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Noble Maritime Collection
Tour/video Saturday & Sunday, 3:00 pm

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Behind the Scenes at Richmond County Bank Ballpark
Home of the Staten Island Yankees

Feeding Times at the SI ZOO
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Greenbelt Nature Walks
All year long

Historic Fort Wadsworth
Gateway National Recreation Area
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Snug Harbor Architectural Landmark Tour
Saturday & Sunday, 2:00 pm
April – November

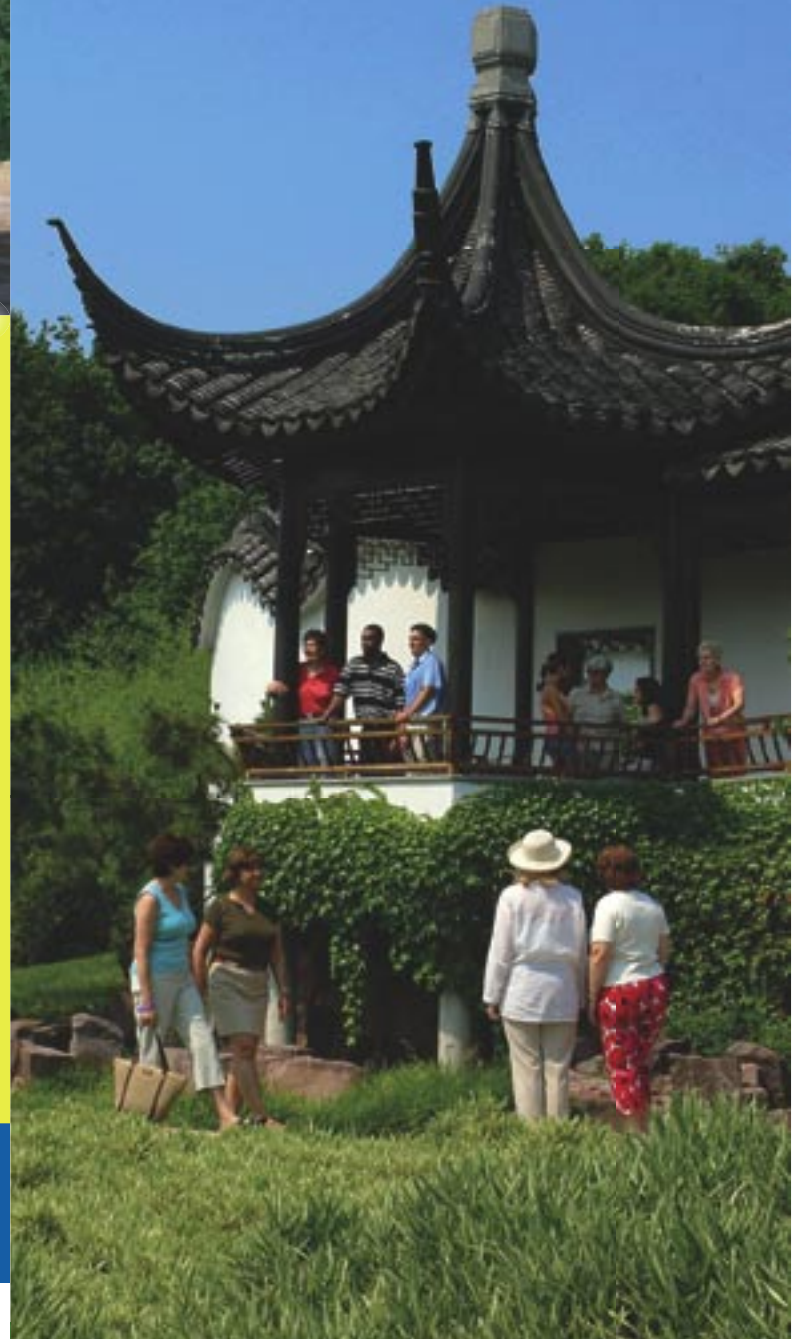
New York Chinese Scholar's Garden
Tuesday – Sunday

Historic Richmond Town
Wednesday – Friday, 2:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday, 2:00 pm & 3:30 pm

Staten Island Institute of Arts & Sciences, Museum in St. George
Tuesday, 1:00 pm

Staten Island Children's Museum
Creative art experiences
Tuesday – Sunday

Staten Island



www.StatenIslandUSA.com
www.StatenIslandArts.org



On the cover: The New York Chinese Scholar's Garden, Staten Island Botanical Garden. Located on the grounds at Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

Above: Pavilion and beach at Conference House Park. Photos by V. Amesse

If you haven't seen Staten Island, you haven't really seen New York!



