

Fall CALENDAR 2024



RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required and will be taken two weeks prior to the program.

- To register, please visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search by program title or #NatureAdventure.

Please note: program reservations for

- Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve (631) 423-1770 are taken over the phone.

Space is limited. If you are unable to keep your reservation, please cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend.

CONTACT US!

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Children's Programs (6 & up) - \$4 per child
- Tiny Tots (age 3-5) - \$4 per child
- Family Programs (6 & up) - \$4 per person
- Adult Programs (18 & up) - \$4 per person

Parking Fees may apply. Visit parks.ny.gov and search by park for more info.

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Long Island State
Parks Nature Programs



New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

We'll see you out there

100 years Centennial Challenge!

Historic Clubhouse & Nicholl Grist Mill Tours

Connetquot River State Park Preserve



Tours are the first and third Sunday of the month, October through June.

Between 1:00-3:00pm

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A RANGE OF ENGAGING OUTREACH

- Park Festivals
- Holiday Events
- Endangered Species Protection
- Pollinator Gardens
- Park Clean Up's
- Citizen Science
- Education Outreach
- and much more!

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DIFFERENCE



Volunteer With Environmental Education!

Contact Volunteer Coordinator
Michael DiMauro at

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Or call: 631-581-1072



New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

Fall CALENDAR 2024



New York State Parks Fall Special Events

Belmont Lake Pumpkin Sail
Saturday, October 26th
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Connetquot Centennial Celebration
Saturday, October 5th
All Day

Don't miss these events this Fall season!

Friends of Connetquot Fall Events

Please visit the website friendsofconnetquot.org to sign up and see more information.

Programs are free for members.
Non-members pay \$5/person.

First Day Hikes at NY State Parks!

Start 2025 off right with a Hike to bring in the New Year!

January 1
2025

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve
10:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Connetquot River State Park Preserve
9:30 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Heckscher State Park
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Robert Moses State Park
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Sunken Meadow State Park
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Haunted House and Grounds Connetquot River State Park Preserve

3 Nights of Fright!
Friday, Oct 11th
Saturday, Oct 12th
Sunday Oct 13th
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Encounter the wandering ghosts of Long Island's local myths and legends! Walk the halls of the Historic Clubhouse and find your way through the trails of the Preserve as spirits and monsters come back to life!

Gone Whaling Exhibition

A free, month long exhibit and lecture series of the history of whaling from members of the Shinnecock Nation.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve
Sun, Oct 27th - Sat, Nov 23rd
Viewing open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

Opening Reception Lectures

- Long Island Seamen of Color
- Circassian Ship Wreck & the Shinnecock Nation

Nature Programs this Fall!

Check out these new programs offered at our parks!

Connetquot River State Park Preserve
Living History Clubhouse Tour - Sun, Oct 20
Nighttime Hikers Special - Sun, Dec 8th
Owl Prowl: Citizen Science - Sat, Dec 28th

Planting Fields Arboretum
Autumn Forest Hike - Sun, Nov 3rd

Reservations required for all programs

Program Key:

- CS- Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
- CM- Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve
- CR- Connetquot River State Park Preserve
- HK - Heckscher State Park
- SM- Sunken Meadow State Park

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	01	02	03 SM - Tiny Tots Skeletons 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	04 CS - Family Spooky Tales on Trails 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	05 Centennial Celebration Connetquot River 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
06	07	08	09	10	11 CR - Family (ages 8+)  Haunted House and Grounds 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	12 CM - Adult Seashore Circular 9:45 AM ~ 1:15 PM CR - Family (ages 8+)  Haunted House and Grounds 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
13 CR - Family (ages 8+)  Haunted House and Grounds 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	14 Indigenous Peoples Day	15	16	17	18 HK - Family Full Moon Hike 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SM - Adult Haunted Tales Hike 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	19 CR - Children's  Haunted Tails on Trails 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
20 CR - Family Living History Clubhouse Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  SM - Adult Taxidermy 101  1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	21	22	23 CR - Tiny Tots Making Monsters 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	24 SM - Tiny Tots Halloween! 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	25	26 CS - Children's  Fall Fishing 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Pumpkin Sail Belmont Lake 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
27 CM - Adult Fall Seasonal Stroll 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM Gone Whaling Opening Exhibit Connetquot River 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	28	29	30	31 Halloween	01	02



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CALEB SMITH STATE PARK PRESERVE

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**Spooky Tales on Trails
Family Program**
Friday, October 4th 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

See the park after dark with lantern light while hearing fun, spooky ghost stories for all ages!

**Fall Fishing
Children's Program (ages under 15)**
Saturday, October 26th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for some fishing fun on Willow Pond! Learn the basics of freshwater fishing at the Preserve!
For children under 15.

CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423- 1770

**Seashore Circular
Adult Program**
Saturday, Oct 12th 9:45 AM ~ 1:15 PM

Walk through hilly fields and woods on our way to Caumsett's seashore. We will walk about 4.5 miles. Dress for the possibility of long grass. Bring drinking water.

