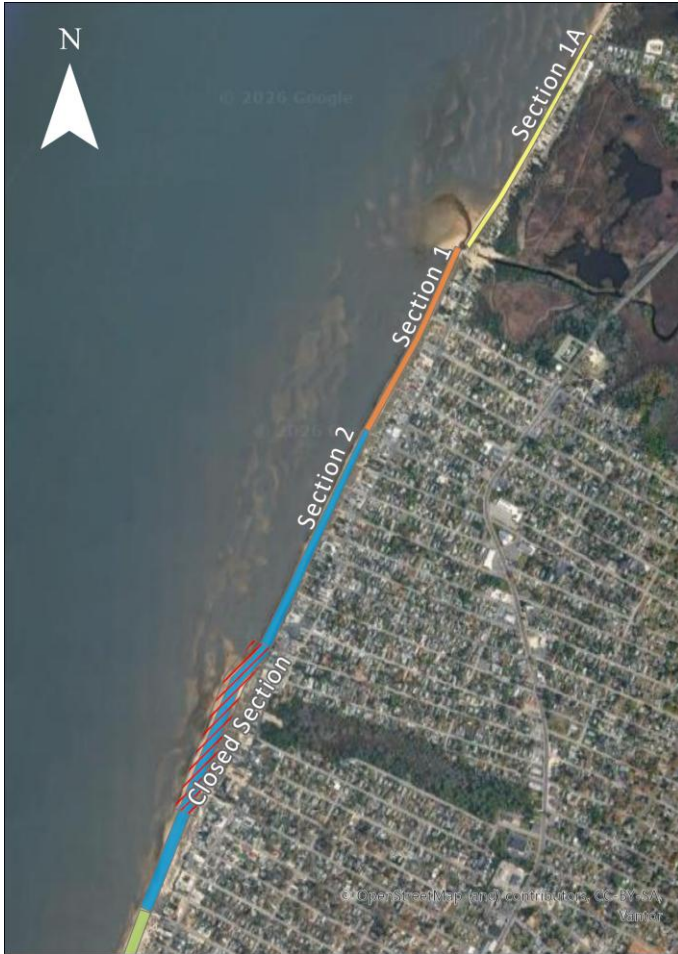


Villas Beach



Access: Easy Walkability: Easy Effort: Moderate
Many overturned crabs, residents often rescue here



Beach Information

Access: One portion closed May 7 - June 7 (closed area in red)

Sponsoring Organization: The Wetlands Institute
Ownership: Lower Township, NJ Natural Lands Trust
Other Activities: Horseshoe crab spawning surveys, shorebird research, horseshoe crab egg density surveys

Northern Sections

Total Distance: 1.73 miles

Section 1A – 0.43 mi: Starting at the end of the homes in Villas at Fishing Creek and heading north to Eldredge Avenue.

Section 1 – 0.37 mi: Starting at Schellinger Avenue and heading north to the end of the homes in Villas at Fishing Creek.

Section 2 – 0.93 mi: Starting at Pinetree Avenue and heading north to Schellinger Avenue. A portion of this section (**Rose Lane to New Jersey Avenue**) is closed May 7 – June 7.

Known Impingements

Most of the hazards are from the many **outfall pipes** along this beach. Crabs are often trapped and barely visible underneath wooden support structures or the pipe itself. A small trowel can be helpful for digging around trapped crabs.

2025 Summary

Total rescued crabs	20,723
Total rescue walks	97
Total crabs per walk	213.6
Overturned crabs	19,948
Impingements	775
Outfall pipes	410
Natural - Overwash	301
House	53
Marine debris	4
Rubble	4
Jetty/groin	1
Natural - Veg/peat above high tide line	1
Natural - Veg/peat below high tide line	1

Southern Sections

Total Distance: 1.97 miles

Section 3 – 0.61 mi: Starting at Village Road and heading north to Pinetree Avenue.

Section 4 – 0.64 mi: Starting at Mistletoe Road and heading north to Village Road.

Section 5 – 0.72 mi: Starting at Pinewood Road and heading north to Mistletoe Road.

Directions:

From Route 47: Make a right (from the north) or left (from the south) onto Bayshore Road (Route 603). Continue on Bayshore Road until the next blinking light and take the left to continue south on Bayshore. Follow Bayshore over the marsh into Villas.

Parking:

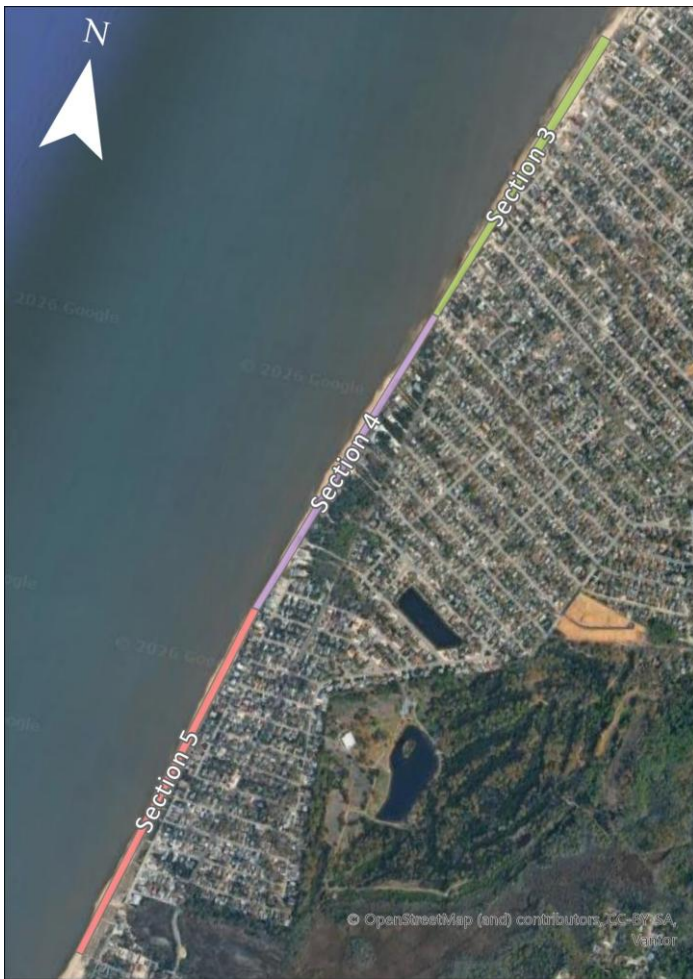
There is parking access at most road ends where you can access the beach from Bayshore Road.

Safety:

The outfall pipes are slippery when wet so avoid walking on top of them. If walking at night personal safety is a consideration as beach access is available from almost every street end. Bring a friend!

Courtesy:

This is a densely populated area. Please be courteous to residents and property when parking and conversing near homes, especially at night.



Outfall pipe on Villas Beach.



Crab stuck in wooden structure of outfall pipe.

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