

Floyd Bennett Field

Gateway
National Recreation Area

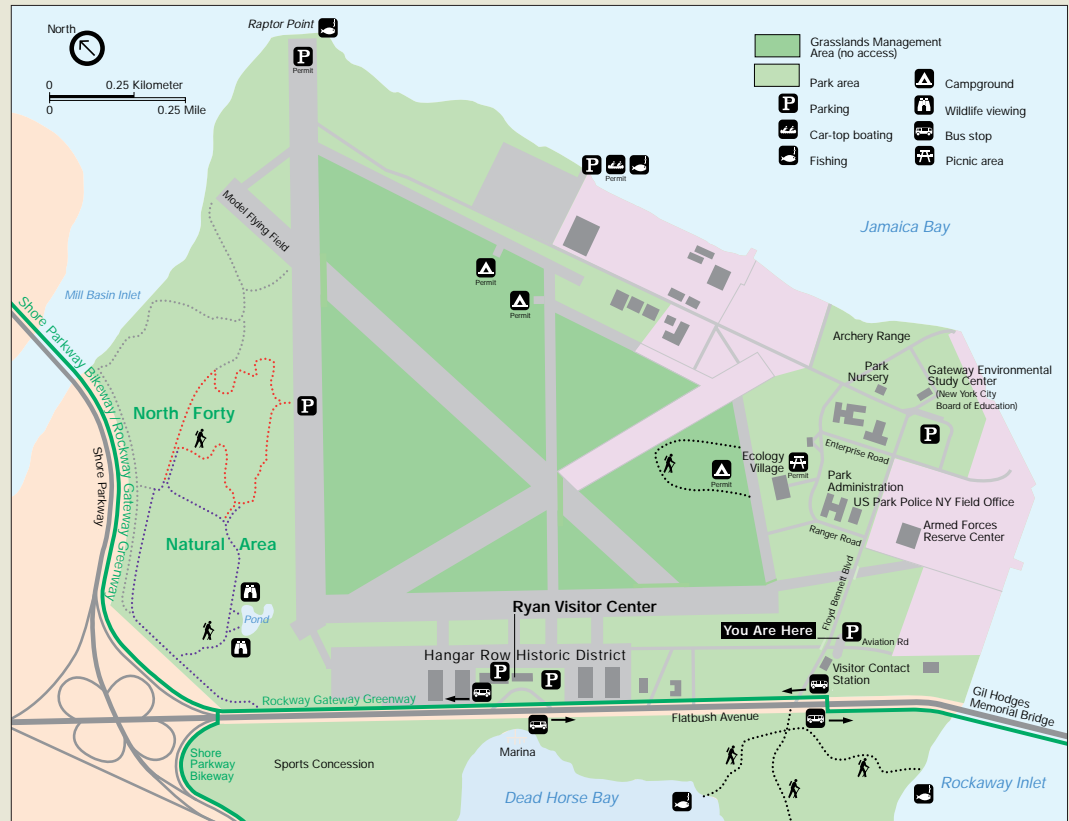
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Recreation Opportunities

Floyd Bennett Field is part of Gateway National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service. Here the park preserves a historic 1930s airfield, with control tower, hangars, and long runways that allowed pioneering long-distance flights.

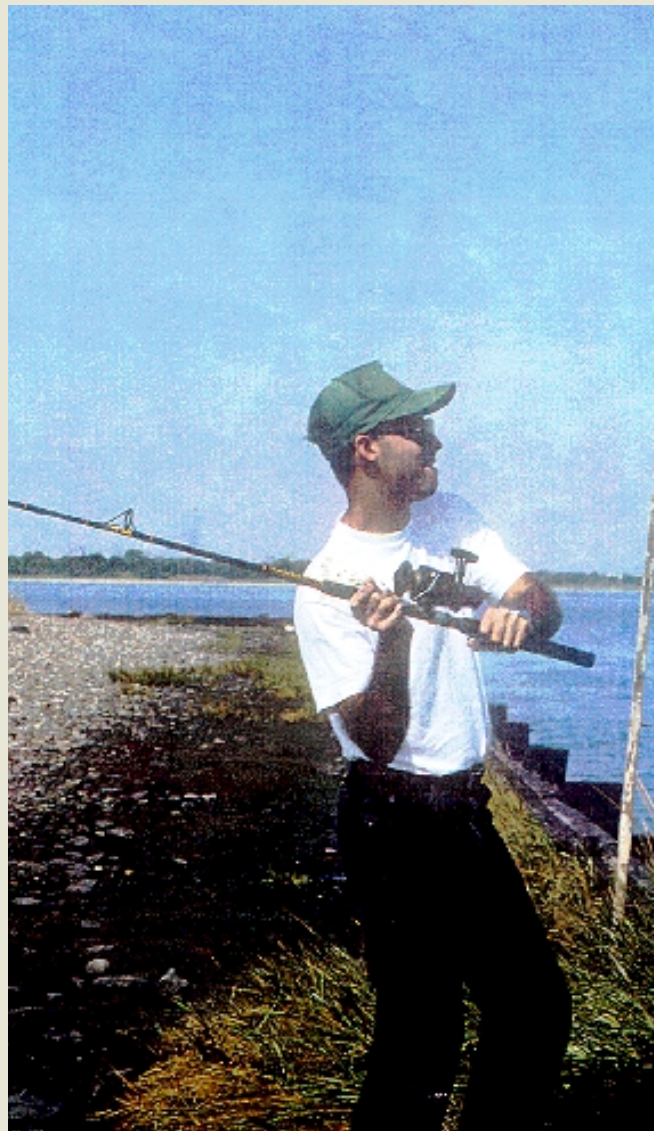
There are pockets of wilderness around the airfield's concrete expanse. Nature trails wind through young coastal forest inhabited by surprisingly diverse wildlife. Bike trails connect with Rockaway Gateway Greenway. And almost surrounding Floyd Bennett Field are Jamaica Bay and Rockaway Inlet, with opportunities for fishing, birding, or simply contemplating these rare open spaces in the midst of high-density urban development.

Archery, gardening, and many other activities at Floyd Bennett Field require permits. For permits or more information, please ask a ranger or visit the Ryan Visitor Center.



Regulations & Safety

- In an emergency, contact the US Park Police office (see map) or call 718-338-3988.
- The field is open from dawn to dusk only, except by permit.
- Pets must be leashed at all times.
- Do not enter the Grassland Management Areas; critical habitat is being restored.
- No swimming in waters surrounding Floyd Bennett Field. There are underwater hazards and no lifeguards.
- Permits are required for some activities. Check at the visitor center or contact a ranger.
- Camping by group permit only.
- For your safety, do not enter any unoccupied buildings without National Park Service escort.
- Fish size and number limits are enforceable at all locations within the park.



Fisherman at Raptor Point.



Model plane enthusiasts



Gardening at the Community Garden



Archers practicing at Ranger Road