

Delaware beach was named a top spring, summer destination

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If you're looking for a highly rated vacation spot once the weather warms, a prime option is a lot closer than you may think. In fact, one of Delaware's beaches was named a top spring and summer destination this year.

HomeToGo, a vacation rental website, released its 2026 Beach Index ranking the top destinations in the United States for travelers to enjoy coastal waters this year. Rankings were based on five key indicators: affordability, a hidden gem score related to the volume of searches, a local secret score related to the average distance traveled by visi-

tors, average temperatures between April and September, and visitor satisfaction. Out of 100 beaches across the country, South Bethany Beach ranked No. 5 overall.

The beach received an 8.82 out of 10 for affordability; an 8.45 for the hidden gem score; a 9.45 for the local secret score; a 7.79 for temperature; and a 9.58 for visitor satisfaction.

HomeToGo reported that the median nightly price per person for vacation accommodation in South Bethany Beach is \$98.90. The beach was described as a "wide, well-kept stretch of sand." The town's bayside waterways, vast network of canals and plethora of outdoor activities like kayaking, fishing and

boating were highlighted.

Delaware's beach is joined in the top 10 by:

- Saint Joe Beach in Florida at No. 1
- Bethune Beach in Florida at No. 2
- Jamaica Beach in Texas at No. 3
- Butler Beach in Florida at No. 4
- Terramar Beach in Texas at No. 6
- Satellite Beach in Florida at No. 7
- Shell Beach in California at No. 8
- Litchfield Beach in South Carolina at No. 9
- Indian Beach in North Carolina at No. 10

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