



## BEAUTIFUL BEACHES OF THE SEACOAST

SEACOAST | There's lots to do in the Seacoast area, but the main attraction is the coastline. Beaches are plentiful along New Hampshire's coastline and tourists just need to take a leisurely drive along scenic Route 1A to find the perfect spot. Here's a list of what to look for.

### SALISBURY BEACH

Route 1A, Salisbury. Located just across the line in Massachusetts, Salisbury Beach offers a variety of amusements and shops, sailing, boating and fishing activities, restaurants and accommodations. Metered and all-day parking lots are



available. A state reservation is available for those who want to camp out, go boating, fishing and so on.

### HAMPTON BEACH

Route 1A, Hampton. Hampton Beach stretches from the Hampton Harbor Inlet at Hampton Beach State Park northward along Ocean

Boulevard (Route 1A). Metered parking is available at a current fee of ten minutes per quarter. There are a number of parking lots that offer all-day parking for a fee. A state reservation is available for those who want to camp out in RVs. Accommodations, amusements, entertainment, boating and fishing are also readily available.

### NORTH BEACH

Route 1A, Hampton Beach. North of Hampton Beach's commercial and resort strip, North Beach offers limited metered parking, bathhouse facilities and lifeguards. A great place to

surf.

### NORTH HAMPTON STATE BEACH

Route 1A, North Hampton. Limited metered parking and bathhouses available, as well as lifeguards for ocean swimming.

### JENNESS STATE BEACH

Route 1A, Rye. Limited metered parking and bathhouses available, as well as lifeguards for ocean swimming.

### RAGGED NECK STATE PARK

Route 1A, Rye, north side of Rye Harbor. Entry Fee. Offers a picnicking area, access to Foss Beach, fishing and bathhouse facilities.

### WALLIS SANDS STATE BEACH

Route 1A, Rye. Entry fee. Offers a picnicking area, snack bar and bathhouse facilities. Partially sheltered by rocky cliffs.

### ODIORNE POINT STATE PARK

Route 1A, Rye. Entry fee. Park consists of 137 acres of protected coastline, with miles of biking and walking trails, a visitor center, picnic areas, a boat launch, and scenic views of the rocky coast and the Atlantic. Most of the park is accessible to the handicapped. There are no camping facilities here. Gravel beaches are found at the south entrance of the park; a sheltered sandy beach is accessible from the north entrance. Both are a significant distance from the parking areas.

Also on the site is the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point for an additional \$1 entrance fee, offering programs 7 days a week. Call 436-8043 for more information.

### GREAT ISLAND COMMON

Located on Route 1B in Newcastle. Entry fee. A small sandy beach provides recreation in the water, with a large adjoining field with scattered groups of picnic tables make the common ideal for large gatherings or picnics. Bathrooms and playground on site, and is within walking distance of historic Fort Constitution and the Fort Point Lighthouse.

## BEACH BRIEFS

### BREAK THE GRIP OF THE RIP

SEACOAST | Beach season is here! This year, stay safe when swimming by learning to "Break the Grip of the Rip."

Rip currents are strong ocean currents that can pull people away from shore, sweeping even the strongest swimmers out to sea. To raise awareness about this dangerous phenomenon, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) second annual Rip Current Awareness Week kicks off on Sunday, June 4.

New Hampshire Sea Grant, a NOAA program, is working to educate the public on the dangers of rip currents. For a free informational brochure explaining how rip currents form — and what to do if swept up in one — contact NH Sea Grant Communications at (603) 749-1565; e-mail [kirsten.weir@unh.edu](mailto:kirsten.weir@unh.edu); or visit [www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov](http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov).

### SAILING SCHOOL FOR KIDS

NEWBURYPORT | The American Yacht Club (AYC) in Newburyport will be conducting their Newburyport Summer Sailing Program for children age 10-18. Instruction is for beginner to advanced levels.

The available two week sessions for beginner and intermediate levels 1 and 2 are scheduled for afternoons from 1-4 p.m. Session 1 runs from July 10-21; Session 2 runs from July 24 through August 4. Session 4 for level 3-advanced runs August 7-18, also from 1-4 p.m.

Fees are \$260 for non-members or \$220 for AYC members. For an application or more information, visit [www.AmericanYachtClub.org](http://www.AmericanYachtClub.org) and click on "Sailing School," or call Sue at (603) 474-9644.

### 'BABES' AT THE PLAYHOUSE

AMESBURY | The Valley Players will present "Baubles, Bangles, and Babes!" playing now through June 18 at the Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theatre, located at 194 Main Street in Amesbury.

This Burlesque show is a great revival of the classic song, dance and comedy routines of Broadway, a happy time when folks were just a little bit naughty but very nice.

Performances are Thursdays with dinner at 6 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m./8:30 p.m.; and two performances on Sundays at 12 p.m./1:30 p.m., and at 5 p.m./6:30 p.m.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Amesbury Playhouse at (978)-388-9444. For additional information visit [www.amesburyplayhouse.com](http://www.amesburyplayhouse.com).

### SOMETHING'S FUNNY AT SRT

PORTSMOUTH | Double entendres, mistaken identity, and insults abound in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," playing now through July 16 at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, located at 125 Bow Street in Portsmouth.

A farcical story about hen-pecked husbands, gorgon wives, silly old codgers, lascivious young men, soldiers and eunuchs, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" takes comedy back to its roots, combining the situations of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville.

The result is a non-stop laugh-fest in which a crafty slave (Pseudolus) struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan (Philia) for his young master (Hero), in exchange for freedom. Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written — the perfect escape from life's foibles. It may be "tragedy tomorrow" but it's "...comedy tonight!"

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" plays at SRT on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$22-\$32 depending upon seating; discounts are available for groups and Senior Citizens.

To order tickets, visit [www.seacoastrep.org](http://www.seacoastrep.org) or call the SRT box office at (800) 639-7659 or (603) 433-4472. For additional information call (603) 433-4793.

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