

Sandy Hook

Fort Hancock and Sandy Hook Proving Ground National Historic Landmark
White-tailed Deer Management Planning

Gateway National Recreation Area
National Park Service
Department of the Interior



Are there other issues related to deer management at Sandy Hook that you think the park could consider?

Nearly 2 million visitors enjoy resource-based recreation at the Sandy Hook Unit each year, making long-term sustainability of these resources essential.



Sandy Hook visitors birdwatching. Photo credit: NPS



Sandy Hook visitors at a beach cleanup event. Photo credit: NPS

What Is Important To You?



Snow-covered maritime holly tree branch. Photo credit: NPS



Sandy Hook visitor fishing. Photo credit: NPS

Visitors come to Sandy Hook for many reasons. In developing this plan, we are interested in learning what issues related to an overabundance of deer are important to you.

Planning Process and Schedule

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| Civic Engagement Period Begins | April 23, 2026 |
| Open House | April 23, 2026 |
| Civic Engagement Period Closes | May 23, 2026 |
| Analysis of Civic Engagement Comments | Summer 2026 |
| Plan Development | 2026 |
| NEPA Process Begins | 2027 |
| Environmental Assessment Release, Public Comment Period, and Public Meeting | 2027 |
| Analysis of Public Comments on Environmental Assessment | 2027 |
| NPS Decision | Fall 2027 |

We want to hear from you!
Comment period closes May 23, 2026.

