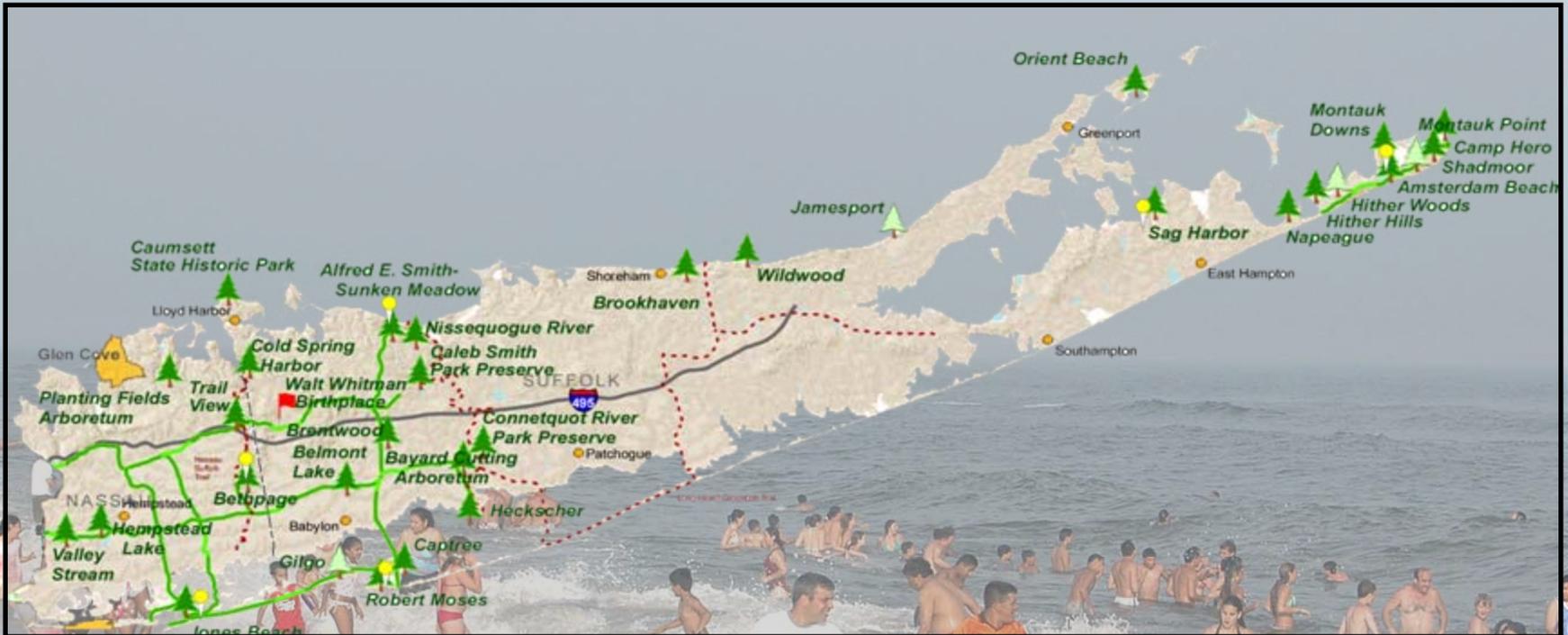


Long Island State Parks and Historic Sites



The Long Island region includes 29 state parks and historic sites with a combined annual attendance of over 19 million

Highlights

- Jones Beach is the largest public swimming beach in the nation
- Bethpage Black Golf Course has twice hosted the US Open Golf Championship
- Captree State Park is famous for salt water fishing

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Long Island Flagship Parks and Historic Sites Annual Attendance

Jones Beach	5,739,386
Robert Moses	3,800,555
Sunken Meadow	1,624,952
Captree	1,180,972
Bethpage Golf Course	779,740
Montauk Point	756,940
Planting Fields Arboretum	212,039

Total attendance at the region's 29 parks
19.2 million

Economic Impact

An economic impact study* estimates that in 2008-09, nearly 4000 jobs were created and \$410 million in local economic activity was generated by State Parks in the Long Island Region

Quality of Life

The recreational and natural resources created by the area's parks and historic sites benefit this region by:

- Maintaining the state's ecosystem and biodiversity
- Providing opportunities for recreation
- Reducing the negative effects from pollution
- Improving health outcomes
- Preserving areas of historic importance
- Influencing business location decisions by making the community a better place to live

*Source, *The NYS Park System: An Economic Asset to the Empire State*: Political Economy Research Institute, Univ. of Mass, Amherst, March, 2009

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Regional Capital Needs

The backlog of capital projects in the Long Island Region is estimated to exceed \$250 million

High Impact Projects Include

<u>Park/Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Jones Beach <i>West Bathhouse renovations</i>	12,000,000
Robert Moses <i>Upgrade drinking water system</i>	2,000,000
Belmont Lake <i>Lake restoration</i>	2,500,000
Captree <i>Rehabilitate fishing pier and bulkhead</i>	2,000,000
Sunken Meadow <i>Rehabilitate swimming beach bathhouse</i>	2,700,000