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Crabbing in the Wildwoods

The Wildwoods, NJ – Crabbing at the New Jersey Shore is a relaxing, fun activity for families to do together while on vacation that won't break the bank, especially if you head to the Wildwoods, NJ to do it. Crabbing supplies are relatively inexpensive and can be used multiple times. If you're lucky, you'll bring home a bushel of blue crabs for dinner.

Crabbing in the Wildwoods is a beloved shore activity commonplace along the tidal marsh areas on the west side of the island. Those looking to catch their evening crab feast are frequently spotted along the wetlands area entering the island and at street ends or on docks along the back bay.

The Cape May National Wildlife Refuge is a local hot spot for crabbing. The Refuge is located along the creeks in the marshlands on Ocean Drive between Cape May and Wildwood Crest. Lakeview Docks off Park Boulevard in Wildwood Crest has a magnificent pier for fishing and crabbing. Boat rentals are also available.

For those who would like to crab from the shores of the Wildwoods, there are lots of hot spots from which to choose. In North Wildwood just after you get onto the island from the north end, turn right and there is an awesome bulkhead with good water. On Rio Grande Boulevard on the way onto the island from Exit 4, there are a few good spots to stop along the side of the road to crab. Off Ocean Drive on the south end just past 2 Mile Inn, there is a good spot to crab near the road; just look for the wooden railing across the drainpipe. Continuing South on Ocean Drive, just over the toll bridge there are two small bridges. You can stop near those and walk out onto the marsh to crab from shore.

When crabbing in the Wildwoods, the first tip would be to watch out for the claws; they can pinch you. Some species of crabs native to the East Coast such as green crabs and spider crabs are not edible and if caught should be released. Crabs also prefer to be near underwater structures such as pilings (usually from docks), bridges, and sunken shipwrecks; so, look for these hideouts when setting your traps.

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