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July 2021 Library Blogs

# *Legal Beagle's Post*

July 9, 2021

## Rhode Island Beaches

July 9, 2021



It's summer time in Rhode Island and the Legal Beagle is ready to hit the beach with a picnic, iced coffee, and a beach chair! The Beagle may be found in said chair, in a few inches of water with a legal thriller in hand.

Rhode Island's nickname is the Ocean State--there are over 400 miles of coastline on Narragansett Bay. With all that coastline comes a lot of beaches and the "best" beach is a hot debate.

Many Rhode Island beaches are open to the public, run by the State or the city/town where the beach is located. State beaches are free to walk on all year but require parking passes in summer. The State operates [eight beaches](#) throughout Rhode Island--all on the west bay – Narragansett south to Westerly. These beaches all have lifeguards and amenities such as snack bars, showers

and bathrooms. If you plan to go a few times or check out all eight, a season pass will save you money. Please note that while season passes can be bought online, they can only be purchased in person at Scarborough in Narragansett.

Town and city beaches are all over Rhode Island, with wide ranging personalities and ecosystems. Warren, Bristol, Portsmouth, Middletown, Little Compton all have beaches - and many more do too! Costs vary so make sure to check it out before you go.

Here are a few of the Legal Beagle's favorites to get you started!

[East Matunuck State Beach](#) is a sandy crescent perfect for a long walk and boat watching. The beach is one of the most beautiful with soft sand and a long coastline, it features a modern pavilion powered by wind and solar. Most days there are plenty of waves for body surfing (Tip: Stop at Job Lot and grab a boogie board).

[Narragansett Town Beach](#) is one of the most popular and beautiful beaches with sweeping views over the bay. Next to the beach is a long beach wall with plenty of people watching. Narragansett Beach is another great place to body surf and if the waves line up right, the surfers will be out. Daily surf lessons are available in the south parking lot. The beach has lots of evening events (movies, music, food trucks). (Tip: Take the walk down to the narrow river – you will know you are there because the beach will end. There you will find warmer water and current to ride.)

[Easton't Beach \(First Beach\)](#) is Newport's largest beach and is at the start of the Cliff Walk. This beach has every amenity you could want, including an aquarium.

Rhode Island also has "[secret](#)" beaches, a great way to explore and cool off. Finally, many beaches offer yoga – generally the beach entry is free, but the class is not. Here are a few around [Newport](#) and [Middletown](#).

Happy Beaching and don't forget the sunscreen!

July 26, 2021

# Waterfire and Riverfire!

July 26, 2021



Legal Beagle wants to set the scene: people stroll the streets of Providence, almost 2/3 a mile of rivers are aglow with fire, gondolas glide along, music and the crackle of the fire fill the air. In other parts of downtown more surprises await: street performers to [starry, starry night](#), stages with performances, and food and wine. Each time is unique with something new to entertain. Created by Barnaby Evans in 1994, the event has continued to grow and weave itself into the fabric of Rhode Island.

Since the Legal Beagle cannot do justice to this event, read [The Place Where Water and Fire Meet](#). Now that the Legal Beagle has you excited, there is some bad news, due to funding there are no set lightings for summer. WaterFire is fundraising to try to return for a fall season. If you can, consider a [donation](#) and keep checking for the announcement.

In the meantime, go visit the Waterfire Arts Center! This converted 37,000 square foot former home of the U.S. Rubber Company serves as WaterFire HQ, exhibition hall, and exhibition space. Check out this [Calendar](#) for current art exhibitions, performances, and social events.

While you wait for, grab a sneak peek by checking out [Riverfire](#) - Wakefield, RI's version of Waterfire. On summer Thursdays, from June 24 to August 19, the Wakefield Village Association sponsors Riverfire. Fire lights up the Saugatucket River, while local bands perform on stage at the river's edge. Find more music and performances at the nearby Contemporary Theater

Company's outdoor stage or walk down Main Street to get ice cream at Brickle's and check out the shops, restaurants and street vendors. Riverfire is free, but non-perishable food donations to the Johnnycake Center of Hope are encouraged.