The Staten Island Ferry heading to St. George

You'll see lots of sights and waterfront landmarks on your 25-minute ride across New York City's fabled harbor. But the fun really begins when you reach the other side.



Connie Gretz's Secret Garden

The FREE ferry ride is just the beginning.

Step off the ferry at St. George Station and catch some Jazz at the Side Street Saloon or Cargo Cafe. And don't miss the latest installations at the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences. It's right nearby.

Enjoy a picnic lunch along the beautifully landscaped waterfront Ball Park Esplanade. Or tote your clubs to Silver Lake Golf Course, or your swim suit to South Beach. Both take less than 30 minutes to reach by MTA bus.

And if you love Beaux Arts architecture, don't miss the magnificently restored interior of Borough Hall—including its wealth of WPA-era murals—just steps across Richmond Terrace from the ferry terminal.



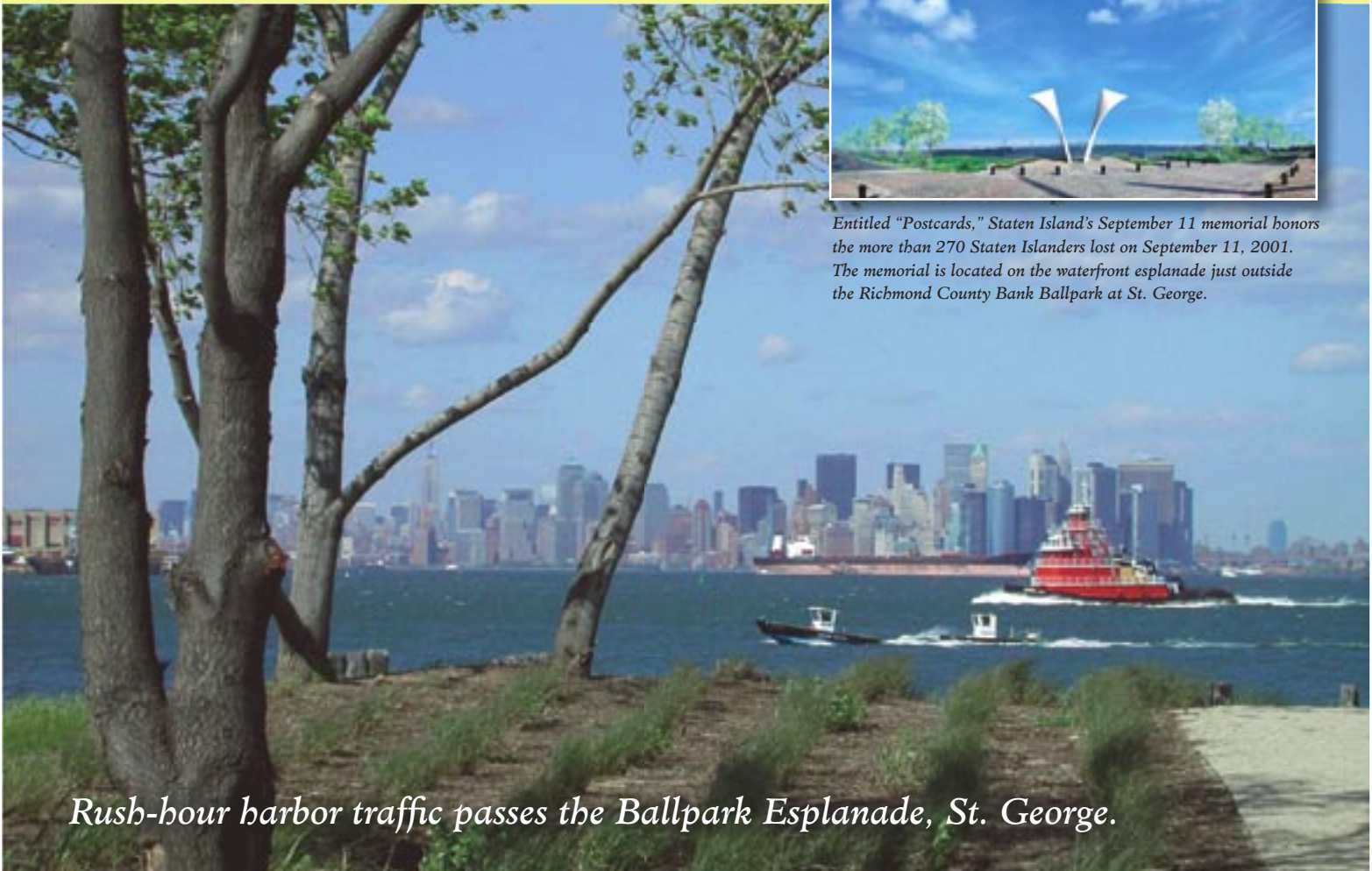
Fishing at Great Kills

That's just some of what's waiting for you when you step off the ferry and onto Staten Island. Because whatever you like to do or see or experience, whether you have only an hour or two or an entire day, it's all right here—uncrowded, affordable and easy to get to.

The detailed map inside is a great way to plan your visit. For hours, directions and additional information, use the telephone numbers in each listing. Most sites and facilities can be reached on foot, by MTA bus, or MTA Staten Island Railway.



Entitled "Postcards," Staten Island's September 11 memorial honors the more than 270 Staten Islanders lost on September 11, 2001. The memorial is located on the waterfront esplanade just outside the Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George.



Rush-hour harbor traffic passes the Ballpark Esplanade, St. George.



