



## Where The Fellas At? Not In Montauk

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We all know that Montauk has blown up over the last couple years, as it's become the most popular and fashionable summer retreat since sleepaway camp. The once sleepy beach town is now crawling with young people, all looking to mix it up and have a great time. It's safe to say that at least 75% of the weekend population in Montauk is female. And of that 75%, 72% of them are single, 50% of which are wide eyed and ready to mingle. Having done zero actual research, yet plenty of eyeballing, we have no real evidence to support this claim, it's all one big guesstimation. #WEOUTHERE a lot though, and the evidence is overwhelming. With a dense population of single, fun, adventure seeking females, that leaves one question and one question only: Fellas, WHERE YOU AT?

Let's backtrack for a second. It's a fact that females are better planners than males are. They make it their business to initiate weekend getaways, group dinners, and group #EEEEETS Instagram opps (this one is supported by **actual facts**). Guys, not so much. They're more concerned with boozing, checking their fantasy stats, and Tinder. Every once in a while you'll find a group of guys that has a dedicated planner, but even when that happens, the "destination" plan is usually a dingy basement with a bathtub full of beer at a share house in Southampton with 35 other people in it.

Fellas, it's time to class it up a notch. Grab a couple of friends (two or three, not eight), preferably the social ones who people generally like. Bonus points if one of these friends has a car, because you'll need one. Each of you should book your *own* hotel room, specifically somewhere like **Haven**, **Sole East**, **Ruschmeyers**, **Montauk Beach House** or **Montauk Blue Hotel**. That's where the ladies are at. Once you've locked down a hotel room, successfully taken a friday off from work, and figured out your wheels situation, here are the places you might want to consider hanging out at if you want to try your hand at talking to a girl. Pro tip: It's SCARY.

## Where The Ladies At?



## The Hotels

During the daytime, it's a great idea to grab brunch or drinks at one of the hotels. Noon-6pm are the best times to go to [Surf Lodge](#) before it gets crazy. Ruschmeyers has great brunch, and usually big groups of ladies enjoying bagels and granola. [Gurney's](#), which just got a new makeover for 2014, and [The Crow's Nest](#), both cater to the well heeled crowd, and are certainly the most chic of any Montauk establishments. [Haven](#) is the real sleeper spot though. It's low key spot that no one talks about, but is absolutely crawling with ladies. It's like entering girls-side at sleepaway camp. If you're not staying here, you should probably just hang out here in the parking lot with a cooler of rosé on ice or something.



## South Edison

Pretty much every night, there's at least two tables of 12 girls having dinner at **South Edison**, guaranteed. Maybe there's a guy or two sprinkled in, but it's always packs of ladies. Birthday parties, bachelorette parties, or simply Saturday night pre-gaming, South Eddy is crawling with dinner action. Being that this is a restaurant, and a good one worth spending your money at, you're going to have to grow a pair, take a chance, and roll up if you want to initiate some conversation. Do it, cowboy.

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## Joni's

Breakfast, coffee, juice and healthy things, **Joni's** is the one stop shop in Montauk for all of the above and a magnet for female activity. Take a long, leisurely breakfast on one of their picnic tables out front, and see what unfolds. Again, it's going to require guts, but we have faith in you.

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## Harbor Raw Bar and Lounge

A new addition for 2014, we visited [The Harbor](#) recently and it was a strange, yet enticing scene. The crowd is a mixed bag of locals, boat people and weekenders, and not surprisingly, most of the weekenders were female. It's not the same fedora wearing crowd as places like Surf Lodge and Ruschmeyers, as it's got a little more Long Island realness to it. Harbor has got the vibe of a place that can get really rowdy, and we were impressed with the food offerings too. This one is a wildcard, but could wind up paying dividends. And if all else fails, there's always [The Sloppy Tuna](#)...

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## The Sloppy Tuna

The Tuna is where people go to drink copious amounts of Bud Light on the beach. The picture above makes it look all beautiful and serene, and that couldn't be further from reality. [This gallery](#) is a better representation of what goes on here. The Tuna is the closest thing the Hamptons has to The Jersey Shore, but it's a big bro-dawg hangout too. Your numbers won't be that great, but you've got to believe you have a better shot than the guy still insisting on wearing a Von Dutch trucker hat. Then again, this is the Sloppy Tuna.