

NEW JERSEY BEACHES SHELL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Common Shells & Where to Find Them

Tidal Keepsakes

Timeless Coastal Keepsakes, Gathered by the Tide

A coastal field guide for beachcombers of all ages

INCLUDED BEACH GUIDES

- Brigantine Beach, NJ
- Cape May Point State Park, NJ
- Island Beach State Park, NJ
- Port Monmouth, NJ
- Sandy Hook, NJ



Part of the Tidal Keepsakes Regional Shell Guide Collection



Explore More Shell Guides

Explore Respect Preserve
Our beaches are treasures for future generations.
Created by Tidal Keepsakes
www.TidalKeepsakes.com

BRIGANTINE BEACH SHELL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Common Shells & Where to Find Them

A guide for beachcombers of all ages

COMMON SHELLS YOU CAN FIND

JACKKNIFE CLAMS (HARDER CLAMS) <p>Long, narrow clam with black ends, especially often found in quite highly eroded shells.</p>	WHELK EGG CASINGS <p>Spiral, beaded eggshells found by the thousands, often called "mamma's milkshells".</p>	MOON SNAIL (SHARK'S EYE) <p>Smooth, rounded snails with a spiral "top" pattern, flattened and beautiful.</p>	ATLANTIC SURF CLAM <p>Large, heavy clam with thick shells, smooth and rounded.</p>	KNIBBED WHELK (STONE SHELL) <p>Spiral shell with knobs or "knibs" around the shell, the official New Jersey official state shell.</p>
--	--	--	--	---

RARE FINDS

FOSSILIZED-SHARK TEETH <p>Commonly found from various sharks, fossilized teeth from various sharks.</p>	RARE FINDS <p>Shell, round, covered with a grid pattern like a pool table.</p>	SEA DOLLARS <p>Shell, round, covered with a grid pattern like a pool table.</p>
---	--	---

TOP FINDING SPOTS IN BRIGANTINE

THE NORTH END (NORTH SHORE BEACH ACCESS) <p>The best place to go shell hunting. The beach here is wide and soft. Walk around the perimeter into the water since the ocean waves are the best place to find shells.</p>	THE "SEAWALL" (WRIGHT ST.) <p>The water gets pretty low so it's a nice place to go shell hunting. Look for shells in the sand.</p>	BRIGANTINE COVE (BAYVIEW) <p>Located on the west side of the island, this area is a nice place to go shell hunting. Look for shells in the sand.</p>
--	--	--

Explore Respect Preserve
Our beaches are treasures for future generations.
Created by Tidal Keepsakes
www.TidalKeepsakes.com

CAPE MAY POINT STATE PARK & SUNSET BEACH SHELL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Common Shells & Where to Find Them

A guide for beachcombers of all ages

CAPE MAY POINT STATE PARK - COMMON SHELLS YOU CAN FIND

MOON SNAILS (SHARK'S EYE) <p>Smooth, rounded snails with a spiral "top" pattern, flattened and beautiful.</p>	ATLANTIC SURF CLAMS <p>Large, heavy clam with thick shells, smooth and rounded.</p>	BAY SCALLOPS <p>Ribbed fan-shaped shells in shades of pink, orange, tan, and cream.</p>	COCKLE SHELLS <p>Thick, brown elongated shells with strong ridges, commonly found along the soft line.</p>
---	---	---	--

BEST LOCATIONS & STRATEGIES

THE POINT (CAMP STATE PARK) <p>Walk down the Cape May Lightship toward the point where they meet the ocean. This area is the best place to find shells.</p>	THE "BEACH TUNNEL" (PEARL AVENUE) <p>A narrow land passage area at Cape May Point where you can see a wide variety of ocean plants for shell hunting.</p>	TIDING <p>The bay beaches are best searched on the low tide when waves are in and the sand is exposed.</p>
---	---	--

SHELLING STRATEGY & TIP

EARLY MORNING SEARCHING <p>Search for shells before others arrive.</p>	AFTER STORMS <p>Search for shells after a storm and bring the tide in.</p>	LOW TIDE SEARCH <p>Search for shells on the low tide.</p>	SHELLING TIP <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>
--	--	---	---

Explore Respect Preserve
Our beaches are treasures for future generations.
Created by Tidal Keepsakes
www.TidalKeepsakes.com

COQUINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA Shelling Guide

Common Shells & Where to Find Them

A guide for beachcombers of all ages

COMMON SHELLS YOU CAN FIND

COCKLE SCALLOPS <p>Beautifully patterned with spiral ridges, often found in large quantities.</p>	RAY SCALLOPS <p>Smooth, rounded snails with a spiral "top" pattern.</p>	MOON SNAIL (SHARK'S EYE) <p>Smooth, rounded snails with a spiral "top" pattern, flattened and beautiful.</p>	CLAM LARDERS (CLAM LARDERS & CLAM LARDERS) <p>Large, smooth and beautiful shells, usually found in large quantities.</p>
---	---	--	--

WHERE TO FIND THEM

THE BEACH LINE <p>Walk measures on beach along the beach line.</p>	THE BEACH TUNNEL <p>A narrow land passage area at Cape May Point where you can see a wide variety of ocean plants for shell hunting.</p>	SEA FLATS <p>Search for shells on the low tide when waves are in and the sand is exposed.</p>
--	--	---

SHELLING STRATEGY & TIP

EARLY MORNING SEARCHING <p>Search for shells before others arrive.</p>	AFTER STORMS <p>Search for shells after a storm and bring the tide in.</p>	LOW TIDE SEARCH <p>Search for shells on the low tide.</p>	SHELLING TIP <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>
--	--	---	---

