

# CLAY PIT PONDS STATE PARK PRESERVE



**The Nature Interpretive Center** at Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve provides educational recreation opportunities for people of all ages. These programs are designed to enhance your visit to our State Parks. Most events are rain or shine! Stay up to date on the status of our programs by visiting our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/ClayPitPonds](http://www.facebook.com/ClayPitPonds).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Ticks are a fact of life on Staten Island and in our Park Preserve. Please wear long pants, tall socks and closed-toe shoes to all outdoor programs. Bug spray is also recommended and we have it on site for patron use if you don't bring your own.

## CONTACT US!

### The Nature Interpretive Center

2351 Veterans Road West  
Staten Island, NY 10309  
[www.parks.ny.gov/parks/166](http://www.parks.ny.gov/parks/166)

Open Tuesday — Saturday  
8:30am — 5:00pm

**Gates are locked at 5:00PM**

To book a private program, rent the Center, or for other questions, please contact Emily Becker, **Environmental Educator** at (718) 605-3970 x201 [emily.becker@parks.ny.gov](mailto:emily.becker@parks.ny.gov)



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## SPRING EVENTS APRIL—JUNE 2020



Parks, Recreation  
and Historic Preservation

## ALL SPRING LONG

### Tot Time Tuesdays

Every Tuesday

10:00am — 11:30am

Explore a different nature theme each week during this indoor play group. Story time starts at 10:30am followed by a short hike at 11:00am, weather permitting. Ages 0-3.



### Art in the Park

Last Saturday of every month

Create with us! Please RSVP to each date that you plan to attend by calling 718-605-3970 x201.

### Papermaking

April 25, 3:00pm — 4:00pm

Use recycled paper scraps to make rustic paper of your own during our Earth Day celebration. Best for ages 5 and up.

### Kite Crafting

May 30, 2:00pm — 3:00pm

Build a kite out of biodegradable materials that won't harm the earth if it flies away! Best for ages 8 and up.

### Paint a Potted Plant

June 27, 2:00pm — 3:00pm

Paint a pot and plant a seed! All ages.

## ONE TIME ADVENTURES

### Great Global Clean Up

Saturday, April 18

1:00pm — 3:00pm

Join us for the largest environmental volunteer cleanup in history! RSVPs are encouraged but not required to participate. Meet at the Gericke Farm, located at 2876 Arthur Kill Rd Staten Island, NY 10309. Best for ages 8 and up.

### I LOVE MY PARK DAY

Saturday, May 2

10:00am — 1:00pm

Show your love for **Clay Pit Ponds** by helping us maintain our trails! Best for ages 10 and up.  
RSVP at [www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day](http://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day)

### Invasive Species

### Awareness Workshop

Saturday, June 13

11:00am — 1:00pm

Learn how to remove invasive plants to promote growth of native species! Best for ages 10 and up.

### Pride Hike

Saturday, June 20

11:00am — 12:30pm

Celebrate LGBTQ\* Pride Month with us during this 1 mile hike. All ages welcome.

### Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11

10:00am — 11:00am

Can you find the eggs hidden on our trails? Bring your own basket! Ages 0 to 10.



### Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 25

1:00pm — 3:00pm

Spread the joy of nature by celebrating Earth Day with us. We will have crafting, recycling relay races, a puppet show, and more! All ages.

### World Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 9

11:00am — 1:00pm

Over 160 species of birds have been spotted in our preserve. Learn about these birds by playing games and hiking. Best for ages 5 and up.



### Carlton Beil Memorial Walk

Saturday, May 9

2:00pm — 4:00pm

A walk and discussion with the Friends of Olmsted-Beil House, in honor of Carlton Beil. We celebrate his life's work as museum curator, naturalist, and educator, as he shaped the parks we see today. Adults only.

### International Mud Day

Saturday, June 27

10:00am — 2:00pm

It's the only time Mom will encourage you to play in the mud! Wade in our mud pool, cook up a mud pie in the mud kitchen, paint a mud masterpiece, and more! All ages.

