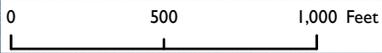
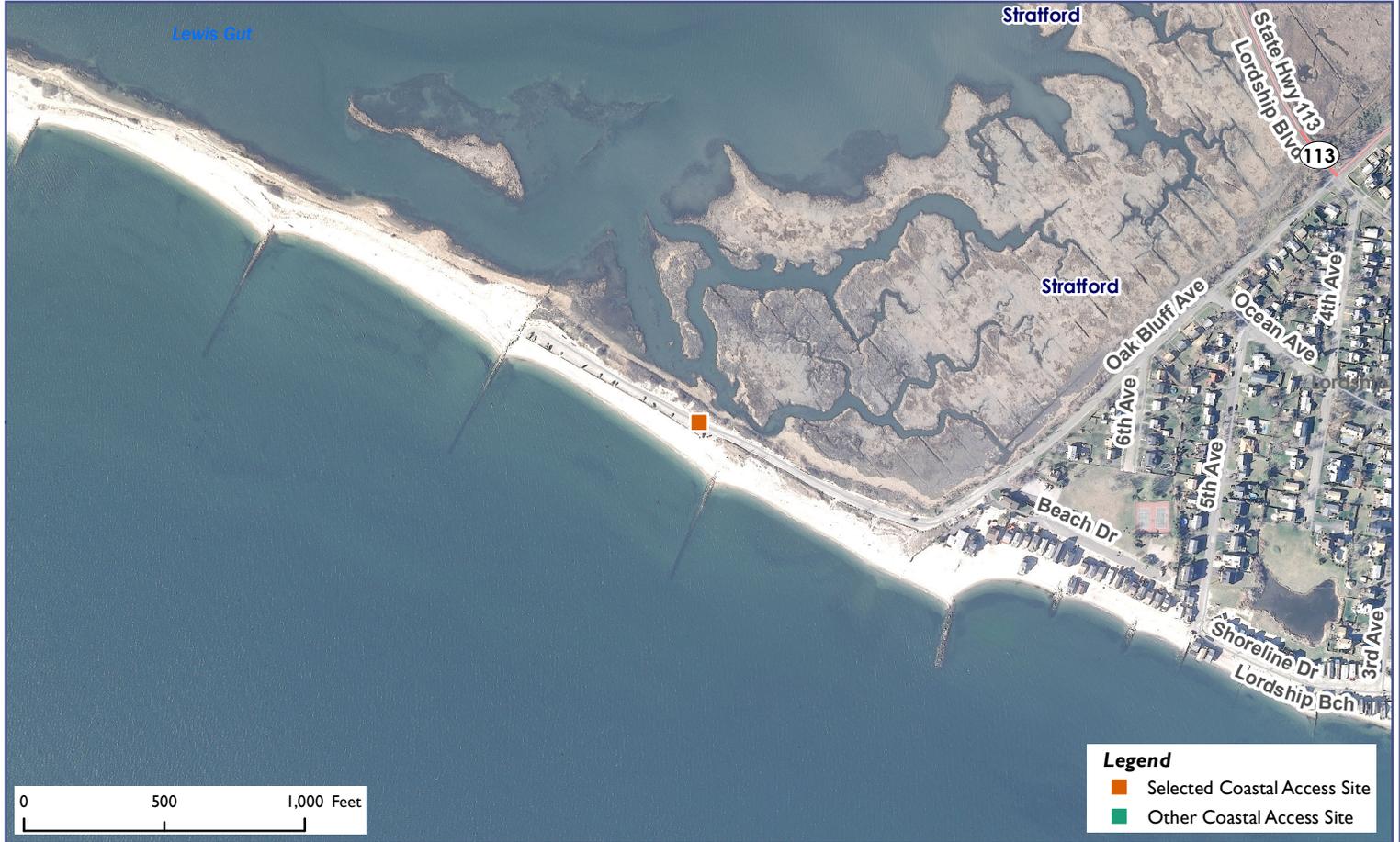


# Connecticut Coastal Access Guide

Long Beach

Oak Bluff Drive Stratford, CT 6497



**Legend**

- Selected Coastal Access Site
- Other Coastal Access Site

**Site Description:** Nestled between Long Island Sound and the Great Meadows tidal marsh it shelters, Long Beach, at a little over 1 mile in length, is one of the longest barrier beaches in Connecticut. A stroll along the beach surrounds the visitor with dunes, the Great Meadows Marsh and the open waters of the Sound. Many species of shorebirds and waterfowl can be found here, including the 'threatened' Piping plover that nests throughout the summer on the western part of this beach near Pleasure Beach. These birds nest both on the beach and the sandy 'trail' behind the dunes. Therefore, if you must pass areas of nesting birds, please respect the restricted access area signs and pass within or below the wet sand area of the beach to avoid disturbing this rare and beautiful bird. Fishing is permitted outside designated swimming areas. If you intend to visit during hunting season, proper precautions should be taken as hunting is allowed in the Great Meadows Marsh. To help you reach Long Beach, some routes leading to this site are posted with the brown and white Long Island Sound Access sign.



Activities			
	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Yes</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>No</b>		
Facilities			
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>Yes</b>
Environmental Setting			
	<b>No</b>		<b>Yes</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>Yes</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
	<b>No</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Parking:</b> Parking Lot		<b>Fee:</b> Yes	



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**Latitude:** 41.150362 **Longitude:** -73.140498

## Directions:

**From the East:** Take I-95 South to exit 30. Follow the signs to Sikorsky Memorial Airport. Drive through the Great Meadows salt marsh, passing the airport on the left. At the next stop sign, turn right onto Oak Bluff Avenue. At the foot of Oak Bluff Avenue, enter the beach access and parking area. The beach is easily accessible from any of the parking spaces, but the easiest access for viewing the tidal wetlands is from the far western end of the parking area.

**From the West:** Take I-95 North to exit 30. Take the ramp to Sikorsky Memorial Airport. Turn slight right onto Lordship Boulevard, follow for 0.9 miles. Turn right to stay on Lordship Boulevard, continue on Lordship Boulevard for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Oak Bluff Avenue. At the foot of Oak Bluff Avenue, enter the beach access and parking area. The beach is easily accessible from any of the parking spaces, but the easiest access for viewing the tidal wetlands is from the far western end of the parking area.



## Additional Site Information:

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