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Welcome to Staten Island

Seven ways to see it — your way

Now that you've arrived, step off the boat and see how much Staten Island has waiting for you. Whatever you'd like to see or do, it's all right here. To help you plan your visit, we've prepared the itineraries below. They're only a sampling, organized according to your available time and your interests. Use the red numbers **1** following attractions to find a more detailed description — and to locate it on the map inside.



Frederick L. Rodewald House (1890),
St. George/New Brighton Historic District

How much time do you have?

Look at all you can do in an hour or two.

- Walking tour of St. George
- Borough Hall restoration and murals **5**
- Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences **27**
- Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George **2**
- National Lighthouse Museum site **4**
- Varied, moderate-price dining on Richmond Terrace and Stuyvesant Place
- Tableware outlet and vintage clothes shopping on Bay Street near Victory Boulevard

Got half a day? Fill it with fun—your way.

- Staten Island Botanical Garden **32**
- New York Chinese Scholar's Garden **31**
- Staten Island Zoo **33**
- Historic Richmond Town **20**
- Alice Austen House **16** and Fort Wadsworth **7**
- Greenbelt Nature Center **34**

Make a day of it!

- Take MTA/Staten Island Railway to Tottenville; discover its Victorian architecture; visit nearby Conference House **18**
- Clove Lakes Park **10** and Staten Island Zoo **33**
- Midland Beach **11** or South Beach **12**
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What would you like to do?

Go on a culture-quest.

- Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art **23**
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Bring the family.

