Here are some tips on how to best enjoy the waters of the Long Island Pine Barrens:

- Always check a park's signage and/or website before entering or fishing from a waterbody. Not all parks allow people to enter the waters and there are state and county laws regarding fishing to abide by. Permits to fish or boat may be required.
- It is always important to check water quality, but especially in the Summer. Unfortunately, due to nitrogen-pollution across Long Island, several beaches and shellfish beds close due to the presence of harmful algae blooms. These blooms can be toxic to humans and pets. Some beaches will post signs when the waters are closed. When in doubt, you can check News 12 Long Island in the Summer for an Island-wide water quality report.
- If you're not confident in your swimming abilities, only swim when a lifeguard is present.
- Always wear a life jacket while kayaking, canoeing or using a stand-up paddleboard (SUP).

Canoeing | Kayaking | Row-boating | SUP

Self-Launch Areas

- Indian Island County Park
  Indian Point Rd, Riverhead, NY 11901
- Peconic River Canoe Launch
  4 River Rd, Manorville, NY 11949
- Wildwood State Park
  790 Hulse Landing Rd, Wading River, NY 11792

Rentals

- Carmans River Canoe & Kayak
  2979 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, NY, 11719
- Long Island Canoe Kayak Rentals
  469 E Main St, Riverhead, NY 11901
- Peconic Paddler
  89 Peconic Ave, Riverhead, NY 11901
- Southaven County Park
  175 Gerard Rd, Yaphank, NY 11980
Fishing

- **Artist Lake**  
  Route 25, Middle Island, NY 11953

- **Deep Pond**  
  Schiff Scout Reservation, Wading River, NY 11792

- **Forge Pond**  
  South River Road, Calverton, NY 11933

- **Kahler's Pond**  
  Montauk Hwy, Center Moriches, NY 11934

- **Lower/Upper Yaphank Lake**  
  Yaphank, NY 11980

- **Otis Pike Ponds**  
  Otis Pike Preserve, Calverton, NY 11949

- **Sears Bellows County Park**  
  63 Bellows Pond Rd, Hampton Bays, NY 11946

- **Southaven County Park**  
  175 Gerard Rd, Yaphank, NY 11980

- **Swan Pond**  
  River Road, Calverton, 11933

Swimming

- **Wildwood Lake**  
  Northampton, NY 11901

- **Wildwood State Park**  
  790 Hulse Landing Rd, Wading River, NY 11792

The Long Island Pine Barrens Society is an environmental education and advocacy organization focusing on protecting drinking water and preserving open space, especially in Long Island's Pine Barrens. Please visit our website at [www.pinebarrens.org](http://www.pinebarrens.org) for more information about recreation in the Pine Barrens.

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