Restrooms
Public restrooms are available in the Oceanic Hotel.

Food & Drink
• The Island Grill is open most days and features lobster rolls, grilled chicken, burgers & hot dogs. Cash & credit cards accepted.
• The snack bar in the hotel is open daily.
• The Oceanic Hotel serves family-style meals in the dining hall. Reservations are required. Call (603) 601-0832.
• Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic lunch—seaside tables are available.
• Alcoholic beverages are not for sale on the island. The Isles of Shoals Steamship Company sells beer & wine to be consumed onboard only.

Accommodations
• The Oceanic Hotel is a charming and authentic historic landmark with simple rooms and shared bathrooms.
• Conferees stay in the hotel or nearby cottages. Anyone can register for a conference. Visit the Oceanic front desk or starisland.org to learn more.
• Overnight guests or “personal retreaters” are welcome if there’s availability.
• For information about special group overnight rates visit starisland.org/group

Tours
• Trained volunteers with the Isles of Shoals Historical & Research Association offer history and environmental tours of the 43-acre island.
• Isles of Shoals Steamship Company also provides tours and trips from Portsmouth, NH. Visit Islesofshoals.com
• Uncle Oscar/Island Tours provides tours and trips from Rye, NH. Visit uncleoscar.com
• Anyone is welcome to take a self-guided tour of the island. Please note: the terrain can be challenging!

Activities
• Swim off the dock when a lifeguard is on-duty
• Rent a rowboat or kayak
• Play tennis
• Go birdwatching
• Walk or jog the island perimeter
• Bring art supplies, a frisbee or a kite
• Enjoy the playground
• Take a tour
• Read a book in a porch rocking chair
• Visit the gift shop and bookstore
• Play a board game in the hotel lobby

Sailors and boaters who visit Gosport Harbor are invited to use our Star Island Tom Dudley tender service to get to the island and back. There is no charge—donations are encouraged.

Rules and Safety
• Fires and open flames are strictly prohibited.
• Smoking for day visitors is only permitted at the end of the pier.
• Report all emergencies to the Hotel Front Desk. (603) 964-7252.
• If you hear the emergency alarm gather immediately at the flagsign.
• Swimming is only allowed at the dock when a lifeguard is on duty.
• Be aware of rocky, uneven terrain.
• Warning: Poison Ivy is widespread.
• Avoid approaching seagulls and their nests.
• Seek shelter in the Hotel Lobby during storms.
• Please do not enter restricted or work areas.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our island community safe.

Visitors are encouraged to “unplug” while on the island.
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History

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In 1915, the non-profit Star Island Corporation purchased the island. The organization was founded on the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ, which emphasize respect for each other and the natural environment.

Star Island Corporation depends on donations to maintain and preserve the island. As you explore and enjoy this unique place, please consider giving what you can to support our effort. You can make a tax-deductible donation at the Front Desk or online at starisland.org.

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Star Island is owned and managed by a nonprofit organization called Star Island Corporation. For over a century, Star Island has provided a welcoming community where people come to have fun, find inspiration, enjoy nature and connect with each other. As an island ecosystem, we carefully manage all our resources including water, power and sanitation. Please use these resources wisely.

Star Island is private property yet all are welcome to visit for a day, spend the night, or attend one of the many all-inclusive conferences that focus on a variety of topics such as International Affairs, Arts, Spirituality, Yoga, Birding and History. Summer programs are family-friendly. Being part of a conference is the best way to experience the “magic” of Star. Pricing for conferences includes the ferry ride from Portsmouth, lodging, all meals, taxes and tips!

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