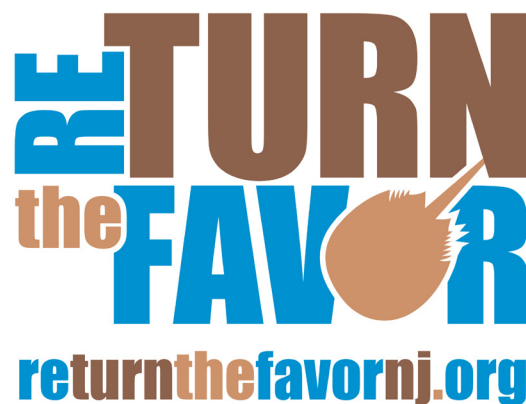


Pierces Point Beach



2023 By the Numbers

Overturned Crabs: 854
Man-made Impingement: 73
Natural- Impingement: 2,905
Natural- Overwashed: 0

Total Rescued Crabs: 3,832
Total Rescue Walks: 30
Total Crabs per Walk: 127.7

Beach Information

Total Distance – 0.72 km

- Section 1- 0.09 km:** The first section of this beach is a large overwash area that goes back into the marsh. Before new sand in 2021, this area would have large numbers of crabs stranded.
- Section 2- 0.33 km:** This is the main section of the beach. it is mostly free of hazards but there is some rubble (old bulkhead) that occasionally trap crabs. If crabs are rescued in the intact bulkheads with houses, that is Section 2.
- Section 3- 0.28 km:** This is the farthest north section of the beach. There is an shoal/overwash area that juts out into the bay. Additionally with the creek behind the beach here, there are often crabs that get stuck in the marsh.

● Key Hazard Areas

Closed: All of this beach is closed from May 7-June 7

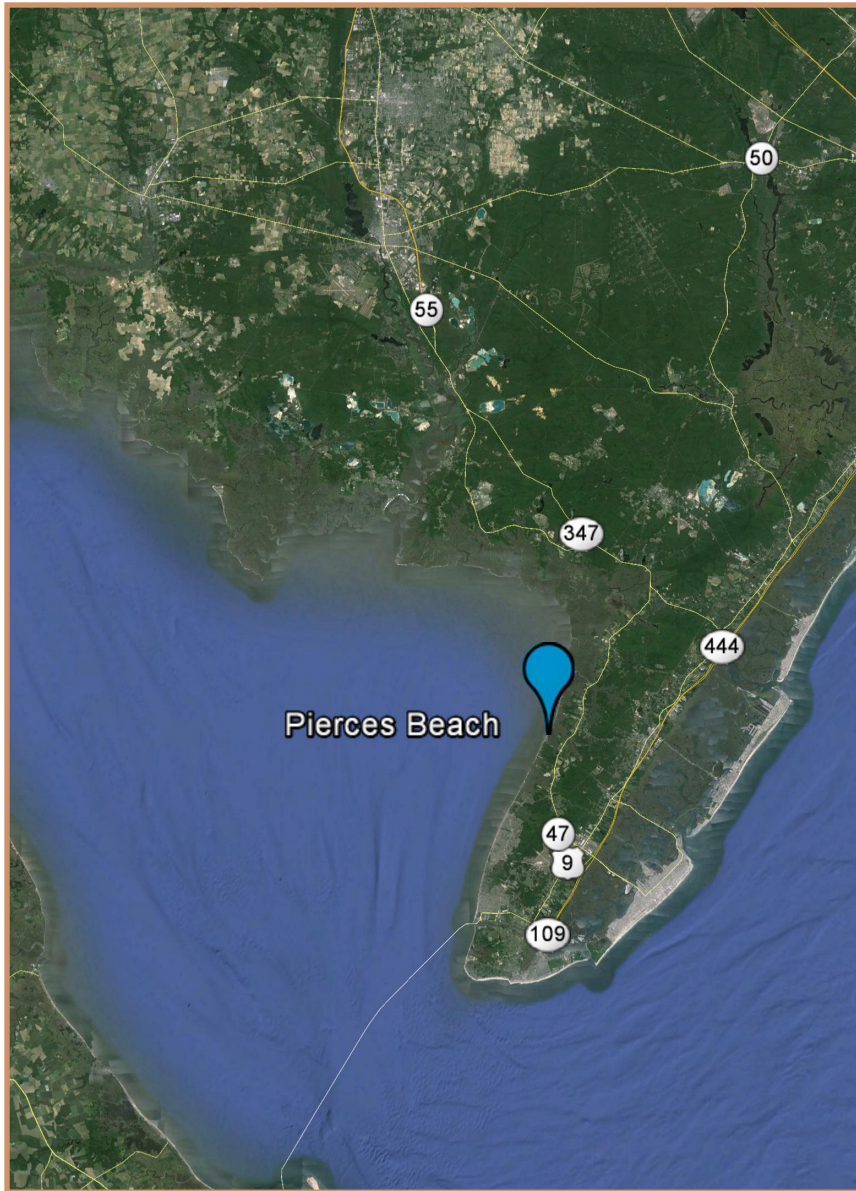
Sponsoring Organization: Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ

Ownership: Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, State of New Jersey, private ownership, Township of Middle in front of homes,

Other activities: Horseshoe crab spawning surveys and tagging, horseshoe crab egg density surveys, shorebird research. **Sand replenishment in 2021 along entire beach creating new berms to prevent crab strandings in three overwash areas.**

Known impingement hazards: Most of the rescues here will be overturned crabs but occasionally there will be crabs stranded in the marsh at the northern part of the beach and on pilings along on the beach.

Crabs stranded in overwash: If the next high tide will reach the crabs, leave them where they are. If the next high tide will be receding, rescue the crabs as they can dry out in the overwash areas.



Directions:

From Route 47: Turn onto Pierces Point Road. From the north the road will be just past King Nummy Trail Campground. From the south, if you pass the Campground, you have gone too far. Follow the road until it dead ends at the end of the street. There is some parking here at the beach entrance.



In the background of this photo is a former overwash area that can strand horseshoe crabs. In April 2021, sand was added to the beach to replenish the dune and preventing crabs from reaching the old overwash area. Continue to check this area carefully.



Sand replenishment occurred in several areas of the beach in 2021.

Safety:

Be courteous to residents and properties when parking and conversing near homes, especially at night. Neighbors and wildlife (terrapins) appreciate when you follow speed limits. Obey ALL private property signs.

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