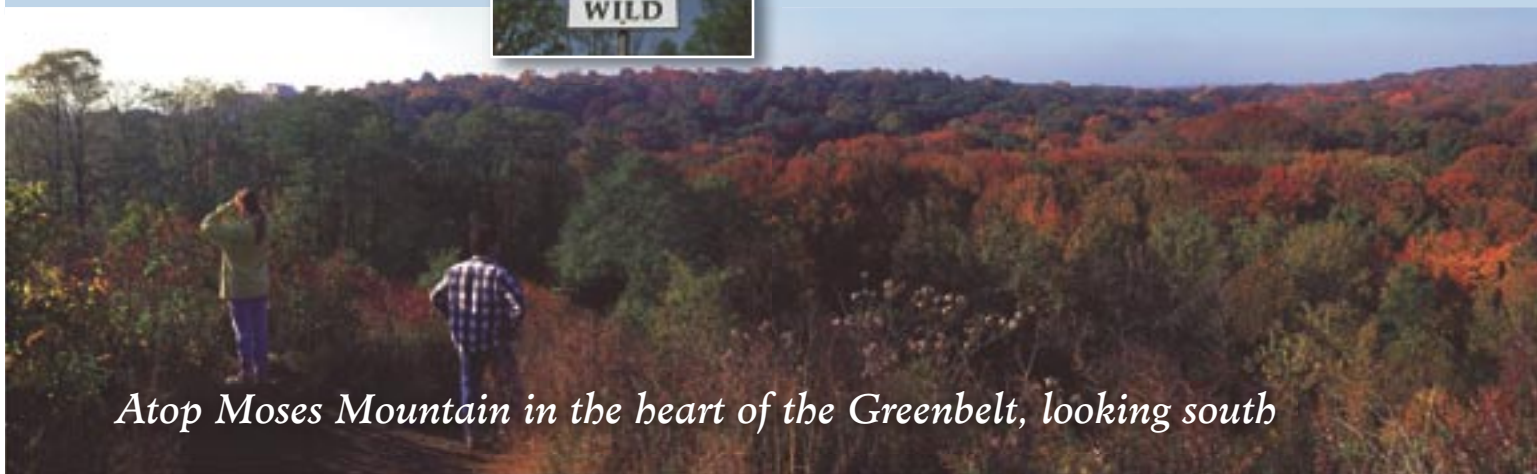
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Live the sporting life.

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Reconnect with nature, unfenced and unspoiled.

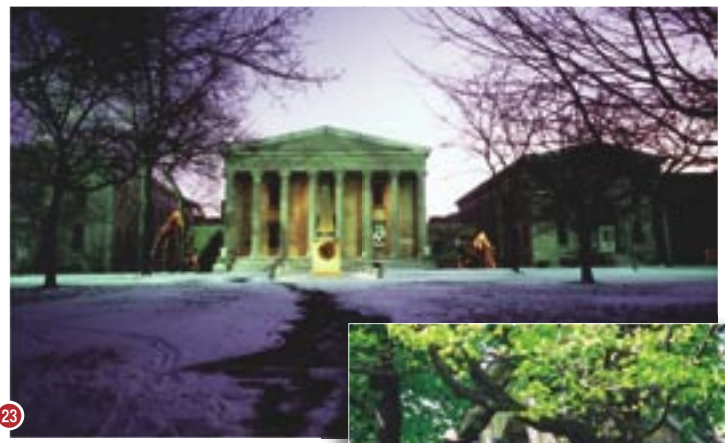
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Atop Moses Mountain in the heart of the Greenbelt, looking south



5 Newly restored main floor of Staten Island Borough Hall, St. George



23 Holiday lights at the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Snug Harbor



26 Horse-drawn carriage at the annual Meadowfair, Staten Island Children's Museum

Red pandas and pony rides at the Staten Island Zoo



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Costumed interpreters at Historic Richmond Town, a restored crossroads village and the original county seat of Staten Island



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2 Borough President James P. Molinaro roots for the home team at the Ballpark in St. George.

7 Park ranger and visitors viewing Battery Weed (1847-1860s) at Fort Wadsworth, Gateway National Recreation Area, overlooked by the Verrazano Narrows Bridge (1964), once the world's longest suspension bridge.



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The Greenbelt Nature Center

1 St. George Station: Staten Island Ferry Terminal MTA Bus Station & Staten Island Railway

St. George Station, a mass transit hub that serves more than 65,000 riders each day, includes the St. George Ferry Terminal, MTA Bus Station and MTA/Staten Island Railway Terminal. When renovations are complete, the transformed St. George ferry terminal will feature a glass-topped waiting room, a new outdoor promenade, air conditioning, expanded parking for cars and bicycles, and enhanced shopping and dining options.

