently closed.) Telephone: (609) 463-0994 Website: http://www.fws.gov/supawnameadows/ | yes | yes | |
| Thundergut Pond WMA | Salem | | | | | | |
| Bayshore Discovery Project | Cumberland | The non-profit organization, founded in 1988, educates the citizens of the Delaware Estuary about the region's natural resources and maritime culture. The organization owns and operates New Jersey's official Tall Ship, the 1928 Delaware Bay oyster schooner A.J. Meerwald. Its home port is located at the historic oyster shipping sheds on the Maurice River in Bivalve which offers a window to the Delaware Bay's past and current oyster industry. The schooner travels from port to port providing educational sails and special on-board programs for school children and the public. Bayshore Discovery Project also maintains the Delaware Bay Museum housed within the waterfront shipping sheds where exhibits highlighting maritime traditions of the Delaware Bay can be found. | | Location: 2800 High Street, Port Norris, NJ 08349-3126 Directions: From county road 553 turn south on High Street in Port Norris and follow the signs to the schooner, docked behind the office at 2800 High Street. The museum is located within the sheds next to the dock. Hours: The historic wharf is open year-round; call ahead for Meerwald's sail schedule and museum hours. Telephone: (856) 785-2060 or 1-800-485-3072. Website: www.bayshorediscoveryproject.org | yes | yes | |
| Bayside Tract Preservation Site | Cumberland | Nesting platforms in the Bayside Tract regularly attract Osprey, and the few forest stands serve as a much needed resting place for migrating birds crossing the Delaware Bay on their way north. Hedgerows bordering the site provide habitat to a variety of wildlife including deer, fox, raccoon, skunk and groundhog. | Several parking areas existing throughout the Tract, including a small area and the end of the byway spur, which is also a designated observation point. The site may be best explored by canoe or kayak, given the extensive creek network. Fishing, crabbing, trapping and hunting are all permitted on site. | Location: Stathems Neck Road, Greenwich, NJ 08323 Directions: Follow the byway route taking the Bayside Tract/Caviar Spur in Greenwich. Telephone: (888) 627-7437 Website: www.pseg.com/environment/estuary | | yes | yes |
| Bridgeton City Park | Cumberland | | | | | yes | |
| Buckshutem WMA | Cumberland | Buckshutem is particularly alive in the spring when both woodland and grassland migrants and breeders are active. Acadian Willow, Great Crested Flycatchers, the Scarlet Tanager and Wood Thrush seek out the habitat provided at Buckshutem: approximately 3,00 acres of relatively untouched woodland, a 500-acre area of fallow and agricultural fields interspersed with forest stands, and an area devoted to a grassland habitat project. | The Buckshutem WMA is bset suited for walkers/hikers and hunters. Several unmarked trails weave through the site, one of which connects the two parking areas. Hunting is permitted throughout the site. | Directions: Heading south on the byway from Bridgeton on CR 609, turn left onto CR 553/Fairton Gouldtown Road. Follow north to NJ 49 for approximately 3.3 miles and turn right onto NJ 49. The entrance to the WMA is approximately 1.3 miles on the right Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. (A second parking area is located off Buckshutem Road.) Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |

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| Cedar Lake | Cumberland | Cedar Lake is home to several Mute Swan and a large contingent of Canada Geese. In the winter, Ring-billed and Herring Gulls are abundant, and by spring, the forest hosts numerous songbird species. In the summer, geese are busy caring for their goslings, and the blue-gill sunfish guards its nest in the sand at the lake's edge. | Cedar Lake has a small dock for fishing and a boat launch for canoes, kayaks and boats. A hiking trail beyond the pavilion next to the parking lot takes visitors through the forest alongside the lake. | Directions: Follow the byway into Cedarville. The lake is located at the heart of town, on the left traveling southbound. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: Website: | | yes | |
| Cedarville Ponds WMA | Cumberland | | | | | | |
| Clarks Pond WMA | Cumberland | | | | | | |
| Commercial Township Salt Hay Farm Wetland Restoration Site | Cumberland | Portions of this 4,200-acre site were diked as early as the eighteenth century to exclude tidal flow from the Delaware Bay for the purpose of salt-hay farming. Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) purchased the property in 1994 as part of a program to help increase fish productivity. Three-thousand acres of the site were modified in 1997 by creating a network of channels and inlets to support restoration of normal tidal flow and the growth of desirable marsh vegetation. The site now provides important spawning, nursery, foraging, the refuge habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms, and wildlife using the estuary. | This site includes recreational opportunities on land and water. The site includes three observation platforms, two elevated boardwalks, and a two-mile nature trail. A car-top boat launch at nearby Robbinstown Road provides access for paddlers looking to explore the marsh from the water. | Directions: There are three access points to the public use facilities; just off CR553 at the end of Strawberry Avenue on the north edge of Port Norris; off Germantown Avenue; and at the end of High Street in Bivalve. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: 1-888-MARSHES (888-627-7437) Website: www.pseg.com | yes | yes | yes |
| Delaware Bayshore Preserve | Cumberland | | | | | | |
| Dix WMA | Cumberland | The Dix WMA is an area of vast marshlands bounded by the Delaware Bay to the southwest, woodlands and farm fields to the north and east, and more marshland to the west. The fields, small woodlots and forested wetlands provide a mosaic of critical resting, nesting and feeding habitat attractive to a variety of wildlife. In the winter at least three Bald Eagle nests are visible across the mud flats, and river otter frequent the creeks, using the old dike as a travelway. The woodlands host numerous raptors and passerines, while the hedgerows between fields and favored by sparrows, warblers and songbirds. | A walk or bike ride along the old dike affords views of the vast marshlands. Hunting is permitted on site. | Location: Back Neck Road, Fairton, NJ Directions: Heading south on the byway through Fairton on CR 553, turn right onto CR 601/Back Neck Road. At the fork in the road, stay to the left to get onto Seabreeze Road. At the intersection of Seabreeze and Schoolhouse Roads, Seabreeze becomes Middle Marsh Lane, a dirt road. Follow straight to the end. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| East Point Lighthouse | Cumberland | Constructed in 1849, this "Cape Cod" style lighthouse provided Delaware Bay oyster schooners with a navigational marker to the ports of Port Norris, Millville, Mauricetown, and Port Elizabeth. It is the second oldest lighthouse still standing in New Jersey. Observe the annual migration of thousands of shorebirds in late May, when the horseshoe crabs come ashore to lay eggs. In early fall, watch for the annual migration of monarch butterflies. | | Directions: Where state road 55 ends, drive 5.8 miles on state road 47. Turn right on Rt. 740 (Mackey's Lane). Drive 0.4 mile to stop sign. Turn left onto Main Street. Drive 2.7 miles to stop sign. Turn right onto East Point Road. Drive 2.6 miles on Lighthouse Road. Hours: The lighthouse is undergoing restoration, and the building interior is not open to the public except for special events. There is an "open house" on the third Sunday of each month, April to October, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Telephone: Not available. Email: eastpointlighthousej@yahoo.com Website: http://sites.google.com/site/eastpointlighthouse | yes | yes | |

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| Egg Island WMA (Turkey Point) | Cumberland | The vast, windswept salt marsh here is dotted with hummocks of cedar trees, bayberry bushes, sumac, and common reeds. Numerous tidal creeks await the explorer, crabber, and angler. There is a large pond in the middle of the tract, which wintering waterfowl find attractive. A foot bridge and observation platform connect the parking area and walking trails in the marsh. Watch for marsh wrens, seaside sparrows, northern harriers, gulls, egrets, and herons. In midsummer, be prepared for biting deer flies and green-head flies. | | Location: Turkey Point Road, Dividing Creek, NJ Directions: From county road 553 in Dividing Creek, turn south onto Maple Street. Take Maple St. 2.7 miles to the road end and the footbridge into the wildlife management area. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife (856) 629-0090. Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | yes | yes | |
| Fortescue State Marina | Cumberland | Fortescue is known as the "Weakfish Capital of the World." The marina was purchased by the State of New Jersey in the late 1930s to aid in the enforcement of shellfish fisheries management in the Delaware Bay. Today, the marina is operated by the Fortescue Captains and Boat Owners Association. The majority of the slips contain charter vessels (both large and small). | | Directions: The marina can be reached via county roads 553 and 656 to Newport and continuing south on CR637 to Fortescue. Hours: An interpretive exhibit on the history of New Jersey marinas is accessible during daylight hours. Telephone: (856) 447-5115 Website: www.njparksandforests.org | yes | | |
| Fortescue WMA | Cumberland | | | | | | |
| Gandy's Beach Preserve | Cumberland | | | | | | |
| Glades Wildlife Refuge | Cumberland | Located along the Delaware Bay, this area is a conservation project of the Natural Lands Trust, a regional land trust based in Media, Pennsylvania. In addition to the salt marsh and hardwood swamp forest, you may find tidal marsh with interlacing creeks and ponds, farm fields, mixed woodlands, old-growth woodlands, and beach habitats. Russell Farm Trail is one of several opportunities to explore the area. | Glades Wildlife Refuge offers several trails for hikers, but the refuge is best seen by boat. A few boat launches accommodate canoes and kayaks. The Natural Lands Trust offers guided paddling tours and a number of crab boat rental companies rent out small boats. A public boat launch is also located at the end of Turkey Point Road. | Location: 261 Schoolhouse Road, Newport, NJ Directions: From county road 553 at Newport, turn south onto CR656 and then south on CR637 at the blinking yellow light. Follow the signs to Fortescue. Parking for the Russell Farm Trail is located 2.4 miles south from the Newport blinker (on the left.) For access to the dunes and beach, continue into Fortescue and turn left onto New Jersey Ave. Follow that until the sea wall along the road ends. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (856) 825-9952 Website: www.natlands.org | yes | yes | |
| Green Swamp Nature Area/Cohansey River Watershed Wetland Restoration Site | Cumberland | The Green Swamp Nature Area is part of a 930-acre wetland restoration site along the Cohansey River. Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) purchased the property in 1994 to increase fish productivity. Restoration efforts here have focused on reducing the invasive weed, Phragmites. A short hiking trail transects an open field, woodland, salt marsh, and freshwater wetland. Enjoy a variety of wildlife, from nesting osprey to feeding butterflies. A public boat ramp provides access to the water. | | Location: 666 Back Neck Road, Fairton, NJ Directions: Follow county route 553 into Fairton and turn south on Back Neck Road. Follow it approximately two miles, and the parking area is on the right. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: 1-888-MARSHES (888-627-7437) Website: www.pseg.com | yes | yes | yes |
| Gumtree Corner WMA | Cumberland | | | | | | |

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| Heislerville WMA (Matt's Landing) | Cumberland | A driving route winds through the tidal marsh boundary, brackish impoundments, salt-hay meadows, tidal mud flats, and oak-pine uplands. The Maurice River flows past the area to the Delaware Bay. Bird watchers enjoy wintering snow geese and the occasional bald eagle. Mute swans live here year-round. Horseshoe crabs spawn on the beaches during May, attracting thousands of migratory shorebirds. | Matt's Landing features an eight-mile driving loop along the dike road that encircles the impoundments. A one-mile paved bike trail weaves between the Maurice River and an impoundment, and in 2010, a new viewing platform, photography blind and interpretive signs were completed. | Location: Matt's Landing Road, Heislerville, NJ Directions: Turn west at the traffic light for the Mauricetown turnoff from state road 347 and south (left) at the next light following SR47 south. In approximately another 3 miles, turn west (right) onto CR740 (Mackey's Lane). Proceed 0.3 miles to CR616 (Dorchester-Heislerville Rd.), and turn left. Travel 2.2 miles to CR736 (Matts Landing Road). Turn right, proceed 1 mile past the impoundments, and parking is on the left. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife (856) 629-0090. Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | yes | yes | |
| Lummis Ponds Preserve | Cumberland | | | | | | |
