

Entertainment

The GQ Guide to Montauk

We tell you where to eat, crash, and cut loose

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GETTING THERE

Yes, there's an airport at The End, but unless you

own a plane, you won't arrive by air, and the eastbound highways look like parking lots in summertime. Your best bet? Long Island Rail Road from Penn Station in New York City. It's the only way you can drink and drive through the Hamptons. Where to Crash



Photos: Montauk Surf Style



Red shorts, \$60 Polo Ralph Lauren. Watch by Tag Heuer. Polka dot shorts, \$75 by Saturdays NYC. Boat shoes, \$265 by Quoddy.

Rob McKinley, co-owner of Ruschmeyer's, Goldbar, and the Surf Lodge.

WHERE TO CRASH

The beach you're seeing in these photos is **Ditch Plains**—Montauk's iconic slice of the Atlantic. You can't get any closer than the **East Deck Motel**, which has been selling sun-bleached comfort since the '50s. **Ruschmeyer's** (above) opened last year as a summer camp/playland for the over-21 set. The outdoor Ping-Pong tables are as lively as the bar, and the glowing lanterns in the trees give it good-trip vibes, in the literal and the psychedelic sense.

SHRED IN STYLE

Bob Melet is the vintage guru of the fashion world, and **Melet Mercantile Montauk** is an outpost of his legendary appointment-only SoHo space. Here you'll find Melet's obsessively curated clothes, plus photography, rare books, and memorabilia from every group that's left its mark on Montauk, from the Shinnecock Indians to Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders to the Rolling Stones. We rent and buy surfboards at **Air and Speed**, where you can sign up for lessons or pick up the board shorts you forgot to pack.

SEA, FOOD

The Restaurant at the Surf Lodge and the restaurant at Ruschmeyer's are both cooking with serious chops and fish fresh off the boat. For the single best dish in town, order the cioppino (fish stew) at **Dave's Grill**, where old-moneyed East Hampton dines. Try anything from the mostly local raw bar at **South Edison**, or keep it simple by picking up a bottle of Channing Daughters wine, produced on Long Island, and heading to **Duryea's Lobster Deck** for heaping lobster rolls and sunset views.