2 Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George

Home of the Staten Island Yankees

Richmond Terrace at Wall Street • 718-720-9265 • www.siyanks.com

Located right next to the Staten Island Ferry terminal, this beautiful 6,500-seat stadium is home to the minor league Staten Island Yankees. Savor the simple pleasures of America's Past Time and enjoy spectacular views of the Upper Bay and the downtown Manhattan skyline.

3 The Staten Island September 11 Memorial

"Postcards" is the name of Staten Island's September 11 memorial, designed by artist and architect Masayuki Sono and chosen from 179 entries received from 19 countries. Located on the waterfront esplanade just outside the Richmond County Bank Ballpark, the memorial honors each of the more than 270 Staten Islanders lost on September 11, 2001 with a plaque displaying their name and date of birth and identifying the location of their workplace on September 11. Each plaque includes a memorial silhouette portrait in profile.

4 National Lighthouse Center and Museum

718-556-1681 • www.lighthousemuseum.org

The National Lighthouse Museum on the St. George waterfront—most recently a U.S. Coast Guard base and before that, the Lighthouse Depot—is now undergoing renovation and is projected to begin limited operations early in 2005. The new museum's initial attractions will include historic buildings from both periods of the site's active occupancy as well as exhibits onboard the Nantucket Lightship. The Nantucket 112 was built in 1936 and is the largest lightship still afloat in the United States. The ship will be permanently berthed at Pier One.

5 Staten Island Borough Hall

10 Richmond Terrace (enter on Stuyvesant Place)

718-816-2000 • www.StatenIslandUSA.com

Look for its distinctive clock tower right across the street from the ferry. Home to several government agencies including the Office of the Borough President. Borough Hall was opened in 1906, shortly after Staten Island became a borough of New York City. Historical murals and classical sculptural reliefs were added to the lobby in the 1930s. Open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tours available.

6 St. George/New Brighton Historic District

St. George Civic Association • www.sgcaviews.org

Take a leisurely stroll through this officially designated historic district, which occupies part of one of New York City's earliest suburban developments, conceived in the late 1830s. The district contains Civil War-era brick rowhouses, French Second Empire buildings with mansard roofs, modest Craftsman-style houses, as well as a large number of Queen Anne-style buildings of the noted architect Edward Alfred Sargent. Centered around St. Marks Place and Westervelt Avenue, the district includes 78 buildings, most from the late 19th century. Walk north and west along Richmond Terrace to Westervelt Avenue; uphill on Westervelt Avenue two short blocks to St. Marks Place. **S42 bus** to St. Marks Place and Westervelt Avenue; **S40, S44 or S52 bus** to Richmond Terrace and Westervelt Avenue.

Gateway National Recreation Area

Part of a major, multi-borough National Park Service complex, Gateway offers significant natural areas, recreational facilities, military sites and more. Gateway's Staten Island sites include:

7 Fort Wadsworth

East end of Bay Street • 718-354-4500

When you walk through Fort Wadsworth, one of the oldest military sites in the nation, you're walking through a large chunk of American history. Strategically located at the entrance to New York Harbor, this fort guarded America's most important city for almost 200 years. Visitors today can join ranger-led tours to explore Civil War-era gun batteries; walk the self-guided tour; or just enjoy a panoramic view from one of the highest elevations in New York City. **S51 bus** to Von Briesen Park on weekends; bus stops inside Fort Wadsworth on weekdays.

8 Miller Field

East end of New Dorp Lane • 718-351-6970

If you've got an athletic game to play, this is the place to play it. Built after World War I as a landing field for military biplanes, this 187-acre open space for organized athletics also offers a picnic area, children's playground, and community garden. **S76 bus** to New Dorp Lane.

9 Great Kills Park

Hylan Boulevard & Buffalo Street • 718-987-6790

Pack your swimsuit and picnic basket and head straight for this delightful shorefront preserve. Swim at the lifeguard-attended beach. Watch the small craft setting sail from the marina. Then explore the park's walking, jogging and nature trails. And be sure to visit the nature study area, with its great coastal bird-watching opportunities.