| Manumuskin River Preserve | Cumberland | The Nature Conservancy's Manumuskin River Preserve, at over 3,500 acres, is comprised of a variety of habitats including mudflats, upland forest, grassy meadows, wild rice stands, and lowland swamps. In addition to 30 other rare species, the world's largest population of the globally rare sensitive joint-vetch is protected on the preserve. The tidal wetlands here have never been diked and thus have great plant diversity. Remains of the 1790s settlement of Fries Mill are also part of the preserve. | To hike the nature trail, begin at the trailhead located at the preserve entrance off Schooner Landing Road. NO PUBLIC ACCESS per Cumberland County web site at http://www.co.cumberland.nj.us/content/171/217/853.aspx | Directions: From State Road 47 turn onto Barth Road heading northeast. Follow to end of Barth Road. At cul-de-sac, park along the northwest side of the cul-de-sac. The trail head is marked with a blaze on tree. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 861-0600. Website: www.nature.org | | | |
| Maple Avenue Impoundments, Dividing Creek | Cumberland | Maple Avenue bisects an impoundment area that features mudflats on one side and open water on the other side. This unique setting enables the viewer to encounter a great diversity of birds and other animal life. Many Mute Swan reside here, and winter brings opportunities to see many species of diving ducks as well as the Tundra Swan. Vast flocks of migrating shorebirds stop here to rest, and Bald Eagle and Red-tailed Hawk nest in the area. | The Maple Avenue Impoundments are a popular fishing spot and crabbing spot, as well as a great place to watch the wildlife. | Directions: Follow the byway to Maple Avenue, just north of Dividing Creek. Parking available along the road. Hours: Telephone: (856) 447-3100 Website: | | yes | |
| Maurice River Bluffs Nature Preserve | Cumberland | | | | | | |
| Maurice River Bridge | Cumberland | The Maurice River is the largest tributary feeding into the Delaware Bay. It is tidal from the base of the Union Lake Dam to its confluence with the Bay, becoming increasingly brackish as it travels south and is joined by the Manumuskin, Muskee and Menantico Rivers. The marshes along the river and its tributaries boast the largest stand of wild rice in New Jersey, attracting huge numbers of migrating and wintering waterfowl. In addition, one of the state's best concentrations of Osprey occurs along the river and several pairs of Bald Eagles nest within the Maurice River drainage basin. | The Maurice River Bridge is the site of the annual Purple Martin staging event, when the sky is filled with thousands of Purple Martin get ready to embark on their southward migration. The bridge itself affords views up and down the river, and a large parking area tucked along side the bridge on the east bank offers interpretation of the river's ecology and a boat ramp. | Directions: Follow the byway across the Maurice River. Traveling south, a parking area is located immediately past the bridge on the northern side. Hours: Telephone: Website: www.cumauriceriver.org (for information on the Maurice River) | | yes | |

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| Maurice River Township Wetland Restoration Site (Thompson's Beach) | Cumberland | This 1,390-acre site was previously diked to exclude tidal flow from the Delaware Bay for salt hay farming. In 1994, Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G) purchased the property. In 1997, a network of channels and inlets was created through 1,000 acres to restore the habitat that is important to the reproduction cycles of fish. The site now provides important fish and wildlife habitat. A boat ramp and an observation platform make this an excellent site for fishing, crabbing, and birdwatching. | | Location: end of Thompson's Beach Road, Heislerville, NJ Directions: Traveling south on state road 47 from Dorchester and Leesburg, turn west (right) on CR616 (Glade Rd) toward Heislerville. After approximately 1.5 miles, turn left onto Thompsons Beach Road and continue to the restoration site parking area. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: 1-888-MARSHES (888-627-7437). Website: www.pseg.com | yes | yes | yes |
| Menantico Ponds WMA | Cumberland | The Menantico River and Ponds are part of the federally designated Wild and Scenic Maurice River watershed. These pristine waterways provide essential habitat for numerous federal and state endangered and threatened species from birds to fish and plants. The network of freshwater ponds is the result of extensive sand mining that still takes place in many of the bayshore's rural communities and provides habitat to red-bellied and painted turtles, nesting sites for the American Black Duck and other waterfowl, and feeding grounds for Osprey and Bald Eagle. | The nearly 300-acre Menantico Ponds WMA can be enjoyed by car, on foot or by canoe or kayak. There is a boat ramp on site. Trails for walking/hiking facilitate wildlife watching, and fishing and hunting are permitted. | Location: NJ 49 South, Millville, NJ Directions: From the byway (CR 670/Mauricetown Road) heading south from Mauricetown, turn left onto NJ 47 north and follow to NJ 55. Take NJ 55 to Millville. From NJ 55 merge onto NJ 49/E. Main Street at Exit 24. The WMA will be on the right. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| Millville (Bevans) WMA | Cumberland | The Millville (Bevans) WMA is almost 19 square miles and includes hardwood and mixed forests, open fields, meadows, freshwater marshes and a small pond. These habitats are home to deer, fox, opossum and other small mammals. Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawk soar over the forested areas, while Northern Harrier forage in the marshlands. In the spring, migrating Passerines arrive and Hairy, Downy and Red-bellied woodpeckers establish their territory. In the fall, the WMA is a great location from which to observe the raptor migration. | Roads, trails, and utility rights-of-way take visitors through a variety of habitats. Hunting is permitted, and there is a shooting range on site. The WMA is also home to a dog training facility. | Location: Shaws Mill Road, Millville, NJ Directions: Leaving Cedarville heading south on the byway (CR 553), turn left onto CR 629/Newport Road. After 0.5 miles, turn right onto CR 656/Shaws Mill Road. Parking area is 0.3 miles down the road on the left. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| Nantuxent WMA | Cumberland | At the northern end of the Nantuxent WMA is composed of dry mixed oak and pine forests bordered by farmland. To the south, the tract is wet, traversed by small guts that drain into Nantuxent Creek and then the Delaware Bay. Bird species to be seen include Bald Eagle, Great Blue Heron, Red-winged Blackbird, Marsh Wren, warblers, Turkey Vultures, Snow Geese and numerous Osprey. | The Nantuxent WMA is enjoyed by hunters and naturalists alike. Roads are unpaved and some are bumpy, but can be negotiated in a standard passenger vehicle. | Location: East Bay Point Road, Cedarville, NJ Directions: Heading southbound on the byway, just south of Cedar Lake in Cedarville, turn right onto CR 610/Maple Avenue. Maple Avenue becomes Jones Island Road. At the intersection with Bay Point Road, turn left onto an unmarked dirt road and follow it to the end. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| Newport Landing | Cumberland | Newport Landing provides a resting place, nesting site and feeding grounds to many of the common Delaware Bayshore animal species. A local pair of Bald Eagles frequent the site each year. Snow Geese arrive in thousands in winter, and in spring, Clapper Rails can be heard calling. Great Blue Heron and egrets forage along the banks of the creeks, while shorebirds such as Dunlin and Sanderling seek out the mudflats. | Newport Landing offers breathtaking views of the tidal creek and adjacent Nantuxent WMA. A restaurant, boat ramp and boat rental service are available for those interested in view the area from the water or in the great fishing and crabbing at this location. | Directions: Heading outbound on the Fortescue spur, follow the byway (CR 656/Baptist Road) to its intersection with Fortescue Road. Instead of following the byway to the left, continue straight on Landing Road. Follow to the end. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| New Sweden WMA | Cumberland | | | | | | |

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| Peaslee Wildlife Management Area | Cumberland | One of the largest wildlife management areas in the state -- over 33,000 acres -- Peaslee has thousands of acres of upland pine-oak forests and lowland bogs. Its longest border is the upper part of the Tuckahoe River. Old cranberry bogs and a mill are in the early stages of succession, and offer excellent freshwater marsh habitats. Discover the diverse habitats: the wooded edge, pinelands, cedar bog, hardwood swamp, scrub oak forests, sweet ferns, grassy fields, and yellow-clover pasture. | Opportunities for recreation at the Peaslee WMA are extensive and varied. Paved roads allow for a driving tour of the area, while numerous sand and gravel roads accommodate walkers/hikers as well as bicyclists. A boat ramp makes it easy to explore the site from the water, and the Tuckahoe River offers a challenging trip for canoes and kayaks. Hunting and fishing are permitted on site. | Location: CR 644/Hesstown Road, Cumberland Directions: From state road 55 exit 24, take SR49 east to county road 644 (Hesstown Road), about 5 miles. Turn left, and proceed 1.7 miles. Turn east (left) on the sand road for a 1.6 mile auto tour loop. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife (856) 629-0090. Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | yes | yes | |
| Peek Preserve | Cumberland | The 250-acre Harold N. Peek Preserve, owned by Natural Lands Trust, is located along the freshwater, tidal portion of the Maurice River. The hiking trails will lead you through many different habitats, including wild rice marsh, Atlantic white cedar, hardwood swamp, chestnut oak upland, pine barrens, and a Virginia pine succession field. Waterfowl, bald eagles, osprey, turkeys, and great horned owls are just a few of the birds that utilize the natural resources of the preserve. | At the Peek Preserve, trails lead visitors through various habitats that include pine barrens, a cedar swamp, and a hardwood swamp. Trail guides are available in the parking lot outside the entrance gate. An observation deck connected to the field office is accessible when the Preserve is open, as is a 160-foot-long boardwalk and observation platform located a few hundred yards upstream at Jenkins Landing. | Location: 2100 NJ 47, Millville, NJ Directions: From Millville, follow state road 47 south 1.5 miles. Parking is on the right, across from Lilac Avenue. From the south, follow SR 47 north and take the jug-handle at the base of SR 55 to stay on 47. Continue north 3.5 miles, and the entrance is on the left. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (856) 825-9952 Website: www.natlands.org | | yes | |
| Riverview Park | Cumberland | Although Riverview Beach Park is a mowed, maintained facility, the riverbank beach, pond and lawns provide opportunities for birds to rest and feed. Common merganser, Mallard, Ring-billed and Herring Gull may be seen on the river in the winter, while Cormorants come to the park for a perch in the spring. Tree and Barn Swallows also descend on the park in the spring to feed on insects over the fields in the evenings, and in the summer, the Peregrine Falcon can be seen flying over the river, along with a variety of shorebirds and wading birds at the southern end of the beach. | Riverview Beach Park is a large, well-tended site with walking and bicycling paths, picnic areas, a playground and panoramic views of the Delaware River. A thriving amusement park at the turn of the century, it is now a popular spot for outdoor recreation, including wildlife watching. Ducks and geese gather in the pond and out on the river, while other birds feed on the lawns. | Location: 90 N. Broadway, Pennsville, NJ 08070 Directions: Heading outbound on the Fort Mott spur, follow NJ 49 for approximately 6 miles. Park is on the left. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0570 Website: www.pennsville.org/recdept/index.html | | yes | |
| Stow Creek State Park | Cumberland | The tidal marshes of Stow Creek and the Bayshore, with dense growths of tall grasses, such as native <i>spartina alterniflora</i> and non-native phragmites, provide ideal habitat for a variety of wildlife. Muskrates, Marsh Wren, rails, Red-winged Blackbird and numerous others thrive in these fecund surroundings. Large insect populations make these marshlands a favorite hunting ground for swallows and Purple Martin. Egrets and herons frequent the shallow waters along the banks and waterfowl take to the open waters in search of food. Forests at the marshland edge provide habitat for deer, red fox, other small mammals and numerous woodland birds. | Stow Creek State Park features a boat ramp for those who want to experience the wildlife from the water and trails for those who prefer to stay on land. A small parking area is located at the end of Stow Creek Road. | Directions: Follow the byway south through Canton and into Cumberland County. Approximately one mile from the county line, turn right onto Stow Creek Road and follow to the end. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0370 Website: www.njparksandforests.org | | yes | |

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| Union Lake WMA | Cumberland | At 5,000 acres, the Union Lake WMA provides extensive habitat to woodland and water species. Bald Eagle and wintering waterfowl can be seen in the winter, while the arrival of migrating birds signals spring in the woodlands. Frogs and toads hop about and spotted turtles can be seen in the streams. | The Union Lake WMA offers a variety of wildlife viewing experiences. A large boat ramp and adjacent parking lot accommodate vehicles and trailers. A small dock provides a place for fishing or observing. Many miles of unmarked trails wind through the woods and along the lakeshore. Hunting and fishing are permitted. | Directions: From Mauricetown, follow CR 670/Buckshutem Road 4.3 miles to CR 627/Silver Run Road. Turn right onto CR 627 and follow for 3.6 miles. CR 627 becomes CR 555/S Race Street. Turn right onto CR 555/Cedar Street, and the make a sharp left onto NJ 49/W Main Street. Turn right onto CR 608/Carmel Road. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| Beaver Swamp WMA | Cape May | | | Location: CR 657/Courthouse-Dennisville Road and Gravel Hole Road, South Dennis NJ Directions: From Mauricetown, follow CR 670/Buckshutem Road 4.3 miles to CR 627/Silver Run Road. Turn right onto CR 627 and follow for 3.6 miles. CR 627 becomes CR 555/S Race Street. Turn right onto CR 555/Cedar Street, and the make a sharp left onto NJ 49/W Main Street. Turn right onto CR 608/Carmel Road. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| Belleplaine State Forest | Cape May | Belleplaine State Forest was established in 1928 for recreation, timber production, wildlife management, and conservation of water supplies. The forest stand includes pine, oak, and Atlantic white cedar. Demonstrations of reforestation are conducted to study the production of forest-related crops and the conservation of forest resources. | Recreational activities include picnicing, boating, camping, hunting and fishing, swimming, and hiking over 40 miles of trails. The staff also conducts seasonal interpretive programs. | Location: County Route 550, Woodbine, NJ 08270 Directions: From state roads 47 or 347, turn east on county road 550 through the community of Belleplaine. The main entrance is halfway between the communities of Belleplaine and Woodbine. From the Garden State Parkway, take exit 17 and follow US9 north to the intersection with CR550. Follow CR550 and the Forest signs west through Woodbine. Hours: The area is open from dawn to dusk. The lake is open for swimming from 10 am to 6 pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Fees: A recreation use fee is charged for camping and picnicking. Telephone: (609) 861-2404 Website: www.njparksandforests.org | yes | yes | |
| Cape Island Creek Preserve | Cape May | | | | | | |
| Cape Island WMA | Cape May | | | | | | |
| Cape May County Park and Zoo | Cape May | The Park and Zoo is a 200+ acre site with many forested areas left in their natural state. In the winter, the park is quiet; wildlife is limited to Canada Geese, grey squirrel, raccoon, white-tailed deer and the like. In spring, the fishing ponds are alive with ducklings and goslings paddling about, while warblers and other migratory species stop by the natural areas. In the summer, osprey circle about, and in the fall migratory birds pass through on their way south. | Recreational opportunities abound at the Cape May County Park and Zoo. Trails for hikers, joggers, wildlife watchers and bicyclists wind through forested areas, while paved paths welcome rollerbladers. Ponds offer fishing opportunities, and picnic areas provide a spot to take a break. The zoo itself is home to a variety of exotic and native animals. | Directions: After passing through Dennisville on NJ 47 South, turn left onto CR 657/South Dennisville Road. Stay on CR 657 into Cape May Courthouse. Turn left onto US 9 North/Norht Main Street. After approximately 1.5 miles, turn left onto CR 609/County Park Road. Hours: zoo open 10 am until 3:45 pm in winter and 4:45 pm in summer; park open 9 am to dusk Telephone: (609) 465-5271 Website: www.capemaycountygove.net | | yes | |

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| Cape May Harbor and New Jersey Audubon's Nature Center of Cape May* | Cape May | Cape May Harbor is a scenic spot for viewing wildlife, particularly in the winter, when few boats are on the water. In the winter, the harbor is home to Common and Red-throated Loons, a variety of sea ducks including Bufflehead and Long-tailed Duck, Horned Grebe, Greater Scaup, and some shorebirds. Commerical fish docks at the northern end of the harbor attract White-winged Iceland and Glaucous Gulls in addition to the more common species. | In addition to offering a picturesque spot for wildlife viewing, the harbor is edged by several sandy areas that provide easy water access for kayakers. The New Jersey Audubon's Nature Center of Cape May is located across the street at the corner of Delaware and Brooklyn Avenues. A must-visit for families, the center offers a full schedule of natural history programs for visitors and residents throughout the year. It includes a three-story observation tower, exhibit aquaria with live animals and touch tanks, multiple themed display gardens and more. | Directions: Follow the byway south into West Cape May. At CR 606, turn left onto W. Perry Street. Make a slight left onto Jackson Street followed by a left onto Lafayette Street. After approximately 1.3 miles, Turn right onto Washington Street and right again onto Texas Avenue. Follow Texas Avenue around to the right where it becomes Pittsburgh Avenue. Turn left onto Delaware Avenue and the harbor will be on your left. The Natura Center is located across the street at the corner of Delaware and Brooklyn Avenues. Hours: The Nature Center is open March, April, and May: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm June, July, and August: daily, 9 am to 4 pm September through December: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm January and February: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm Telephone: (609) 898-8848 Website: www.njaudubon.org | | yes | |
| Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge, "The Meadows" | Cape May | The Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge has been recognized as a national and international <i>Important Bird Area</i> . A major restoration effort has created ideal bird habitat for numerous species. In the winter, at least ten species of ducks and waterfowl can be seen on the ponds and some sea ducks on the beach. Wintering raptors, including Peregrine Falcon, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Norther Harrier and Northern Goshawk, can be seen overhead at this time of year. Mirgrant species begin to arrive in the spring, and most migrating shorebirds have returned from breeding grounds in the far north by July. By mid-August, many of the warblers are underway and make a stop at the refuge before continuing their journey. | The Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge is a haven for birds and birders alike. Trails wind through the site out to the beach and a viewing platform provides an ideal vantage point for spotting birds. | Location: Sunset Boulevard, West Cape May, NJ Directions: Follow the byway route south toward Cape May Point State Park. The Meadows will be on your left on Sunset Boulevard. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk Telephone: (609) 861-0600 Website: www.tnc.org | yes | yes | |
| Cape May National Wildlife Refuge | Cape May | Established in January of 1989, Cape May National Wildlife Refuge is one of the newest refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Located within the portion of the Delaware Bay watershed that is designated a Wetland of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention, it is composed of three divisions -- the Great Cedar Swamp Division, the Delaware Bay Division, and Two Mile Beach Unit. The Delaware Bay Division, which straddles the byway as it passes through Middle Township, supports 317 bird species, 55 reptile and amphibian species, 42 mammals, and numerous fish, shellfish, and invertebrates. The refuge has upland and lowland forests, fields, sandy beach, salt marshes, tidal creeks, and ponds. | Several foot trails provide excellent opportunities for birding, nature photography, and environmental education. | Location: 24 Kimbles Beach Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 Directions (to the NWR Headquarters): Go west from exit 10 of the Garden State Parkway at Cape May Courthouse, then turn south on US9. Turn west (right) on county road 658 (Hand Avenue.) Turn south on SR47, then immediately west onto Kimbles Beach Rd. The entrance to the office is on the left. Hours: The office is open weekdays from 8:00am to 4:30pm. The refuge is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: (609) 463-0994 Website: www.fws.gov/northeast/capemay | | yes | |

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| Cape May Point State Park | Cape May | This natural area is significant along the East Coast for its resident and migratory birds and includes habitat suitable for northern and southern species of fauna and flora. In fall, hawks are the center of attention, though at least 19 species of raptor also fill the sky at this time of year as they head south for the winter. During the winter months American Woodcock, Yellow-rumped Warbler, wintering songbirds and -- on the beach -- sea ducks are active. In the spring Purple Martins return to the area, and in the summer, the park is alive with Piping Plovers and other shorebirds, an array insects, and snakes basking in the sun. | Several blazed trails lead visitors to various pond, coastal dune, marsh and forest habitats of the park where wildlife can be viewed from observation platforms. An environmental center houses a classroom for interpretive programs and a museum on the area's natural and historic features. Surf fishers catch weakfish, bluefish, flounder, tautog, and striped bass. | Directions: Cape May Point State Park is the southern terminus of the byway. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk Telephone: (609) 884-2159 Website: www.njparksandforests.org | | yes | |
| Cape May Wetlands WMA* | Cape May | The Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA includes more than 17,000 acres along New Jersey's Atlantic coast in Dennis, Middle and Lower Townships. The WMA, which consists of various parcels generally located between the Garden State Parkway and the barrier islands, provides habitat for one of the most significant concentrations of migratory birds in the world. The area is an important stopover for a variety of shorebirds, including the red knot, more than 130 neo-tropical passerines, and 16 species of raptors. It also provides significant habitat for nesting water birds, water fowl, and rare plants and animals. | The WMA provides opportunities for hiking, fishing, hunting, bird watching, wildlife viewing, photography and many other outdoor pursuits. | Directions: Hours: Telephone: Website: | | | |
| Carol Nicoletta Park | Cape May | | | | | yes | |
| Dennis Creek WMA (Jake's Landing) | Cape May | The vast expanse of marsh grass is a striking view. Several tidal creeks and drainage canals traverse this area providing channels for marine fish to spawn. The northern harrier can be seen silently gliding low over the marshes in search of food for its young. Often the egrets and herons shuffle through the musty waters in search of food. Muskrats busily gather marsh grasses and reeds to construct their domed lodges where they may seek refuge from the weather and predators. | Dennis Creek has an observation platform and a boat launch for small craft and canoes to explore the marshes. | Directions: Follow state roads 55 & 47 south from Millville to the community of North Dennis. Watch for the intersection of CR557. Travel 0.3 miles further south on SR47 to Jake's Landing Road. Turn west (right) on Jake's Landing Road, and follow it to the end - approximately 1.5 miles to the parking lot, boat ramp, and Dennis Creek. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife (856) 629-0090. Website: www.njfishandwildlife.com | | yes | |
| Dennis Township Wetland Restoration Site | Cape May | This 560-acre site was diked in the 1950s to exclude tidal flow from the Delaware Bay for salt hay farming. Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G) purchased the property in 1994 as part of a program to help increase fish productivity. PSE&G modified 365 acres of the site in 1996 by creating a network of channels and inlets to restore normal tidal flow and the growth of desirable marsh plants. The site now provides important habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms. | A nature trail provides easy access to the salt marsh and a floating observation platform allows visitors to experience a mudflat at low tide and the center of a tidal creek at high tide. | Location: Stipson's Island Road, Delmont, NJ Directions: Follow state road 47 north from Dennisville. Turn west (left) at the traffic light with the intersection of SR347, and follow it approximately 2.2 miles to Eldora. Turn south (left) onto Stipson's Island Road, and follow it to the end. Hours: This unstaffed area is open daily from dawn to dusk. Telephone: 1-888-MARSHES (888-627-7437) Website: www.pseg.com | yes | yes | yes |

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| East Creek Pond | Cape May | The East Creek Group Cabin and Trail is part of Belleplain State Forest and is within the Pinelands National Reserve. Along the pond's edge, conifers dot the oak-hickory forest. Throughout the forest migrating warblers take refuge in spring and in the fall, numerous migrating birds pause for a rest on their journey south. | East Creek Trail is a 7.16-mile trail leading to the Lake Nummy Recreational Area and Belleplain's Nature Center. The trail guides hikers through oak/hickory forests and along the lake shore. Canoes and kayaks are welcome on the pond, and the nearby cabin can be rented to large groups. | Directions: Heading south on NJ-47 outside of Heislerville, continue to the intersection with NJ-347. Turn left onto NJ-347 N and follow for 1.8 miles past East Creek Group Cabin and turn right into a small parking area. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk Telephone: (609) 861-2404 Website: www.njparksandforests.org | | yes | |
| Eldora Nature Preserve | Camden/Cape May | Eldora Nature Preserve is the first preserve established by The Nature Conservancy in New Jersey for the conservation of insects, particularly moths and butterflies. A fenced area protects the red chokeberry, a host plant for rare moths. Songbirds and hawks are often seen among the adjacent fields and forest. | The home of renowned entomologist Dr. C. Brooke Worth is now located on The Nature Conservancy's Eldora Nature Preserve. Here, you will also find the Conservancy's Delaware Bayshores Office, interpretive exhibits, several aquariums, a display of local moths and butterflies, a gift shop, butterfly garden, and a hummingbird garden. A nature trail leads through woodlands on the way to the marsh. | Location: 2350 NJ 47, Delmont, NJ Directions: From the end of state road 55 south at the traffic light, continue on state road 47 for 10.5 miles. The Preserve entrance is the first building on the left after entering Cape May County. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk, office and gift shop open from 9 am to 5 pm Telephone: (609) 861-0600. Website: www.nature.org | yes | yes | |
| Frye Preserve | Cape May | | | | | | |
| Higbee Beach WMA | Cape May | As birds head southward in September and October, Higbee Beach is right in their path, and as they head north in the spring, it is the first landfall after crossing the Delaware Bay. Warblers flock to the hedgerows in spring: Scarlet Tanager, American Redstart, Black-throated Blue and Northern Parula Warblers. In summer breeding species include Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Prairie Warbler. In the winter the WMA quiets down, except for periodic outbursts from a Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher or Carolina Wren. | Higbee Beach is among the superb wildlife viewing locations along the byway. Trails lead to three viewing platforms affording views of the Delaware Bay and acres of shorebird habitat. | Location: west end of New England Road, Cape May, NJ Directions: Follow the byway southbound on CR 626 across the Cape May canal. After one mile turn right onto New England Road. The road dead ends at Higbee Beach. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk Telephone: (609) 628-2436 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.org | | yes | |
| Indian Trail Swamp Preserve | Cape May | | | | | | |
| Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve | Cape May | The 847-acre Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve protects a globally rare Cape May lowland swamp community located at the headwaters of Bidwell Creek. Bidwell Creek, which flows into the Delaware Bay, provides sediment to surrounding beaches and salt marsh that birds like the red knot depend on for stopover habitat during migration. Fed by groundwater, the lowland swamps are replete with a variety of natural communities: pine-oak forest, coastal plain mixed-oak forest and sweet gum and red maple swamp. Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve adjoins the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge thus extending a corridor of forest which provides critical feeding and resting habitat for migrating birds. | A narrow trail guides visitors through several habitats that include lowland swamps, ponds, and dry upland woods. A dirt road leads to the interior of the site where wildlife watchers can view a variety of woodland species. | Directions: After passing through Dennisville on NJ 47 South, turn left onto CR 657/South Dennisville Road. Stay on CR 657 for 3.3 miles. The entrance will be on the left. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk Telephone: (609) 861-0600 Website: www.tnc.org | | yes | |

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| NJ Audubon Cape May Bird Observatory, Northwood Center | Cape May | Administered by the New Jersey Audubon Society, the Cape May Bird Observatory is dedicated to perpetuating and preserving the ornithological significance and natural history of the Cape May area. CMBO offers year-round bird and butterfly watching walks, programs, and workshops. CMBO's Center for Research and Education in Goshen has a classroom, full nature bookstore, wildlife art gallery, extensive natural history information, trails, and bird feeding station. | The Northwood Center is a small house located in a patch of tall trees adjacent to Lily Lake. The combination of trees, untouched undergrowth, a small pond, and ample birdbaths and feeders attract birds year-round and especially during the spring and fall migrations. The Center is also a hub for up-to-the-minute information on unusual birds and natural phenomenon in the region. Gather local maps and brochures on local businesses, and look around the bookstore, which carries a variety of backyard birding necessities and gifts for wildlife lovers. | Location: 701 East Lake Drive, Cape May Point, NJ 08212 Directions: Follow the byway onto Sunset Boulevard. Stay on Sunset Boulevard for approximately two miles and turn Left onto Lighthouse Avenue. Turn Right onto Lake Drive after just a few hundred yards. The Center is on your Right Hours: The center is open daily from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Telephone: (609) 861-0700 Website: www.njaudubon.org or www.birdcapemay.org | | yes | |
