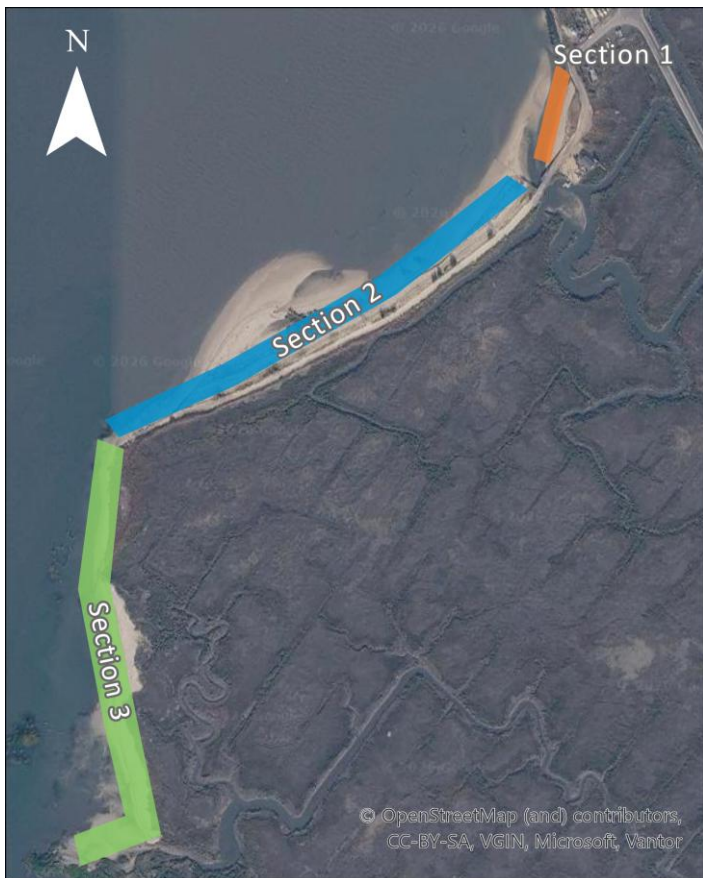


Money Island

Access: Difficult Walkability: Moderate Effort: Moderate

***Only recommended for volunteers with experience at this site!**



Beach Information

Access: Open

Sponsoring Organization: Horseshoe Crab Recovery Coalition

Ownership: State, The Nature Conservancy, Downe Township, Private

Other Activities: ERDG Community Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary, horseshoe crab egg density surveys, American Oystercatcher research, oyster reef restoration projects, Blue Acres Project, large-scale beach restoration project

Beach Sections

Total Distance: 0.51 mile

Section 1 – 0.05 mi: Small beach just before the bridge.

Section 2 – 0.26 mi: Main stretch of beach after the bridge where the homes were demolished. This section of beach was restored.

Section 3 – 0.2 mi: Starts where the beach makes a sharp turn and ends at the marsh.

Known Impingements

2025 Summary

Total rescued crabs	4,282
Total rescue walks	24
Total crabs per walk	178.4
Overturned crabs	2,166
Impingements	2,116
Bin blocks/riprap	993
Natural - Veg/peat below high tide line	783
Rubble	85
Jetty/groin	81
Natural - Overwash	74
Unknown	51
Natural - Veg/peat above high tide line	24
Other	10
House	8
Marine debris	7

Directions:

From South: While heading North on Rt 553/Main St, turn left on to 732/Methodist Rd just after the Downe Township Municipal Building. Where Rt. 732 meets Landing Rd and Baptist Rd, turn left. Make a quick left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From North: Follow 553 South from Cedarville to Rt. 629. Turn right onto Rt. 629. Turn right at the T onto Rt. 656/Baptist Rd. Travel one long block to turn left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From Millville/Rt. 55/Rt 49: Turn off Rt. 49 onto Cedarville Rd (Cedar St) at the blinker just west of the Maurice River Bridge in Millville. Follow Cedarville Rd past the airport across Buckshutem Rd and shortly after take the left fork at the 'big oak tree' onto Newport-Centre Grove Rd/Rt. 629. Continue on this road, crossing over Rt. 553. When the road ends at Rt. 656/Baptist Rd, turn right. Travel one long block to turn left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From the blinker for Fortescue Rd: Once on Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 travel to the split at Rt. 643/Newport Rd and Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637. Take the slight right for Rt. 643 toward Money Island and Gandy's Beach. After a few miles, bear right to continue on Money Island Rd/Rt. 643. Travel to the end of the road at the Money Island Marina.

Parking:

DO NOT drive across the bridge at the start of Section 2. The road is covered in deep sand and is eroded. Park before the bridge and walk. See map for parking area, numbered in order of preference for us.



Private Property Concerns

The peat outcrop, rip rap, rubble and marsh surrounding the marina are private property and we **DO NOT** have permission to access!

The beginning of Section 1 starts at the large rope line at the northern end. **DO NOT** cross under the rope to rescue crabs.

In Section 1 close to the marina, **DO NOT** access this beach under the osprey nest. Go to the other end closer to the bridge for access. **DO NOT** use the stairs pictured below as they are private property we **DO NOT** have permission to use. Please obey all private property signs.



Do not go under this to rescue crabs. Section 1 starts at the rope and continues south.



Do not use these stairs to access beach. They are private property that we **DO NOT** have permission to use.

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