

Long Beach, Stratford



Be a Good Egg Table Location: Long Beach is located at the end of Oak Bluff Drive. Set-up the table at the west end of the parking lot (in the lot or on the sand).

About Long Beach: Long Beach is part of the Great Stratford Meadows Important Bird Area. This stretch of beach provides nesting habitat for piping plovers and least terns. American oystercatchers are also observed here. Long Beach is adjacent to Bridgeport's Pleasure Beach and the Great Stratford Meadows Unit of the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge. Great Stratford Meadows is an important foraging area for herons and egrets nesting at nearby Charles Island and shorebirds passing through during migration. In winter, thousands of Long-tailed Duck, a species of global concern, can be observed in the waters of Long Island Sound just off shore of Long Beach.

Regulations: Dogs are not permitted on the beach during the nesting season. All-terrain vehicles, littering, damage to vegetation or injury to birds, open fires, and taking of horseshoe crabs for commercial purposes are prohibited at Long Beach.

Suggested outreach: Volunteers should ask beachgoers to stay out of string fencing, avoid bringing their dogs on the beach, and to not leave trash, that is attractive to predators, on the beach. Kindly ask kite surfers to stay some distance from string fence areas.