

# Hampton Beach Evangelism

Hampton Beach (226 Ocean Blvd, Hampton, NH)

Hampton Beach is a GREAT place to put into practice reaching out to the lost with compassion, urgency and love.

The town of Hampton has a fireworks show most Wednesday nights in the summer, so lots of people gather for that. The fireworks start at 9:30PM, and that gives a good two hours (7-9PM) of ministry time.

People tend to be friendly and open, though there are sometimes exceptions.

**Your Job:** Whatever you're comfortable with! You can watch. You can pray silently. You can hand out gospel tracts. You might even start up a Gospel conversation!

And ***I need at least one person*** to help me with the equipment to and from my car and to watch the equipment should one of us need to use the restrooms.

**Where:** 226 Ocean Blvd, Hampton, NH

To see the location on google maps, go here: <https://goo.gl/maps/oUGsg>

**Give yourself plenty of extra time for parking!!!**

## Directions:

- **Drive 101 East** all the way to the beach.
- Turn **Right onto Route 1A/Ocean Blvd.**
- (The idea now is to turn around on Ocean BLVD to go North.)
- One way is to turn Left on D Street and then Left on Ocean BLVD, but there are many streets you can turn left onto to turn left onto Ocean BLVD.
- Once driving North on Ocean BLVD, **drive past bandstand on the right.** There might be a band playing there.
- Then drive past McDonalds on your left. I setup my sketch board on the sidewalk on the right side so my back is facing the beach.

## Parking:

It is \$2/hour to park on the street, but very hard to find spots. Parking on the streets is by credit card only.

Perhaps the best place to park is the *Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom* for a \$10 flat fee (cash only). Plenty of parking and it's very close to where we meet! Address is 169 Ocean Blvd, Hampton, NH (<https://goo.gl/maps/sX6XH>)



Here's the "Bandstand" you'll drive past. You're ALMOST there!!!



This is the spot where we setup!



As you can see, a large crowd often gathers to listen.

### **What Mark Will Do:**

Since this is a spot where there are lots of people walking by, Open Air Campaigners has found it very effective over the years to use our paint board to draw a crowd to listen to a gospel message. Also effective is when we put up a riddle on the board and wait for people to stop and try to solve the riddle. We walk them through the riddle, and at the end it leads well into God's plan of salvation.

### **What You Do:**

Whatever you think God is asking you to do. If you just want to pray silently, that's great! Your prayers are needed and watching will encourage you! If you want to ask people about the riddle and share the Gospel of Christ, that's great too. No pressure. But you will be blessed to be there and you'll be a blessing to the team too. *Be open to what the Holy Spirit can accomplish through you.* I've seen a number of people who thought they'd never initiate a conversation with a stranger end up sharing Christ eloquently and lovingly once they saw the people!



It's not uncommon for many great one-on-one conversations to happen after the preaching!

### **What To Avoid:**

A crowd attracts a crowd, but too large a crowd gets you in trouble with the police, so let's not all crowd too close to the sketch board. We should spread out to allow plenty of room for pedestrians to pass along, and allow room for non-Christians to get close to the board so they can try to solve the riddle.

Avoid giving out gospel tracts to people walking towards the preaching (because they'll read the tracts instead of listening to the Word.) But please DO give tracts to those leaving or to anyone when no preaching is happening.

Please avoid wearing overtly Christian t-shirts. It'll look like an invasion if there are a ton of people around wearing Christian shirts!!! The idea is to blend in and look like everyone else.

**Note:** There are fireworks afterwards, so you can plan to stay to watch them if you'd like. OAC jokes that the town of Hampton is so happy that we're out sharing the Gospel of Christ that they put on a fireworks show for us every Wednesday night to help us draw a crowd! 😊

**And please pray pray pray leading up to the outreach!!!**

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