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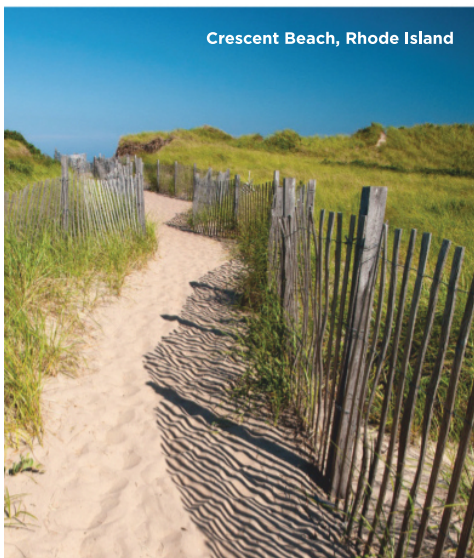
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IT'S THE ULTIMATE SUMMER LIST:
THE BEST BEACH IN EVERY STATE
(WITH A COASTLINE!),
FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

BY TRACEY MINKIN



Crescent Beach, Rhode Island

RHODE ISLAND

Crescent Beach

Rhode Island's nickname is "The Ocean State," but it could just as well be called "The Beach State," so varied and wonderful are its beaches. Among such riches, top honors go to Crescent Beach, a 2.5-mile, gloriously tawny stretch on Block Island, just 13 miles south of the Rhode Island coast with 17 miles of its own spectacular sands.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Folly Beach

In Charleston's backyard, Folly Beach is funky, free-spirited, and full of surfers, sun-seekers, and quirky souls who congregate on this Atlantic-facing barrier island and enjoy the good life. Center Beach is where all the action is (including the Folly Pier, which promises excellent fishing), and insiders know that Folly Beach County Park, at the island's west end, is pristine and spectacular.

TEXAS

South Padre Island

Just a dozen or so miles away from the Mexican border, South Padre Island is a gem along Texas' southernmost Gulf coast with 34 miles of powder-soft, white-sand beaches and crystal-clear water. More to love: No spot on this narrow barrier island is more than a mile from the water.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Beach

There is so much beach to go around in this fun-loving, family-oriented spot on Virginia's southernmost coast, it's hard

to pick a favorite. Anchored by a three-mile boardwalk, the Resort Beach area is the heart of beach life, while Sandbridge is a secluded hideaway with five miles of pristine dunes and wild oats.

WASHINGTON

Deception Pass State Park

With rugged cliffs, pounding surf, and 77,000 feet of saltwater shoreline, this jewel that straddles the northwest tip of Whidbey Island and the southern tip of Fidalgo Island is a popular getaway for locals and visitors alike. Rosario Beach on Fidalgo Island is a stunning cove with a sweeping sandy beach, cool tide pools, and superb Pacific Northwest vistas.

WISCONSIN

Julian Bay

In the spectacular Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Lake Superior, this remarkable beach on remote Stockton Island has sands that are not only beautiful but musical. Known as "singing sands," a quality found in 10 to 20% of the world's beaches, Julian Bay's sand actually emits a magical, singing sound.



Deception Pass State Park, Washington