



# International COASTAL Cleanup

Turtles, fish, and other species you love seeing in Long Island Sound can become entangled in fishing line, nets, and six-pack rings. Marine life and birds mistake trash like Styrofoam, plastics, and cigarette butts for food, which can poison their bodies with toxins and lead to starvation.

That's why Save the Sound organizes coastal cleanups each spring and fall to help keep trash away from wildlife and out of the waters where you fish and swim. In the past nine years alone, 15,000 volunteers have removed over 100,000 pounds of trash from Connecticut's shoreline, protecting countless creatures and communities.

Not only does marine debris threaten the Sound's fragile ecosystem, it weakens coastal economies by sapping dollars from the tourism and seafood industries. Long Island Sound contributes more than \$9 billion to the regional economy each year, but toxic seafood and trash-covered beaches threaten this powerhouse.

Save the Sound is the Connecticut coordinator for Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup, the largest volunteer effort of its kind. Every September for more than 30 years, ICC has motivated over 11.5 million people around the world to pick up over 210 million pounds of trash from nearly 390,000 miles of shoreline. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers just like you, the International Coastal Cleanup is a success year after year.

## JOIN US

### Hammonasset Beach State Park

### Saturday, September 10, 2022

### 10:00am - Noon



**Save the Sound®**  
Action for our region's environment.

Meet at the Meigs Point Nature Center, Hammonasset Beach State Park, 1288 Boston Post Road, Madison, CT

All volunteers are welcome! Come as an individual or with your family. Also a great club or group activity - school clubs, scout troops, community groups, business volunteer groups, etc.

Keeping the beach clean and free of debris not only improves the appearance for everyone's enjoyment, but is vitally important for the health of birds and aquatic animals.

All cleanup supplies will be provided. We will have individually wrapped snacks. Volunteers should bring their own beverages.

Pre-registration will help us with an attendance estimate and have enough supplies. You can pre-register at [volunteers@hammonasset.org](mailto:volunteers@hammonasset.org).

Thank you for your support of Hammonasset Beach State Park.

For more information about this international effort, visit [ctenvironment.org](http://ctenvironment.org). More about Coastal Cleanup to inspire you and share with others: [www.savethesound.org](http://www.savethesound.org)



**WELCOME**  
to  
**HAMMONASSET BEACH**

No Pets or Riding Animals April 1st- Sept. 30th  
Help Protect Sand Dunes - Please use Pathways  
No Alcoholic Beverages or Glassware  
Beach & Park Close at Sunset  
No Fires or Grilling on Beach