

REHOBOTH BAY AND BURTON ISLAND

Shallow waters and salt marsh habitats — the park's bayside access points provide ample opportunities to explore Rehoboth Bay's estuarine ecosystem.

The marshes provide critical habitat for:

- Osprey
- Snowy egrets
- Laughing gulls
- Glossy ibis
- Forster's terns
- Black-crowned night herons



The bay acts as a nursery for marine life such as:

- Horseshoe crabs
- Atlantic blue crabs
- Diamondback terrapins
- Many saltwater fish species



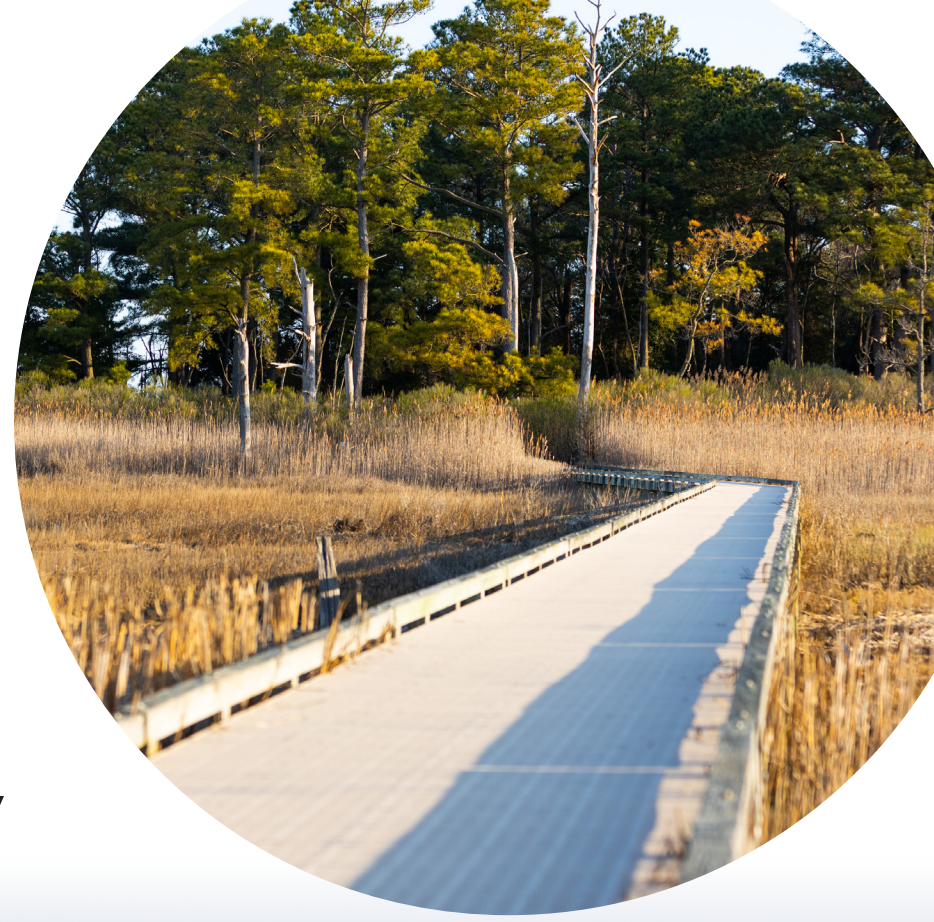
Juvenile terrapins mature and horseshoe crabs spawn in the protected habitat of the bay.



BURTON ISLAND NATURE PRESERVE

Nestled just west of the Indian River Inlet, Burton Island separates Rehoboth Bay from Indian River Bay.

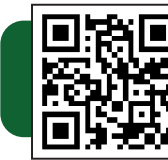
The island encompasses a variety of habitats — including sandy beaches, salt marshes, and upland maritime forest — which visitors can explore along a 1-mile hiking trail.



The island's trail can be accessed via a road tucked behind the Indian River Marina.



Laughing gulls mesmerize kayakers on a bay tour.



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