Featured Parks of the Season

- Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
- Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve
- Connetquot River State Park Preserve
- Hallock State Park Preserve
- Robert Moses State Park
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- Sunken Meadow State Park
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Reservations

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

- To register, please visit Eventbrite.com and search for #NatureEdventures.
- Please note: program reservations for Caleb Smith State Park Preserve and Caumsett Historic Park Preserve are taken over the phone.

Payment Information

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

- Parking Fees may apply.
  Visit parks.ny.gov for more info

Contact Us!

- LIEnvironmentalEd@parks.ny.gov
- (631) 581 - 1072

Long Island Nature Programs

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NYS Parks Has Programs For Schools, Scouts, & Youth Organizations!

School programs on a variety of subjects are available at many state parks. We offer programs for Scout Groups that can fulfill many badge requirements such as the Naturalist, Forester and Night Owl.

For a complete list of programs and the parks where they are offered, please visit our website, parks.ny.gov and search for Long Island Environmental Interpretive Center.

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Teachers - Take Your Students for a Free Trip to New York State Parks!

Receive up to $1,000 toward your field trip costs for visits to New York State Parks, Nature Centers and Historic Sites!

Any public school with a Title I school in their district are eligible to apply. Apply online at parks.ny.gov.

Schedule a Nature Program with The Long Island Region of NYS Parks!

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve (631)-265-1054
Connetquot River State Park Preserve and other LI State Parks: (631)-581-1072
Or E-mail: LIEnvironmentalEd@parks.ny.gov

Questions about the grant? Contact Community Programs Unit at (631)-474-0409 ext. 1
Or E-mail: parkabugrant@parks.ny.gov
Nature Programs
October 2021

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
Please call for Reservations: (631) 265-1054

Fall Fishing
October 2nd  10:30AM - 12:00PM
Children’s Program
Let’s get in one last fishing lesson on Willow Pond before the season ends! Discover the different types of fishing poles, tackle, and bait, and which is best to use in a freshwater pond. View casting demonstrations and a lesson on the different types of fish that make Willow Pond their home. Then stay for some catch and release fishing! Poles, tackle, and bait will be provided.  For children ages 6 - 15.

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve
Please call for Reservations: (631) 423 - 1770

Traditional Nature Walk
October 3rd  11:00AM - 1:00PM
Adult Program
We’ll take a slow walk (approximately 3 miles), exploring nature in the woods and tall grass meadows of the southeastern section of the park.

Painting on the Porch
October 2nd  10:00AM - 12:00PM
Adult Program
Join us under the covered porch of the historic Main House for a painting lesson! Follow one of our educators during a step by step instructional class and create your own fall-themed masterpiece!

Clubhouse Tours
October 3rd & 17th  1:00 - 3:00PM
Family Program
Step back in time as you tour the Main House of the South Side Sportsmen’s Club. A docent will discuss the history of the tavern and the high society Sportsmen’s Club which shaped Connetquot River State Park Preserve into what it is today.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve
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Happy Halloween
October 27th  10:30 - 11:30AM
Tiny Tots Program
Explore the natural world around us. These programs will connect children and their parents with nature through short walks, animal visitors, and crafts. Children ages 3 -5.

Haunted Grounds Walk
October 15th  7:00 - 9:00PM
Family Program
Ghosts have taken over the property! Experience the legends of Long Island in a haunted nighttime self-guided walk through the grounds of the Southside Sportsmen’s Club. Scary! Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Sunken Meadow State Park
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Fall Nature Quest
October 17th  1:30 - 3:00PM
Family Program
Join us as we take in some of the beautiful fall foliage as you and your family have a spooktacular time finding all of the silly, spooky and strange items on your scavenger hunt list.

Seaside Lantern Walk
October 24th  6:30 - 8:00PM
Adult Program
See the beach in a whole new light as we round the point of Sunken Meadow State Park with only lanterns to guide the way! We will pause along the way for some Long Island historical scary stories!

Passport to Parks
October 10th  1:00PM
Family Program (8 & up)
Join us as we hike on trails less traveled! At the hike, you will receive a “passport” booklet. For every Passport to Parks program attended, earn a sticker specific to each park for your booklet. Reservations for this hiking series are taken two weeks prior to program date.

Robert Moses State Park

Migratory Bird Walk
October 9th  10:00AM - 12:00PM
Adult Program
Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day and join us at Robert Moses State Park! Take a relaxing walk on the beach as we search for birds making their trip home for the winter. About a 3-mile walk on sand.

Changing Season
October 30th  10:30 - 11:30AM
Tiny Tots Program
Explore the natural world around us. These programs will connect children and their parents with nature through short walks, animal visitors, and crafts. Children ages 3 -5.

Wildwood State Park

Passport to Parks
October 10th  1:00PM
Family Program (8 & up)
Join us as we hike on trails less traveled! At the hike, you will receive a “passport” booklet. For every Passport to Parks program attended, earn a sticker specific to each park for your booklet. Reservations for this hiking series are taken two weeks prior to program date.

Spooky Lantern Walk
October 23rd  6:30 - 8:00PM
Family Program
Enjoy a fun evening of walking through the park with only a lantern to light the way. See Caleb Smith in a whole new way after dark, while your guide tells some spooky stories! Lanterns are provided, but you may bring your own. No open flame lanterns please.

Fall Seasonal Stroll
October 31st  11:00AM - 1:00PM
Adult Program
On this short stroll (approximately 1.5 miles), one of a series designed to observe seasonal changes, we will savor autumn’s colorful, leafy splendor. Some sitting on grass

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October 30th  10:30 - 11:30AM
Tiny Tots Program
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**Nature Programs**

**November 2021**

**Caleb Smith State Park Preserve**

**Self-Guided Fall Nature Quest**

**November 6th** 10:30AM - 12:00PM

**Family Program**

You and your family can take in some of the beautiful fall foliage and have a spooktacular time finding all of the silly, spooky, and strange items on our scavenger hunt list. On this self-guided hike, you set the pace! We supply everything you need for this child friendly event.

