Long Island: When Dutch explorer Adrian Block sailed around the island in 1614 he named it Lange Eylandt and the name stuck. The Indian name for the island was Paumanok, meaning land of tribute. The English settlers provoked hostilities with the Pequots of Connecticut and for years these Pequots were able to exact tribute from the Montauks and other tribes of eastern Long Island. Amagansett: Place of good water.

Aquebogue: The place where the flags grow. The Nature Conservancy has designated the Peconic Estuary system one of the Last Great Places in the Western Hemisphere. Use our guide to find the best nature preserve near you for hiking, fishing, birdwatching, or just enjoying the great outdoors. Long Island has plentiful nature preserves that offer secluded forests, wetlands, and fields for hikers, birdwatchers, and other nature enthusiasts to explore the natural wonders of the island. Many preserves are also home to animal sanctuaries, historical buildings from Long Island’s Gold Coast era, and science, history, and art museums. For an inexpensive (or even free) outing with the family, take a look at some of these preserves across Long Island. Suffolk County Preserves. Sweetbriar Nature Center 62 Eckernkamp Drive Smithtown, NY 11787 631-979-6344. Long Island is just as beautiful in the Winter as it is any other season. While we won’t be dipping our toes in the sand, we took a drive to Jones Beach to enjoy their holiday light show. The William Wolkoff Dahlia Garden. This garden is usually filled with gorgeous flowers, but somehow looks even more beautiful as an Autumn backdrop. This hatchery is located in the beautiful Connetquot State Park nature preserve. The Connetquot Hatchery is Long Island’s only active fish hatchery. Explore the bay area of Cupsogue Beach on Long Island in March or April and you’re almost guaranteed to find seals. Fish Hatchery Smelling Flowers Out Of The Woods Pumpkin Colors I’m Still Here I Saw The Light. Like A Local. Exploring the Other Island book. Read reviews from world’s largest community for readers. A singularly effective guide. Inspired concept. Highly recomme... Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Start by marking Exploring the Other Island: A seasonal guide to nature on Long Island as Want to Read. Want to Read saving… Want to Read.