

Connecticut Coastal Access Guide

Long Beach

Oak Bluff Drive Stratford, CT 06497



Site Description: Nestled between Long Island Sound and the Great Meadows tidal marsh it shelters, Long Beach, at a little over 1 mile in length, is one of the longest barrier beaches in Connecticut. A stroll along the beach surrounds the visitor with dunes, the Great Meadows Marsh and the open waters of the Sound. Many species of shorebirds and waterfowl can be found here, including the 'threatened' Piping plover that nests throughout the summer on the western part of this beach near Pleasure Beach. These birds nest both on the beach and the sandy 'trail' behind the dunes. Therefore, if you must pass areas of nesting birds, please respect the restricted access area signs and pass within or below the wet sand area of the beach to avoid disturbing this rare and beautiful bird. Fishing is permitted outside designated swimming areas. If you intend to visit during hunting season, proper precautions should be taken as hunting is allowed in the Great Meadows Marsh. To help you reach Long Beach, some routes leading to this site are posted with the brown and white Long Island Sound Access sign.



Activities			
Bird & Wildlife	YES	Supervised Swimming	YES
Crabbing	NO	Unsupervised Swimming	NO
Fishing	YES	SCUBA Diving	NO
Shellfishing	NO	Historic/Cultural Interest	NO
Trails	NO	Waterfowl Hunting	NO
Walkways	NO		
Facilities			
Access Pier	NO	Handicapped Access	NO
Boat Launch Ramp	NO	Nature Center/Museum	NO
Car-top Boat Access	YES	Picnic Area	NO
Camping	NO	RV Camping	NO
Food Concession	NO	Sanitary Facilities (Seasonal)	YES
Environmental Setting			
Bluff, Escarpment	NO	On Long Island Sound	YES
Harbor Setting	NO	Rocky Shore	NO
Intertidal Flat	NO	Sandy Beach	YES
Island	NO	Tidal River	NO
Tidal Wetland	NO	Lighthouse	NO
Parking: Parking Lot		Fee: YES	



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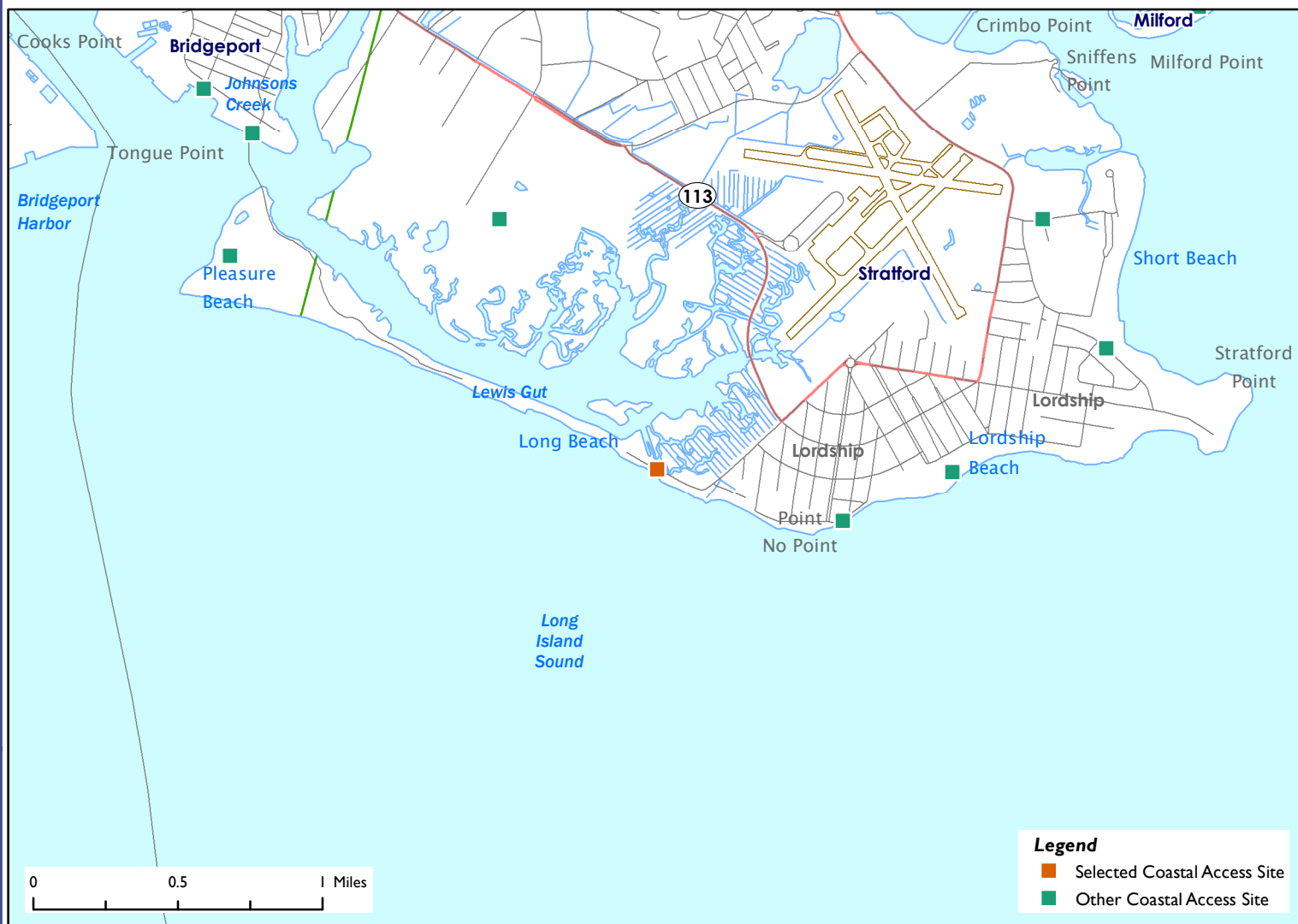
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Latitude: 41.150362 **Longitude:** -73.140498

Directions:

From the East: Take I-95 South to exit 30. Follow the signs to Sikorsky Memorial Airport. Drive through the Great Meadows salt marsh, passing the airport on the left. At the next stop sign, turn right onto Oak Bluff Avenue. At the foot of Oak Bluff Avenue, enter the beach access and parking area. The beach is easily accessible from any of the parking spaces, but the easiest access for viewing the tidal wetlands is from the far western end of the parking area.

From the West: Take I-95 North to exit 30. Take the ramp to Sikorsky Memorial Airport. Turn slight right onto Lordship Boulevard, follow for 0.9 miles. Turn right to stay on Lordship Boulevard, continue on Lordship Boulevard for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Oak Bluff Avenue. At the foot of Oak Bluff Avenue, enter the beach access and parking area. The beach is easily accessible from any of the parking spaces, but the easiest access for viewing the tidal wetlands is from the far western end of the parking area.



Additional Site Information:

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