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Park Official’s Signature
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SPECTACLE ISLAND

Have you ever wanted a second chance? Spectacle Island certainly did, and got it! Ever since Native Americans settled here over 8,000 years ago, Spectacle Island has been a place for people to come together, share stories, and enjoy the offerings of an abundant harbor.

The island you see today did not always look so beautiful. Bostonians used Spectacle Island for a quarantine station, as a location for offshore hotels, and for industrial purposes such as a horse rendering factory and a garbage reclamation plant. Believe it or not, people lived and even went to school here throughout this time period.

After falling out of use for many years, Spectacle Island needed significant help! Through commitment and hard work, Spectacle Island has been transformed. While you’re visiting today, learn the story of this island as you find out how the land was formed, who lived on it, and how it became the beautiful park you see today.
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Get OUT and MOVE!

Spectacle Island is one of the largest and most interesting islands in Boston Harbor! As you hike around and explore over 100 acres, trace your footsteps today on the island map!

Challenge: how far did you walk?
Conduct a Ranger Interview

As you prepare for an exciting day in Boston Harbor, stop by the Visitor Center and talk to a ranger, participate in a program, or just find out what you can do during your visit!

• What is your name?

• What does a Park Ranger do?

• Ask a question you have about Park Rangers!

If you can, find an activity to attend on the island. What program was it? What did you do?
Wild Island

The Boston Harbor Islands are home to a variety of wildlife. See if you can spot these three different species of birds. How many of each can you find?

8 Red-winged Black Bird
8 Double-crested Cormorant
8 Black-backed Gull

Atop a Drumlin

The North Drumlin is the highest point in Boston Harbor! Hike to the top and you’ll see islands, shipping channels, and the City of Boston. Once you’ve reached the top, take a look around and draw or describe what you see!
A Timeline of Island Shapes

Spectacle Island has undergone many changes in the last four hundred years. Using information you find in the Visitor Center or on a guided tour, can you match the time period to the island shape below?

1. 1600’s – Before settlement of Europeans
2. 1700’s – Cattle Grazing and quarantine station
3. 1800’s – Hotels and the horse rendering plant
4. 1900’s – Grease reclamation and dumping ground
5. 1980’s - present – Restoration, renewal, and a modern park area

Question: How did the shape of Spectacle Island change over time?

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Leave no Trace

While you’re exploring this park, you might not see any trash cans! All of the islands follow the rules of Leave No Trace, which means you should make sure to stay on trails, respect wildlife and bring home everything you brought today (and nothing more)! Use the images below to figure out the code of the Boston Harbor Islands.
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Using this field guide, take a closer look at who lives below the waterline and find out how crowded the beach really is! Circle what you find.

- Barnacle
- Hermit Crab
- Sea Urchin
- Irish Moss
- Blue Mussel
- Kelp
- Green Crab
- Rock Crab
- Shore Crab
- Moon Jelly
- Periwinkle
- Rockweed
- Soft Shell Clam
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Archaeology is the study of human history based on physical remains such as tools, bones, buildings or artwork. Identify at least two groups of people who spent time on Spectacle Island, and draw what they left behind.
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Word Search!

How many of the following words can you find in the word search below?

1. Spectacles
2. Tombolo
3. Drumlins
4. Jr. Rangers
5. Kayaks
6. Ferry
7. Raccoons
8. Visitors Center
9. Arrowhead
10. Sea Glass
11. Factories
12. Recycle
13. Islands
14. Wildlife

V I D Q R U S Y A G F S O Z T S
T O M B O L O R I X D P T E J V
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Deer Island  
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Georges Island  
Grape Island  
The Graves  
Great Brewster Island
Green Island  
Hangman Island  
Langlee Island  
Little Brewster Island  
Little Calf Island  
Long Island  
Lovells Island  
Middle Brewster Island  
Moon Island  
Nixes Mate  
Nut Island  
Outer Brewster Island  
Peddocks Island  
Raccoon Island  
Ragged Island  
Rainsford Island  
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