S78 bus to Hylan Boulevard entrance.

10 Clove Lakes Park

1150 Clove Road • 718-390-8000

Come and enjoy the steadily changing vistas of this 110-acre greenspace in the Clove Valley, with its four ponds, deep wooded ravines, lakeshore paths, open fields and jogging trails. You can also navigate the lake by rowboat or canoe, then relax at the Lake Café, a moderately priced restaurant on site. **S61 or S62 bus** to Victory Boulevard entrance; **S48 bus** to Clove Road/Forest Avenue entrance.

11 Midland Beach

Father Capodanno Boulevard • 718-390-8000

Once a major East Coast seaside resort, Midland Beach has a small-town family feel these days. It's a fine place to swim and sunbathe that also offers a fishing pier, children's playground, and handball and shuffleboard courts. **S51 bus** to site.

12 South Beach Boardwalk

Father Capodanno Boulevard • 718-987-0709

Overlooked by the nearly 2-mile-long FDR Boardwalk, South Beach is another former resort that, over the years, has become a year-round community. This beachfront park has a children's playground, bocce courts, a roller hockey rink, ballfields and picnic areas. **S51 bus** to site.

13 Silver Lake Park and Golf Course

915 Victory Boulevard • 718-390-8000

Only a 10-minute bus ride from the ferry, this beautiful, 107-acre park of rolling hills surrounding Silver Lake features a golf course, tennis courts, ballfields and other recreational opportunities.

S48, S61 or S62 bus to Victory Boulevard/Forest Avenue entrance.

14 Wolfe's Pond Park and Beach

Hylan Boulevard and Cornelia Avenue • 718-984-8266

This beachfront park is a great place for sunbathing and picnicking. It's a particular favorite of fresh and salt-water fishing enthusiasts, too. **S78 bus** to Cornelia Avenue.

15 South Shore Golf Course

200 Huguenot Avenue • 718-984-0101, 718-984-0108

This beautiful, 18-hole public golf course is equipped with a driving range and features an on-site restaurant and lounge for post-game relaxation. **S74 bus** to Arthur Kill Road and Huguenot Avenue

16 Alice Austen House Museum and Park

2 Hylan Boulevard • 718-816-4506 www.aliceausten.org

A 15-minute bus ride is all it takes to reach the former home of noted photographer Alice Austen—a charming 18th-century cottage on a bluff overlooking the Narrows, surrounded by gardens, with truly breathtaking views of New York Harbor and Manhattan. The museum displays include period rooms and an exhibition of Austen's photographs, which document the daily lives of upper-middle-class Staten Islanders of the late 19th and early 20th century. The adjacent waterfront park includes benches for harbor viewing as well as a large, informal lawn for picnicking. **S51 bus** to Hylan Boulevard. Walk one block east on Hylan to the waterfront; Alice Austen House on right.

17 The CSI Center for the Arts

College of Staten Island • 2800 Victory Boulevard • 718-982-ARTS
www.csi.cuny.edu/arts

This arts center, located on one of the City University's most beautiful campuses, includes five theaters under one roof, with over 750 music, dance and theater performances per year, featuring Tony-, Grammy- and Emmy Award-winning performances. **S62 bus** to gate.

18 Conference House

7455 Hylan Boulevard • 718-984-6046 • www.theconferencehouse.org

On a slight rise looking out onto Raritan Bay, this 1680 stone building is now the centerpiece of a public waterfront park, a site that recalls Staten Island's rural past as well as its place in American history. In 1776, Conference House was the location chosen for a meeting between representatives of the Continental Congress—including John Adams and Benjamin Franklin—and the commander of the British forces. **S78 bus** to Craig Avenue. Walk one block south to Satterlee, to site.