**Connetquot River State Park Preserve**

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**Clubhouse Tours**

**November 7th & 21st** 1:00 - 3:00PM

**Family Program**

Step back in time as you tour the Main House of the South Side Sportsmen’s Club. A docent will discuss the history of the tavern and the high society Sportsmen’s Club which shaped Connetquot River State Park Preserve into what it is today.

**Harvest Hunt & Gather**

**November 14th** 1:00 - 3:00PM

**Family Program**

Join us at the Preserve for a scavenger hunt! Follow clues and solve riddles while collecting items. Each of these items is a piece of a puzzle which you will create something with! Do you have what it takes to hunt and gather?

**Nature Trivia Night**

**November 12th** 6:30 - 8:30PM

**Family Program**

Test your trivia skills! Once signed up, rules and short videos will be sent to you to watch with your trivia team at home. Then, join us in person to see how much knowledge you’ve retained for three rounds of fun questions. Bring your own drinks and snacks to have while we compete for some silly & fun prizes.

**Hallock State Park**

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**Passport to Parks**

**November 13th** 10:00AM

**Family Program (8 & up)**

Join us as we hike on trails less traveled! At the hike, you will receive a “passport” booklet. For every Passport to Parks program attended, earn a sticker specific to each park for your booklet. Reservations for this hiking series are taken two weeks prior to program date.

**Sunken Meadow State Park**

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**Full Moon Hike**

**November 19th** 7:30 - 9:00PM

**Family Program**

Tonight is not just any full moon! In the wee hours of the morning, a lunar eclipse will be visible! Whether you stay up late to watch the big event or not, come on down the to beach for a walk by moonlight. Together, we'll test out our night vision and discover some fun facts about the moon!

**Backpack Adventures**

**November 28th** 1:30 - 3:00PM

**Family Program**

We are ready to go on a nature experiment adventure at Sunken Meadow! And everything we need will be right on our backs! We will loan you a backpack filled with fun, interesting experiments that we will complete together as we explore the park!

**Tiny Tots Programs**

**November 6th**

**Self-Guided Fall Nature Quest**

**Family Program**

Enjoy some refreshing autumn air as we embark on the red trail! This trail will take us all the way to the northeastern edge of the park, and offers beautiful woodland scenery! This is a moderate level hike with some hills. Bring water and good walking shoes/boots.

**November 10th**

**Animal ABC’s**

**10:30 - 11:30AM**

**Family Program (8 & up)**

Explore the natural world around us. These programs will connect children and their parents with nature through short walks, animal visitors, and crafts. Children ages 3 - 5.

**Turkey Time**

**November 17th**

**10:30 - 11:30AM**

**Family Program (8 & up)**

Take a journey to the past and visit Colonial America! Leave that smart phone behind in modern times and test your coordination with a ball and cup. How far can you roll a hoop? Join us for these and many other fun games to test your skills! For age 8 and up.
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Backpack Adventures
December 4th 10:30AM - 12:00PM
Family Program
We are ready to go on a nature experiment adventure at Caleb Smith! And everything we need will be right on our backs! We will loan you a backpack filled with fun, interesting experiments that we will complete together as we explore the park!

Take a Bird to Lunch
December 18th 10:30AM - 12:00PM
Family Program
With the cold months here, many birds have either been migrating south, or bulking up for the long winter ahead. Let’s help by providing them with a good meal! Using natural materials, we will make bird feeders to hang in your yard to give the migrating birds, as well as the year long residents an extra boost!

Connetquot River State Park Preserve
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Clubhouse Tours
December 5th & 19th 1:00PM - 3:00PM
Family Program
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Weather Wizards
December 18th 10:00 - 11:30AM
Family Program
Have you ever wondered how a cloud forms or why a tornado starts? Uncover weather secrets with activities and demonstrations.

Stages of the Stars
December 3rd 6:30 - 8:30PM
Family Program
Look up! Join us for a fun night all about constellations and the exciting mythological stories that go along with them. Dress for the weather and bring your own reclining lawn chair!

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve
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History of Caumsett
December 11th 11:00AM - 1:00PM
Adult Program
On this hilly, moderately long walk (approx. 2 miles), we will study the park’s social, economic, architectural and political history. Some walking in long grass.

Just a Hike
December 26th 9:45AM - 1:00PM
Adult Program
While questions are most welcome there will be no formal discussion during this 6-mile, hilly, moderately paced walk, thus affording walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and enjoy the park’s beauty. Bring lunch and drinking water. Some long grass.

Shadmoor State Park
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Passport to Parks
December 12th 1:00PM
Family Program (8 & up)
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Sunken Meadow State Park
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Where Did Everybody Go?
December 5th 1:30 - 3:00PM
Family Program
Winter is almost here, and you might have noticed fewer animals around! Don’t worry, they haven’t disappeared! Join us for a walk around the park as we discover some clever and resourceful ways animals survive the colder months.

Welcome Winter Walk
December 19th 1:30 - 3:00PM
Family Program
From marshland to forest, join us for a stroll through Sunken Meadow State Park as we welcome in winter! The temperature should be crisp, so dress for the weather!

Tiny Tots Programs
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Spikes & Shields
December 1st 10:30 - 11:30AM

Welcome Winter
December 8th 10:30 - 11:30AM

Counting Critters
December 4th 10:30 - 11:30AM

Snowflakes
December 11th 10:30 - 11:30AM