



A windsurfer (above) takes to the water in the West Passage of Narragansett Bay. Below, car enthusiasts study an antique auto at the annual Seaside Cruise, held every Labor Day weekend at Fort Getty.



by the Jamestown Department of Parks and Recreation. Facilities within the park include a basketball court, boat launch, restrooms, showers and a dumping station. The Rembijas Pavilion, a large picnic and event shelter, can be reserved for group events and activities. A small dock along the northerly shoreline is available for fishing.

The West Passage is rich with a variety of marine life. As reported in the Online Recreational Fishing Survey, striped bass, bluefish, summer flounder, and scup are well represented throughout the spring and fall. Tautog, black sea bass, weakfish, and winter flounder are regularly reported in this region of the bay.

Windsurfers can enjoy the breezes off two sandy beaches where volleyball players are also free to set up a net. Tables, grills, and electricity are available for both tent and RV campers. Picnic tables and barbecues for day visitors can be found throughout the area.

Water related recreational activities in the vicinity of Fort Getty Park include small craft boating, sailing and fishing. A boat launch for trailered craft is located by the beach on the Dutch Harbor side. Permits can be purchased for a kayak and canoe rack adjacent to this area.

The Fort Getty Recreational Area is located within the West Passage of Narragansett Bay, approximately 2.25 miles south of the Jamestown Bridge. To get to the park, head south on Beavertail Road. Turn right at the Fort Getty sign after passing Mackerel Cove. The gatekeeper at the park entrance will help with any questions.

The park is open seasonally for camping from May 17 through Oct. 1. The park hosts a five-day a week summer camp for local children, but pre-registration is required.

For more information, visit the jamestownri.net and click on parks and recreation. ▲