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THE GREAT SAUNTER AROUND NEW YORK ISLAND.

***NOTABLES AND TOURISTS WILL SEE
MANHATTAN AT 3 MPH!***

The *Great Saunter of 2005* on Saturday, May 7st will explore, on foot, Manhattan's entire 32-mile shoreline. Walkers will visit over 20 parks and promenades, see fabulous skylines, and walk the northern hills and forests of Manhattan; as well as varied ethnic, business, and million-dollar condo neighborhoods. Saunterers will also pass Ground Zero. Shorewalkers' unique event to celebrate and savor NYC's waterfront begins at 7:30 AM at Fulton and Water Streets, near the South Street Seaport. Press Conference at 9:45 AM at the Circle Line Terminal at W. 42nd Street. By 1:30 PM, walkers will be at Inwood Park, near the flagpole for lunch. The Highbridge Park route parallels the fascinating Harlem River, and zig-zags south along the East River, returning to the South Street Seaport area as the moon rises over Brooklyn.

Walkers from all over the U.S. will Saunter New York Island's ever-changing shore. See how Manhattan's rim has evolved since *SHOREWALKERS*, a non-profit, environmental and walking group, began fighting for a continuous public walkway 20 years ago, efforts which have resulted in creation of an almost contiguous shoreline, and the 56-mile *BATT TO BEAR TRAIL* from the Battery to Bear Mountain. Walkers will also tread the Manhattan side of Shorewalkers' latest initiative, the proposed *GRAND HARLEM RIVER PARK*, which will be bigger than Central Park!

Prominent State and City officials have proclaimed the day of this walk as "*SHOREWALKERS DAY*". Notable supporters include: Mayor Mike Bloomberg, Council Speaker Gifford Miller, Manhattan B. P. Virginia Fields, Representative Charles Rangel, Caroline Maloney, Jerrold Nadler, State legislators, Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe, etc. Pete Seeger may again walk part of New York Island's shore with us. Our motto is:

Collecting Is Good, Shorewalking Is Better.

The *GREAT SAUNTER* is free to *Shorewalker* members. Non-members are requested to donate \$10 if pre-registering, \$15 on the day of walk. Pre-register and/or join *Shorewalkers* at www.shorewalkers.org/gsform.html. Wear good shoes. Bring water, food, extra socks and a hat. No rain date.

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