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Old Ponquogue Bridge Marine Park Foster Avenue and Dune Road Hampton Bays, New York



Constructed in 1930 the Ponquogue Draw Bridge was the sole access to the ocean in the Hampton Bays area until 1986 when the new modern stationary bridge was constructed by Suffolk County.

The Southampton Town Board then under the direction of Supervisor Marty Lang petitioned Suffolk County to leave both the North and South Bridge approaches of the old bridge to be used for fishing access into the prime area of Shinnecock Bay.

Over the year's wind, tides and time have taken their toll on the facility and it fell into disrepair due to a lack of funding.

In 1997, Supervisor Cannuscio and the Town Board began a process to secure funding for a complete renovation to this historic fishing site. Necessary funding was obtained through the Town, New York Department of State and New York Department of Environmental Conservation to complete the project.

Renovations continued under the direction of the Town Department of Parks & Recreation and the Town Trustees.

The present facility offers the following types of Marine Recreational Activity:

1. Boat launch for boats up to 19 feet in length.
2. Scuba Dive Area.
3. Fishing access to deep water from the Shinnecock Inlet.
4. Picnic area, gazebo*, bird watching, water and wetland overlook.

** Gazebo donated by Mark Sinclair Foundation*

5. Adequate parking for fisherman and boat trailers.
6. State of the art handicap access for the disabled.

The Old Ponquogue Bridge Marine Park will be open for use 24 hours per day, twelve months a year with permits needed from **May 15 - September 15**.

PERMIT INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Parking North Side	No Permit Necessary Parking in Designated Spots Only
South Side Parking (May 15 – Sep 15)	A) Any Town Trustee Boat Launch Permit <u>or</u> B) Old Ponquogue Bridge Non Resident Permit* <u>or</u> C) Town Parks & Recreation Full Season Resident, Non-Resident and Senior Citizen Permit
South Side Boat Launch (365 Days A Year)	A) Any Town Trustee Boat Launch Permit <u>or</u> B) Old Ponquogue Bridge Marine Park Non-Resident Permit*

- A **\$125.00 full season** non-resident boat launch permit for this facility can be obtained online at <https://www.southhamptontownny.gov/355/Beach-Parking-Permit> or at the following

LOCATIONS:

Parks & Recreation Dept
6 Newtown Road
Hampton Bays, NY

Ponquogue Beach
280 Dune Road
Hampton Bays, NY

DATES:

(April - Labor Day)

(Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day)

PERMIT IS TO BE AFFIXED TO THE DRIVER SIDE REAR WINDOW

Please note this waterfront facility is available to individuals to use “at your own risk”. There will be **No Lifeguards on Duty**; therefore, children should be supervised at all times. Divers, boaters, and fisherman are responsible for maintaining proper safety precautions at all times.