**Fall Seasonal Stroll
Adult Program**
Sunday, Oct 27th 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

On this short 1.5 mile stroll, observe seasonal changes, and savor autumn's colorful, leafy splendor. Dress for the possibility of long grass.

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

Reservations taken on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

**Haunted House and Grounds
Family Program (ages 8+)**
Fri, Sat, Sun - Oct 11, 12, 13th
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Wander the Clubhouse and trails of the Preserve in search of ghosts and monsters based on local Long Island myths and legends. Ages 8+ recommended.

**Living History Clubhouse Tours
Family Program**
Sunday, October 20th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Learn the history of the tavern & the high society club through living history characters telling their experiences from decades of clubhouse history.

**Haunted Tails on Trails
Children's Program**
Saturday, Oct 19th
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Collect prizes along the trails as you unravel haunted myths of Halloween! Feel free to dress in costume to celebrate!

HECKSCHER STATE PARK

Reservations taken on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

**Full Moon Hike
Family Program**
Friday, Oct 18th 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

As the moon rises and lights up the night sky go on an evening hike through the Park as we look for our nocturnal neighbors.

SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

Reservations taken on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

**Haunted Tales Hike
Adult Program**
Friday, October 18th 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

See the park by moonlight while hearing the local historic and modern ghost stories from all around Long Island.

**Taxidermy 101
Adult Program**
Sunday, October 20th 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM



Join us as we learn all about this unique artform! Starting with a brief lesson of the history of taxidermy, we will end with a hands-on tutorial on the basics of mammalian preservation. Each participant will get their own mouse to work on and take home! All materials will be provided.

October Free Events

Belmont Lake State Park

Pumpkin Sail

Oct 26th 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Connetquot River State Park Preserve

100 Centennial Celebration
Oct 5th - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Haunted House and Grounds
Oct 11th, 12th, and 13th
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Gone Whaling Exhibition
Opening Reception - Oct 27th
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
continuing through Nov 23rd
on Fridays - Sundays



Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

- Making Monsters - Oct 23rd 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Sunken Meadow State Park

- Skeletons - Oct 3rd 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Halloween! - Oct 24th 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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- CR- Connetquot River State Park Preserve
- PF - Planting Fields Arboretum
- SM- Sunken Meadow State Park

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	01	02  CS - Adult Autumn Mindfulness Walk 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
03 CR - Family Clubhouse Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PF - Family Forest Hike  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM SM - Adult High Ground Hike 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	04	05	06 CR - Tiny Tots Falling Leaves 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	07	08	09 CM - Adult Intro to Wilderness Survival 10:45 AM ~ 1:00 PM CR - Children's Fall Scavenger Hunt 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
10	11  Veterans Day	12	13	14 SM - Tiny Tots Nature and Nutrition 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	15	16 SM - Family  Park to Park Hike 10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM
17 CR - Family Clubhouse Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Children's Deep Sea Discoveries  1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	18	19	20 CR - Tiny Tots Pumpkins! 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	21 SM - Tiny Tots Turkey Time 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	22	23 CS - Children's Lovely Leaves 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CM - Adult Just A Hike 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM Gone Whaling Closing Exhibit Connetquot River 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
24 CR - Family Colonial Games  1:00 PM - 2:30 PM		26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 CR - Adult Autumn Leaves Hike  1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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Autumn Mindfulness Walk Adult Program Saturday, Nov 2nd 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

NEW!

On this leisurely woodland stroll, we will make frequent stops to discover what sounds, smells, and feelings make this a unique time of the year in the forest.

Lovely Leaves Children's Program Saturday, Nov 23rd 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Enjoy a short nature walk to see some common fall leaves, then create a variety of autumn leaf inspired arts and crafts!

CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423- 1770

Intro to Wilderness Survival Adult Program Saturday, Nov 9th 10:45 AM ~ 1:00 PM

In this hands-on program, we'll teach you how to find food, start a fire, and build a shelter at Caumsett. (ages 18 and up)

Just a Hike Adult Program Saturday, Nov 23rd 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM

This 6-mile, moderately paced walk affords walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and enjoy the park's beauty. Dress for the possibility of long grass.

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

Reservations taken on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Historic Clubhouse Tours Family Program Sunday, Nov 3rd & 17th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn the history of the tavern & the high society club which shaped the Preserve into what it is today.

Fall Scavenger Hunt Children's Program Saturday, Nov 9th 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

What do we see when the air is crisp and the leaves change colors? Take a guided walk through the Preserve on a scavenger hunt for signs of Fall!

Colonial Games Family Program Sunday, Nov 24th 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Test your coordination with a ball and cup. How far can you roll a hoop? Take a journey to the past and visit Colonial America!

Autumn Leaves Hike Adult Program Saturday, Nov 30th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

See the Preserve for the Autumn season! Leaves change and the wildlife prepares for the coming winter. Take a guided walk on our trails during this season of change!

PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM

Reservations taken on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Autumn Forest Hike Family Program Sunday, Nov 3rd 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NEW!

Walk through the old forest growth of the Arboretum on a tranquil, seasonal stroll through autumns changing leaves.

SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

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High Ground Hike Adult Program Sunday, Nov 3rd 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Venture through the woods for a walk on our high ground trails along the Long Island Greenbelt for amazing views of LI Sound.

Park to Park Hike Family Program Saturday, Nov 16th 10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM

Travel between Parks as we hike along the bluffs from Sunken Meadow to Nissequogue and back! Bring a packed lunch and hiking shoes. Approx 4 miles.

Deep Sea Discoveries Children's Program Saturday, Nov 17th 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Explore what life is like over 1000 meters under the sea! Explore the special abilities that make deep sea animals so unique.

Free Events

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

Gone Whaling Exhibition

Closing Reception - Nov 23rd

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

exhibit begins Oct 27th
on Fridays - Sundays



Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

- Falling Leaves - Nov 6th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Pumpkins - Nov 20th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Sunken Meadow State Park

- Nature and Nutrition - Nov 14th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Turkey Time - Nov 21st
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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01 CR - Family Clubhouse Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Children's Pinecone Pals 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	02	03	04 CR - Tiny Tots Welcome Winter 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	05 SM - Tiny Tots Meet Your Winter Neighbors 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	06	07 RM - Adult Migratory Bird Hike 10:00 AM ~ 12:30 PM 
08 CR - Adult Twilight Hikers Special 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM CM - Adult History of Caumsett 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM	09	10	11	12	13 CR - Adult Holiday Wreaths 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 	14 CS - Adult Holiday Wreaths 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM 
15 CR - Family Clubhouse Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Children's Fossil Finds 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM 	16	17	18 CR - Tiny Tots Seals! 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	19 SM - Tiny Tots Welcome Winter Greens 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	20	21 CM - Adult History Hike 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM CR - Family Stars and Meteors 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM 
22 Meet Santa with the Friends of Connetquot! 	23	24	25 1st Night of Hanukkah Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa	27	28 CS - Family Trails Less Traveled 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CR - Adult Owl Prowl: Citizen Science 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM 
29	30	31	01 2025 First Day Hikes!	02	03	04



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Holiday Wreaths

Adult Program

Saturday, Dec 14th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Create a Holiday wreath with nature inspired decorations found around the habitats of Long Island. One wreath per ticket.

Trails Less Traveled

Family Program (ages 12+)

Saturday, Dec 28th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Enjoy some refreshing autumn air as we embark on some of the hilly, secluded trails of Caleb Smith Preserve.

CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423- 1770

History of Caumsett

Adult Program

Sunday, Dec 8th 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

On this hilly approximately 2 mile walk we will study the park's social, economic, architectural, and political history. Dress for the possibility of long grass.

History Hike

Adult Program

Saturday, Dec 21st 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM

Relax and socialize on this hilly, moderately paced 6-mile walk, as we make stops to discuss some spots of historic interest. Dress for the possibility of long grass.

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Historic Clubhouse Tours

Family Program

Sunday, Dec 1st & 15th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn the history of the tavern & the high society club which shaped the Preserve into what it is today. Come see **Santa** on the 22nd!

Twilight Hikers Special

Adult Program

Sunday, Dec 8th 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

NEW!

Join us on an evening hike to the park's Northern Trails to experience landmarks and sights not frequently seen. Bring a packed lunch.

Holiday Wreaths

Adult Program

Friday, Dec 13th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Create a Holiday wreath with nature inspired decorations found around the habitats of Long Island. One wreath per ticket.

Stars and Meteors: Ursids Meteors

Family Program

Saturday, Dec 21st 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Join us after hours and look up at the sky - you may see something out of this world! Bring a lawnchair for viewing after our lecture.

Owl Prowl: Citizen Science

Adult Program

Saturday, Dec 28th 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

NEW!

Survey and discover the raptors of the night in a citizen science program to study the owls of Connetquot.

ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Migratory Bird Hike

Adult Program

Saturday, Dec 7th 10:00 AM ~ 12:30 PM

Hike with us on the Bays and Beaches of the southern Long Island shoreline to see the changing populations of seasonal visitors!

SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Pinecone Pals

Children's Program

Sunday, Dec 1st 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Winter is a great time to collect pine cones. Create fun pine cone animal crafts to take home!

Fossil Finds

Children's Program

Sunday, Dec 15th 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Journey through time and observe real fossils and simulate how they form. Explore how fossils are found and compare them to life today.

Free Events

First Day Hikes

Jan 1st 2025

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

10:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

9:30 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Heckscher State Park

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Robert Moses State Park

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Sunken Meadow State Park

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

- Welcome Winter - Dec 4th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Seals! - Dec 18th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Sunken Meadow State Park

- Meet Your Winter Neighbors -
Dec 5th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Welcome Winter Greens - Dec
19th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM