

Gantry Plaza State Park Environmental Education

All programs
are FREE!

Field Trip Guide



Book a Program

- Programs are offered **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday**, between 9am and 5:30pm. Dates are first-come, first-served.
- Please note, all programs are completely outdoors and weather dependent.
- Programs are typically 60 to 120 minutes.
- To book a program, please email NYCEE@parks.ny.gov
- Matching NYS Standards for each program are available upon request.



About the Park: Gantry Plaza State Park is located along the East River estuary with views of the Manhattan skyline in Long Island City, Queens. Find the park's namesake by the piers: the restored gantries that once were used to load and unload rail car floats and barges.



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Nature Storytime

Pre-K • March - November • Up to 20 students

Join us for a craft, storytime, and guided walk!

Tree Huggers

K - 5th • April - November • Up to 60 students

How familiar are you with NYC trees? From roots to tree tops learn all you need to know about TREES!

Birds of a Feather

K - 5th • March - November • Up to 60 students

Anyone can be a birder! Through games and a bird walk, study what makes birds unique and how NYC's forests help bird migration.

Don't Hate, Pollinate

K - 5th • May - October • Up to 30 students

The relationship between plants and pollinators supports life on Earth! Meet some NYC's pollinators during a bug hunt and learn ways to protect them.

Adapt to Survive

3rd - 6th • May - October • Up to 30 students

Through games and exploring the park, students will learn how animals survive and thrive in their environments.

Estuary Explorers

3rd - 8th • April - October • Up to 30 students

Learn about NYC's estuaries by exploring the microscopic critters that support ocean ecosystems.

NYC's Changing Climate

6th - 12th • March - November • Up to 30 students

Become a scientists and collect real-time data to see how climate change is affecting our city and why greenspaces are important!

Ecosystem Engineers

5th - 8th • March - November • Up to 30 students

Learn about the ways wildlife act as engineers in their ecosystems! Students will engage in hands-on engineering challenges such as building beaver dams, creating a model plankton, and more!

Oyster Field Lab

6th - 12th • April - October • Up to 30 students

Become a community scientist by monitoring water quality and studying the growth of the oysters in our research cages.

Fishing Frenzy

K - 12th • July - October • Up to 30 students

Learn the basics of rod and reel fishing then try your luck to see if you can catch a fish from the East River!

Art in the Park

K - 12th • March - November • Up to 60 students

From sketching to watercolor to poetry, nature journaling is a key way we can record observations and create deeper connections with our ecosystems.

Custom Program

Send us a description of what you are looking for and we can work with your group to design a program!