Explore Respect Preserve
Our beaches are treasures for future generations.
Created by Tidal Keepsakes
www.TidalKeepsakes.com

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK SHELL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Common Shells & Where to Find Them

COMMON SHELLS YOU CAN FIND

ATLANTIC SURF CLAMS <p>Large, heavy clam with thick shells, smooth and rounded.</p>	WHELKS (KNIBBED & NON-KNIBBED) <p>Spiral shells with knobs or "knibs" around the shell, the official New Jersey official state shell.</p>	MOON SNAILS (SHARK'S EYE) <p>Smooth, rounded snails with a spiral "top" pattern, flattened and beautiful.</p>	BAY SCALLOPS <p>Ribbed fan-shaped shells in shades of pink, orange, tan, and cream.</p>	REEF WHELKS <p>Common whelks found in shallow water, often found in large quantities.</p>
---	---	---	---	---

WHERE TO FIND THEM

THE BEACHES IN THE PARK <p>Search for shells along the beach line.</p>	FRINGING PINE <p>Search for shells along the fringing pine.</p>	NORTH END <p>Walk the beach along the north end.</p>	MANGLY POINT <p>Search for shells along the mangly point.</p>	TIME OF TIDE <p>Search for shells on the low tide.</p>
--	---	--	---	--

RECOMMENDING TIPS

Bring a bucket <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>	Walk the beach <p>Walk the beach along the beach line.</p>	Bring a bucket <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>	Explore More Shell Guides <p>Explore More Shell Guides</p>
---	--	---	--

Explore Respect Preserve
Our beaches are treasures for future generations.
Created by Tidal Keepsakes
www.TidalKeepsakes.com

LEWES BEACH, DE SHELL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Common Shells & Where to Find Them

COMMON SHELLS YOU CAN FIND

MOON SNAILS (SHARK'S EYE) <p>Smooth, rounded snails with a spiral "top" pattern, flattened and beautiful.</p>	ATLANTIC SURF CLAMS <p>Large, heavy clam with thick shells, smooth and rounded.</p>	SURF SCALLOPS <p>Ribbed fan-shaped shells in shades of pink, orange, tan, and cream.</p>	SEA GLASS <p>Weathered glass scattered by the sea, colorful and beautiful.</p>	CLAM LARDERS & CLAMS <p>Large, smooth and beautiful shells, usually found in large quantities.</p>
---	---	--	--	--

WHERE TO FIND THEM

THE POINTS <p>Search for shells along the beach line.</p>	BRING A BUCKET <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>
---	---

RECOMMENDING TIPS

Bring a bucket <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>	Walk the beach <p>Walk the beach along the beach line.</p>	Bring a bucket <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>	Explore More Shell Guides <p>Explore More Shell Guides</p>
---	--	---	--

Explore Respect Preserve
Our beaches are treasures for future generations.
Created by Tidal Keepsakes
www.TidalKeepsakes.com

OCEAN CITY BEACH, MD SHELL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Common Shells & Where to Find Them

COMMON SHELLS YOU CAN FIND

WHELKS (KNIBBED & NON-KNIBBED) <p>Spiral shells with knobs or "knibs" around the shell, the official New Jersey official state shell.</p>	MOON SNAILS (SHARK'S EYE) <p>Smooth, rounded snails with a spiral "top" pattern, flattened and beautiful.</p>	ATLANTIC SURF CLAMS <p>Large, heavy clam with thick shells, smooth and rounded.</p>	COCKLE SHELLS <p>Thick, brown elongated shells with strong ridges, commonly found along the soft line.</p>	SEA GLASS <p>Weathered glass scattered by the sea, colorful and beautiful.</p>
---	---	---	--	--

WHERE TO FIND THEM

THE BEACHES <p>Search for shells along the beach line.</p>	BRING A BUCKET <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>
--	---

RECOMMENDING TIPS

Bring a bucket <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>	Walk the beach <p>Walk the beach along the beach line.</p>	Bring a bucket <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>	Explore More Shell Guides <p>Explore More Shell Guides</p>
---	--	---	--

Explore Respect Preserve
Our beaches are treasures for future generations.
Created by Tidal Keepsakes
www.TidalKeepsakes.com

REHOBOTH BEACH, DE SHELL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

Common Shells & Where to Find Them

COMMON SHELLS YOU CAN FIND

MOON SNAILS (SHARK'S EYE) <p>Smooth, rounded snails with a spiral "top" pattern, flattened and beautiful.</p>	JARRELS <p>Thick, dark shells with strong ridges, commonly found along the soft line.</p>	ATLANTIC SURF CLAMS <p>Large, heavy clam with thick shells, smooth and rounded.</p>	QUINCY CLAMS <p>Large, smooth and beautiful shells, usually found in large quantities.</p>	SEA GLASS <p>Weathered glass scattered by the sea, colorful and beautiful.</p>
---	---	---	--	--

WHERE TO FIND THEM

THE BEACHES <p>Search for shells along the beach line.</p>	BRING A BUCKET <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>
--	---

RECOMMENDING TIPS

Bring a bucket <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>	Walk the beach <p>Walk the beach along the beach line.</p>	Bring a bucket <p>Bring a bucket to hold your shells.</p>	Explore More Shell Guides <p>Explore More Shell Guides</p>
---	--	---	--

Explore Respect Preserve
Our beaches are treasures for future generations.
Created by Tidal Keepsakes
www.TidalKeepsakes.com