| NJ Audubon Cape May Bird Observatory Center for Research and Education | Cape May | This site serves as NJ Audubon's southern headquarters, housing much of the research department and education and conservation staff. The Center's garden acts as an outdoor laboratory attracting American Goldfinch, sparrows and Red-winged Blackbird in the winter and Tree Swallow and Orchard Oriole appear in the spring. This is also another stop for migrating warblers as they head south in the fall. A "Model Backyard Habitat" serves as an outdoor classroom for visitors interested in learning how to attract and garden for wildlife, including butterflies and hummingbirds. | A short universally accessible trail takes visitors around the research center grounds, past a dragonfly pond, bird feeding station, and a variety of bird view opportunities. Inside, the center has restrooms, a drinking fountain and store offering a variety of birding gear. | Directions: Follow the byway south through Dennisville on NJ-47. The Center will be on your right, just south of the intersection on NJ-47 and CR-657/Beaver Dam Road. Hours: Daily, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Phone: (609) 861-0700 Website: www.njaudubon.org | | yes | |
| Norbury's Landing | Cape May | Exposed at low tide, the sand flats at Norbury's Landing are a favorite roosting spot for birds. From mid-May to early June, Red Knot can be seen flying above as they stop here to feed on horseshoe crab eggs before their 10,000-mile migration. In the summer, bottlenose dolphins can be spotted offshore and in the fall, sea ducks, like the Surf Scoter and Black Scoter float leisurely on the bay. | Norbury's Landing is the perfect spot to relax and enjoy panoramic views of the byway. It is also a convenient location to put in a sea kayak or other small watercraft. | Directions: Follow the byway south on NJ-47/S Delsea Drive through Dennisville and into Middle Township. Turn right onto CR-603/Bayshore Road. Instead of following the byway on Bayshore Road as it takes a left turn at the yellow blinking light, continue straight onto CR-642/Millman Boulevard. Drive to the end of Millman Boulevard. Hours: viewing area is open daily, all hours. | | yes | |
| Pickle Factory Pond | Cape May | Pickle Factory Pond provides habitat to a variety of wildlife. In the winter, diving ducks frequent the pond and in the summer pickerel, perch and sunfish come alive in the pond. Bald Eagle can be seen year-round, and a number of migratory birds can be found in the adjacent fields in spring and fall. | Pickle Factory is a scenic spot for wildlife watchers, particularly those who prefer to watch the wildlife from the water. Canoeists and kayakers will enjoy a scenic and serene paddle. Fishing is permitted with a license. | Directions: Follow the byway from Cumberland County into Cape May County on NJ-47. Just over the county line, turn left onto Lehner Road and then left again onto Paper Mill Road. Travel approximately 0.4 miles. A small parking area will be on your right and the pond is just beyond. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk Telephone: (609) 884-2159 Website: www.njparksandforests.org | | yes | |
| Rea Farm, "The Beanery" | Cape May | The open fields and wet woods of the Rea Farm provide habitat for a wide variety of migrating bird species. In the spring, the Farm is busy stop for migrant sparrows, warblers, vireos, tenagers and orioles, many of whom (the Prothonotary Warblers and Black-billed Cuckoos among them) remain into the summer to breed | The Rea Farm is a premier site for observing migrating birds in Cape May according to the NJ Audubon Society. Tractor paths and an abandon railroad allow access into the site. | Directions: Head west on Sunset Boulevard. Turn right onto CR-607/Bayshore Road. After 0.6 miles, turn left into the grassy parking area. Hours: Open daily from dawn to dusk Telephone: (609) 884-2736 | | yes | |

Bayshore Heritage Byway
Sites Supporting Natural/Recreational Intrinsic Qualities

| Site | County | Natural Quality Description | Recreational Quality Description | Location, Hours and Information | Coastal Heritage Trail Site? | Birding & Wildlife Trail Site? | PSE&G Site? |
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| Reed's Beach | Cape May | Reed's Beach provides habitat for a rich diversity of birds and other wildlife. Snow Geese winter on the marshes and Green-winged Teal, Black-crowned Night Heron and Great Blue Heron can be spotted at the pond half a mile down Reed's Beach Road. In the spring, thousands of Red Knot, Sanderling and Ruddy Turnstone feed on horseshoe crab eggs, and by July, southbound shorebirds begin to appear in the marshes, preparing for their journey. | Reed's Beach is an ideal location for birders or those who want to enjoy the bay view. Walk out to the end of the jetty where you can see the length of the coastline from East Point to North Cape May. | Directions: Follow the byway south on NJ-47 through Dennisville. Turn right onto Reed's Beach Road just after milepost 11.5. Continue to the end of the road and turn right onto North Beach Avenue. Continue to its end overlooking the mouth of Bidwell's Creek. Hours: Open all day, but beach access is restricted during spring shorebird migration season Website: www.state.nj.us/dep | | yes | |
| Sunray Beach Preserve Sunset Beach | Cape May | Sunset Beach, like many along the bayshore hosts numerous shorebirds. In the spring, cormorants, herons and waterfowl descend here after their flight across the bay, and a variety of seabirds and shorebirds find a great roosting place on the surviving hulk of the <i>S. S. Atlantus</i> . | During the day, visitors to Sunset Beach keep their heads down looking for "Cape May Diamonds" in the sand, but at dusk, all eyes are the horizon, as the sky fills with color over Sunset Beach. This is an ideal spot for birdwatching, sand-castle building and relaxing. | Directions: Follow the byway on CR-626 into West Cape May and turn right onto Sunset Boulevard. Follow Sunset Boulevard to the end. Hours: Beach is always open; shops are open from 9 am to 5 pm. Website: www.njfishandwildlife.org | | yes | |
| Villas WMA | Cape May | Enriched through massive restoration efforts, the former "Ponderlodge" site now hosts several habitats that attract a variety of wildlife. Waterfowl are abundant on Flynn's Pond, and in warmer months so are turtles, frogs and snakes. In the spring, two dozen species of warbler come to rest in the woodlands and shrub-scrub, and in the summer, butterflies -- black and tiger swallow tails, silver-spotted kipper, red-spotted purple, gray hairstreak -- flutter about the meadows. | Formerly a golf course, the cart paths allow for comfortable strolling, jogging, bicycling or rollerblading. The restoration of forest, grassland, meadow, shrub-scrub, wetland, and vernal pool habitats, means that there is also plenty of opportunities to enjoy the wildlife. Fishing is permitted in Flynn's Pond, the largest of many manmade and seasonal ponds on site. | Directions: Follow the byway south on CR-603/Bayshore Road through Lower Township. After 4.2 miles on Bayshore Road, turn right onto Shawmont Avenue and continue 0.2 miles to the parking area. Hours: Open daily, 5 am to 9 pm Telephone: (609) 984-0547 Website: www.njfishandwildlife.org | | yes | |
| * Within 8 miles of byway but on Atlantic Coast. | | | | | | | |