

East Point Beach



2024 By the Numbers

Overtured Crabs: 2,410

Man-made Impingement: 6,321

Natural Impingement: 2,861

Natural Overwashed: 795

Total Rescued Crabs: 12,387

Rescue Walks: 43

Total Crabs per Walk: 288.1



Beach Information

Total Distance – 1.22 km

0.35 km Beach 1: Boat ramp, boulders, and north of the boat ramp. The boulders should be called bin blocks/rip rap on data sheet. Only accessible on very low tides. Help often needed after very high tide.

0.25 km Beach 2: South of boat ramp and in front of lighthouse. There is a geotube in this area that can trap crabs. **Do not walk on the geotubes.** Best to access on a low tide.

0.19 km Beach 3: Three sections of open beach between houses. Do not go in front of or under homes.

0.45 km Beach 4: Burlantic Forest/Heislerville WMA, east of the houses. Be aware of potential strandings in marsh and the rip rap wall.

- Boat Ramp and boulders (include in Beach 1)
- Dangerous Area - **Do not rescue here.**
- Access the beach via private property. Be sure to keep identification visible.

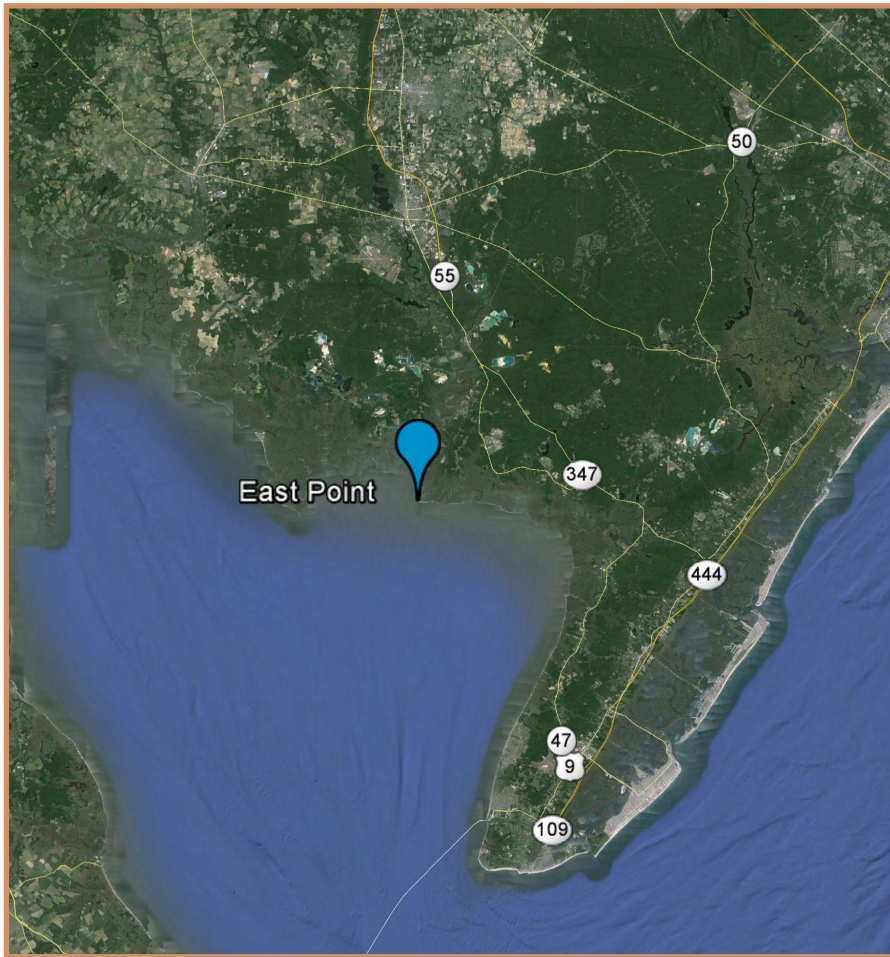
Closed/Open: Beach is open, but if large flocks of shore-birds are present please do not disturb.

Sponsoring Organization: CU Maurice River

Ownership: State, Private

Other activities: Highly visited historic lighthouse. The lighthouse has recently been restored, must visit.

Safety and Other issues: Be cautious when scrambling to rescue, there are many hazards including waves, sharp rubble, slippery rubble, loose boulders, sharp metal objects. A particularly difficult area is marked with a purple circle. If you rescue crabs in this area you do so at your own risk.



Directions:

From South: Take NJ-47 N. When NJ-347 N splits with NJ-47 N, turn left to follow NJ-47-N. From the split, travel 5.7 miles to Glade Rd. Turn left onto Glade Rd, continue onto E Point Rd.

From North: Follow NJ-55 S to NJ-47 S in Maurice River. Stay on NJ-47 S where road splits into NJ-347 S and NJ-47 S. From the split, travel 5.3 miles to Glade Rd. Turn right onto Glade Rd, continue onto E Point Rd.

Before road ends, turn right onto Lighthouse Rd. The lighthouse will be on your left and the boat ramp in front of you. Parking area is near boat ramp. When covering Beach 4 and 5, try to walk because parking is limited. If you do drive park on the north side of Bay Rd, off the road.

Note: There are multiple ways to get to East Point Lighthouse. These directions have the fewest turns for people new to the area.

IMPORTANT: Do not walk on the geotubes. With this restriction, access may be best at low tide in that area.

Known impingement hazards:

1. The **boat ramp** and large boulders is a common hazard, please check carefully. These are in Beach 1.
2. There has been recent **restoration work** to slow down erosion of the Point. This work involved burying a geotube and building a dune. Please check the dune area around the parking lot and in front of lighthouse for impingements in the artificial structures from this work. This is in Beach 2.
3. Many crabs get stuck in plants that wash up from the bay and are left at the high tide line. They can get stuck under this and cannot get out. This line of plants and woody debris is called the **wrack line and is considered a natural impingement**.
4. With really high tides the crabs get washed up on to the eroded **peat/marsh area** to the north of the boat ramp and even into the marsh surrounding the lighthouse. Overwash also happens on Beach 4.
5. Beaches on Bay Avenue are between houses. Do not go on to the private properties including under the houses or between the house and bay. One exception is to access the first small beach, we have permission to cross private property.

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Watch for nesting Oystercatchers in Section 4.



New boulders in Beach 1 near boat ramp.



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