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How a Rockaways

PLAY THE CROSSWORD

"I walk the boardwalk every day, year round." Laila Stevens for The New York Times LUNCH BREAK I usually go up on my deck, where I have a big giant umbrella, so I can get a break from the sun. Lunch is usually sliced turkey and avocado and tomatoes, crackers, a piece of fruit, something light. Sign up for the New York Today **Newsletter** Each morning, get the latest on New York businesses, arts, sports, dining, style and more. Get it sent to your inbox. **WORK STUFF** I'll probably check my phone and see what's going on with Rock Locations — has anyone reached out to me? If I have a shoot going on, I might check in on them. Usually I go there at the beginning to watch them unload and see if they have any questions. I'm also taking pictures behind the scenes for my social media, but I try to stay back as much as possible. And then I'm on call; I won't leave Rockaway on a shoot day.  $\triangleright$   $\times$ 

Ms. Bloom visits Edgemere Farm, one of the locations she represents, in Far Rockaway, Queens. Laila Stevens for The New York Times

**OFF TO THE MARKET** I might run over

to a farmers market if I didn't get to on

Friday or Saturday. We have incredible

one is called the Rockaway Youth Task

It's an amazing piece of farm property

where they grow some of their own

products, and some of it's brought in.

just want to support them, and their

I've got to get back to the beach. It's

prices are good.

Some people only want to buy local, but I

BACK TO THE BEACH By now, I'm like,

usually less crowded by the afternoon but

it's also when the wind starts to pick up.

It gets a little choppier. I just want to be

in the water, so if it's really not a surf day

I'll swim. My favorite light is sunset, so if

I can stay that long I will. I love being on

"Because of Covid, everyone has learned to surf this year. Everyone's working remotely and everyone's

my board at sunset; it may not be the

best waves, but the light is just magic.

Farm, run by local high school students.

markets: One is at Edgemere Farm, and

surfing." Laila Stevens for The New York Times **YOUR** TOP PICKS SHOP NOW ▶ **MCM Busayo** Versace \$295.00 \$465.00 \$99.75 DINNER, MUSIC After I get back home and shower, if Ben is here we'll sometimes go out for dinner. We'll either go to the Rockaway Beach Surf Club for tacos at Tacoway Beach if there's a short line, or we'll go to <u>Rockaway Beach</u> Brewing Company. Then I might get on my bike and jump up to the boardwalk, because the magic of Rockaway is free music, all along the boardwalk. There's either a D.J. or a band at Rippers, and at the 97th Street concessions, and at Caracas. I have a tendency to bike to all of them, and see what music I like, and then I'll stay there. LISTS BEFORE BED Mondays tend to be my busiest day, so I have to be ready to hit the ground. I'm a big list maker, so I'm in bed with my phone — I know you're not supposed to turn your bed into your office, I know that rule, but I've broken that rule. So I make a personal list and a Rock Locations list for the next day. I recently went to our local bookstore, Avoid the Day, and bought three books. I used to be a voracious reader and I'm excited to read more this summer. By 10:30 or 11, though, I pretty much just pass out. Sunday Routine readers can follow Claudia Bloom and Rock Locations on Instagram @rocklocations. A version of this article appears in print on Aug. 1, 2021, Section MB, Page 2 of the New York edition with the headline: A Location Scout Finds the Perfect Spot. Order Reprints | Today's Paper | <u>Subscribe</u> Sunday Routine >

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