

The Rossi Family Long Island Picture Book



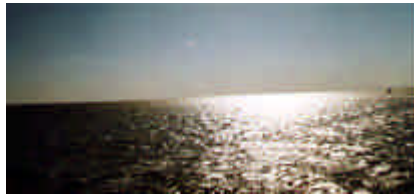
Welcome to Smith Point County Park in Shirley, NY. This park is located on Fire Island. Fire Island is the barrier beach that protects Long Island from the Atlantic Ocean. In this picture you are looking west. To the left is the ocean and to the right is the Great South Bay. Erosion is a tremendous problem and threatens both Fire Island and Long Island.

Fall, is a wonderful time to visit the many beaches of Long Island. the "North Shore" of Long Island is pictured here. You will notice that the beach is very rocky. This is in stark contrast to the "South Shore" beaches which border the ocean, they are sandy. Long Island was formed during the last ice age. As the ice retreated north, sand and rock were left behind. This particular shot is from a beach in Shoreham, NY (Right down the street from the decommissioned Nuclear power plant that was built and then never used, but that's another story).



Our Great Friend Santa is a frequent visitor to Central Islip (His reindeer are very sloppy eaters).

Each year the local volunteer fire department is kind enough to bring Santa around on the top of one of their many fire trucks. Sirens blaring, the children are all very happy to see the "big guy"



Sunset on the Great South Bay. This is your view on the ferry ride home from the Fire Island National Sea Shore. After a long day on the hot beach, the ride home is refreshing, invigorating and very peaceful.

Sands Point Preserve in Port Washington, NY, hosts an annual renaissance fair. Here we have the joust competition.



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This is our home in Central Islip, New York. As you can see, the houses are pretty close together. This is similar to many neighborhoods on Long Island.

Long Island is a major stop on the migration path of Ducks and Swans. These are among the few remaining species of wild animals that still call Long Island home.



In case you are wondering what native Long Islanders do for fun . . .



Long Island is home to a great many very beautiful parks. This picture is of one of the ponds at the Bayard-Cutting Arboretum in Great River.



This is a shot of the Great South Bay as seen from the town of Bayport. The Great South Bay is the body of water which lies between Long Island and it's barrier beach Fire Island.



These pictures are of the "Long Island Steamers". This is a local group which has set up a very impressive large gauge train layout in South haven Park (Shirley, NY) . Several weekends over the summer they open the facility to the kids of the area, offering rides for a small donation.



This picture is also from the Bayard-Cutting Arboretum. You see here, some of the local duck population. In the background is the Connetquot River.