19 Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

420 Tompkins Avenue • 718-442-1608 • www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

This National Landmark is connected to the history of the modern state of Italy and the history of communications technology. Once the home and laboratory of Antonio Meucci, the true inventor of the telephone, the building also served as a refuge for Giuseppe Garibaldi. Garibaldi is noted for his political work in South America and for his championing of the cause of a unified Italian state. **S52 or S78 bus** to Chestnut Avenue.

20 Historic Richmond Town

441 Clarke Avenue • 718-351-1611 • www.historicrichmondtown.org

When you enter this historic village, you're entering the past of the original seat of (Richmond) county government. That past comes to life in this 100-acre living history museum through authentically furnished interiors, formal exhibits and demonstrations of original residents' daily activities. **S74 bus** to St. Patrick's Place.

21 Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art

338 Lighthouse Avenue • 718-987-3500 • www.tibetanmuseum.com

Are we on Staten Island, or in Tibet? In the lush, sequestered garden of the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art, high atop Lighthouse Hill, it's easy to mistake one for the other. The hilltop garden is as much an attraction as the museum's renowned collections of sculpture, painting, ritual objects and musical instruments from Tibet and other Asian civilizations. **S74 bus** to Lighthouse Avenue. Walk up Lighthouse Hill to the site.

22 Sandy Ground Historical Society

1538 Woodrow Road • 718-317-5796

Sandy Ground is America's oldest continuously inhabited settlement of free blacks. The Society's museum and library are dedicated to researching, preserving and informing visitors about this historically important Staten Island community. Call for hours of operation. **S74 bus** to Woodrow and Bloomingdale Roads.

23 Snug Harbor Cultural Center

1000 Richmond Terrace • 718-448-2500 • www.snug-harbor.org

S40 bus to entrance on Richmond Terrace.

The remarkable number of cultural institutions within this 83-acre site—many in the Greek Revival buildings of this former seamen's home—makes it truly a center for the arts on Staten Island.

This must-see destination includes:

The Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art

Housed primarily in Snug Harbor's 19th-century Main Hall, provides a forum for regionally and nationally significant contemporary art. Exhibitions feature a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, mixed-media installations, performance art, photography, and crafts.

The Music Hall

The second oldest concert hall in New York City, presents programs of music, dance and theater.

Veterans Memorial Hall

Restored 19th-century chapel now used for recitals, readings and meetings.

Also at Snug Harbor:

The Art Lab, Noble Maritime Collection, Staten Island Children's Museum, New York Chinese Scholar's Garden and the Staten Island Botanical Garden

24 The Art Lab

1000 Richmond Terrace • 718-447-8667

This art school, established by Staten Island artists, offers arts education to students of all ages as well as workshops, lectures and seminars for working artists and the wider community. The Art Lab Gallery features the work of a different Staten Island artist each month.

S40 bus to entrance to Snug Harbor Cultural Center on Richmond Terrace; then follow signs.

25 Noble Maritime Collection

1000 Richmond Terrace • 718-447-6490 www.noblemaritime.org

Located in its own exquisitely restored building, this maritime museum and study center focuses on New York Harbor history, particularly as exemplified by Sailors' Snug Harbor and the work of artist John A. Noble. **S40 bus** to Snug Harbor.

26 Staten Island Children's Museum

1000 Richmond Terrace • 718-273-2060

Welcome to a museum where kids learn by actively doing, not passively watching. This indoor/outdoor facility—fronting on broad lawns perfect for games and picnics—is known for its interactive exhibits and exciting educational programs designed to make learning fun.

S40 bus to entrance to Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

27 SIAS – Staten Island Institute of Arts & Sciences

75 Stuyvesant Place • 718-727-1135 www.siasmuseum.org

Just 391 steps from the Staten Island Ferry terminal, this compact, 120-year-old museum is devoted to the history of Staten Island and its people. Its changing exhibits on art, cultural history and nature are always interesting and often visually arresting.

28 Blue Heron Park and Nature Center

222 Poillon Avenue • 718-967-3542 • www.preserve2.org/blueheron/blueheron.htm
This 234-acre park is the habitat of the Blue Heron, which inspired its name. Hiking trails and picnic areas. **S78 bus** to Poillon Avenue. Walk right on Poillon, two-plus blocks to entrance.

