# Fun in Southern Delaware

5 Different Off-The-Beach Vacation Experiences





# Create Your Own Delaware Bay Experience

#### More Than Beaches Await You in Lewes & Rehoboth!



Lewes, the first town in the first state, is well known for its maritime history and historic district that sets it apart from other beach resorts around the country. For those who consider a beach vacation to be more than just sand and sun, the Lewes/Rehoboth area is a perfect vacation option! The area is loaded with alternative vacation experiences, from musems to nature watching adventures.

Here are five types of activities that passengers on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry tell us are great family and romantic choices. Many have become annual family traditions for perennial visitors to the Southern Delaware region.

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#### Go for Thrills & Skills



Many beach resorts are known for their amusement parks and the Lewes/Rehoboth Beach area is no exception. For land-based experiences, start with <u>Funland</u> in Rehoboth Beach where you can experience a Gravitron and SuperFlip 360 Degree rides.

If different speeds are your style, try out the Midway Speedway Park in Rehoboth Beach. The park not only has tracks featuring different types of go-karts, but the more tame of heart can partake in the 18-hole mini-golf course on Fire Mountain. It's said to be a volcanic experience!

For more water-based thrills, consider Jungle Jim's Safari Water Park also in Rehoboth replete with several giant water slides, squirting bumper cars, and a wave pool. Thunder Lagoon Waterpark in Fenwick Island features six wet-and-wild slides in addition to a 400-ft. Lazy River.



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#### **Savor Sweet Treats**



For many, one of the hallmarks of summer is ice cream, if not as a mid-day tasty treat, than as an after-dinner destination trip. Happily, there are numerous choices in the area from the aptly named Ice Cream Store in Rehoboth Beach, where you can try flavors such as Zombie and Sharkenstein, to the Hopkin Farm Creamery in Lewes offering more than 20 year-round and seasonal flavors. This family owned farm also has

hand-spun milkshakes and ice cream cakes and pies.

For a new type of seaside sweet, check out Kaisy's Delights. Kaisy is the nickname for a Kaiserschmarrn, an Austrian dessert pancake with lots of powdered sugar. In Delaware, it's served in various sized cups with a selection of toppings.

For more delights & choices visit:

Where to Find Sweets in Lewes & Rehoboth

on CMLF.com





#### **Search for Treasures**

Pirate stories in Delaware date back to 1685, with a historic plundering of Lewistown in 1698 attributed to a pirate named Canoot. The more infamous Captain Kidd was also reputed to have touched Delaware waters in April 1700, but stayed anchored off coast. Today, visitors to Lewes can go on a pirate treasure hunt on the Sea Gypsy V, a pirate ship that sails on the Lewes Canal.

For a glimpse of recovered treasures from boats that did not fare well either from weather, war, or pirate plundering, stop at <u>DiscoverSea Shipwreck Museum</u> on Fenwick Island. With 10,000 artifacts in inventory, their collection of shipwreck and recovered items is reputed to be one of the

largest on the Mid-Atlantic coast. For a treasure hunt from a different era, check out the cannons at the 1812 Memorial Park by the Lewes Canal. See if you can find the errant canon ball still lodged in a building nearby.

To take treasures home, browse aisles in the Lewes Mercantile Antique Gallery in the heart of town on Second St. The exchange is open year round and features more than 30 dealers with everything from antique toys to ship paraphernalia, perhaps even off a pirated vessel! Auntie M's Emporium on Third St. and the Heritage Antique Market on Coastal HIghway also feature a wide assortment of merchandise providing new finds on a regular basis.

For more on the Cannons of Lewes, visit the Lewes Historical Society's <u>Cannonball</u> <u>House Maritime Museum</u>.



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#### **Get Wild for Wildlife**



The Delaware Bay shoreline is said to be home to more than half of the state's wildlife areas. It's a haven for wildlife, from birds on the Northeast airborne migratory trail, to whales, dolphins and seals on their own marine migrations. It's not unusal to spot all of them while from the decks of the Ferry, with more than 150 different bird species spotted and logged by birders while on

board.

From early September through November, volunteers are encouraged to help count the number of hawks that migrate to Cape Henlopen State Park. One of the best spots to spy numerous species of birds is also in the State Park at the

overlook at Gordon's Pond.

Delaware is home to four different wildlife sanctuaries, all within a day trip of the area. Or, consider a visit to the Seaside Nature Center located at the old stockade in Fort Miles. It sports five thousand-gallon tanks stocked with local fish plus touch tanks replete with horseshow crabs and other marine life.

For a listing of most commonly spotted wildlife in the area visit: CMLF.com/wildlifee-seen-ferry



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### Go Pedal Pushing



habitats on a unique boardwalk trail.

Don't have a bike? No problem. Each summer you can rent bikes at the Cape May-Lewes Ferry terminal in Lewes. Or, if you're already in Cape Henlopen State Park, go to the Nature Center where they have

some free bikes you can take out on loan from the Friends Park Pedal Program. In addition, there are at least four different bike rental companies in Lewes and Rehoboth Beach.

From the Junction Breakwater Trail connecting Lewes and Rehoboth to the Rehoboth Boardwalk, where bikes are permitted in the mornings from 5-10 am from mid-May to mid-September, no matter your level of biking, there's a trail waiting for you in Southern Delaware! OPEN CHARRY CANADA

The State of Delaware, currently ranked as the third best state in the nation for bicycle riding, takes biking seriously. For a small state, it is big on bikes with at least 16 different bike trails, most within easy riding distance from the Cape May-Lewes Ferry.

The closest to the Ferry is the Cape Henlopen State Park Bike Loop, a 3.5 mile trail. Gordon's Pond Trail, deeper in the park, receives frequent raves as bikers get firsthand views of coastal

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#### From Day Trips to Longer Journeys...



Our goal is always to ensure you have the best travel experience possible, when traveling to the Delaware beaches, or any points south on the Eastern Seaboard.

We hope it starts with a voyage on the Cape May -Lewes Ferry with a relaxing ride across the Delaware Bay to let you arrive relaxed and with a smile.

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