29 Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve

83 Neilsen Avenue • 718-967-1976
260-plus-acre park of bogs, ponds, sand barrens, mature woodlands and spring-fed streams with many species of birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. Nature trails and bridle paths.
S74 bus to entrance on Arthur Kill Road.

30 Mount Loretto State Nature Preserve

Hylan Boulevard, between Sharrott Avenue and Richard Avenue
Spectacular 194-acre waterfront property featuring important wildlife habitats and stunning vistas from the only natural red clay cliff bluffs in the New York City area. **S78 bus** to Richard Avenue.

31 New York Chinese Scholar's Garden

1000 Richmond Terrace
718-273-8200 • www.sibg.org
Staten Island is proud to be the home of America's first classical Chinese garden. Fabricated in China, shipped to Staten Island and installed by Chinese artisans, the facility features Chinese cultural classes and events. Gift shop and Cafe Chinoise. **S40 bus** to entrance to Snug Harbor Cultural Center on Richmond Terrace; then follow signs.

32 Staten Island Botanical Garden

1000 Richmond Terrace • 718-273-8200 • www.sibg.org
Stroll through a series of green environments, some in their natural, untended state; others highly designed and cultivated: a total of 53 acres of natural woodland and more than 20 specimen gardens including heritage roses, perennials, and Connie Gretz's Secret Garden.
S40 bus to entrance to Snug Harbor Cultural Center on Richmond Terrace; then follow signs.

33 Staten Island Zoo

614 Broadway • 718-442-3100 • www.statenislandzoo.org
The whole family will enjoy their visit to New York City's biggest little zoo with lots to see, from sharks to sheep and woodchucks to wallabies. Features an internationally acclaimed reptile collection, an African Savannah at twilight, a South American tropical forest, an aquarium, and a Children's Center with domestic farm animals.
S48 bus to Broadway; walk three blocks south to site.

The Greenbelt:

34 The Greenbelt Nature Center

700 Rockland Avenue (near Brielle Avenue) • 718-351-3450
www.sigreenbelt.org
The Greenbelt Nature Center, operated by the Greenbelt Conservancy and the Department of Parks & Recreation, is housed in a beautiful 5,400-square-foot space influenced by the designs of legendary American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. In the heart of Staten Island's 2800-acre Greenbelt, the center is located in LaTourette Park in close proximity to High Rock Park, Historic Richmond Town, the Tibetan Museum and a network of hiking trails. The center offers a calendar of events and workshops for many ages, school programs, and features the Richmond County Savings Foundation Exhibits that offer interpretive graphic and text panels as well as interactive, state-of-the-art exhibits illustrating the area's natural history and activities. A trail map is available at the center or online at www.sigreenbelt.org.

S74 bus to Rockland Avenue, transfer to **S54** or **S57** to Brielle Ave.

35 High Rock Park

Top of Nevada Avenue off Rockland Avenue • 718-667-2165
This 90-acre park is home to the Greenbelt's headquarters and Environmental Education Center, which offers school programs, several short hiking trails and the "Nature Path," a paved, wheelchair-accessible road for use by visitors of all abilities, with instructional signage about local flora and fauna. **S61** or **S62 bus** to Manor Road, transfer to **S54** to site.

36 LaTourette Park and Golf Course

1001 Richmond Hill Road • 718-351-1889
540 acres of hiking trails and an 18-hole public golf course and driving range, open all year. Golf clubhouse is the David LaTourette House, an 1836 federal-style mansion.

37 William T. Davis Wildlife Refuge

Off Richmond and Travis Avenues
260 acres of woodland and salt marshes devoted to nature study and conservation. **S44 bus** to Richmond and Travis Avenues.

38 Willowbrook Park and the Carousel for all Children

Eton Place off Richmond Avenue • 718-667-2165, 718-477-0605 (during season)
This 164-acre park offers catch-and-release fishing, ball and archery fields, picnic grounds and the Carousel For All Children—a wheelchair-accessible replica of a Victorian merry-go-round open May-October. Please call for hours.
S44 bus to Eton Place.