



# Nature Programs

\$4 per person, cash only

Adult Programs

Children Programs

Family Programs (geared for ages 5+)

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

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**July 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Stories of the Stars 9:00 - 10:30 pm**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Look up! It's a bear! It's a queen! It's a flying horse? 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!



**July 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Lost Treasure of Connetquot 10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Have you ever wished to be a pirate searching for treasure? Then this is the program for you! You will learn basic compass usage so you can follow the ancient map to find the *Lost Treasure of Connetquot!* Good luck matey! Arrrghhh! **This is an outdoor program best suited for children ages 8 and up.**

**July 10<sup>th</sup> Family Passport to Parks 10:00 am**  
**Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve Reservations are taken starting 6/26: 631 - 581 - 1072**



Join us at Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve this month, 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. Collect them all! This is a great opportunity to explore NYS parks on Long Island and meet your step goal, throughout the year! Reservations for this hiking series are taken two weeks prior to program date.

**July 11<sup>th</sup> Family Summer Scavenger Hunt 1:30 ~ 3:00 pm**  
**Sunken Meadow State Park Reservations are required: 631 - 581- 1072**

Enjoy a lively scavenger hunt on the beach searching for natural and crazy things on our unique scavenger checklist! Fun for the whole family!

**July 16<sup>th</sup> Family Bat Safari 8:00 ~ 10:00 pm**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 581-1072**

Enter the mysterious world of these fascinating and misunderstood animals! There will be a short presentation on our front lawn. Then, take a walk in the Preserve to observe bats during their evening insect hunt.





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**July 17<sup>th</sup> Children Myrtle The Turtle & Friends 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Join Myrtle the Turtle and her friends for an interactive talk all about turtles! Discover the different types of turtles that live right here on Long Island and the adaptations that help them survive in the wild.



**July 18<sup>th</sup> Adult Sunday Stroll 10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Please call for reservations: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Join us for a Sunday morning stroll! Take a guided walk through one of the trails in the preserve. We will talk about what we find along the way! We will be walking for two hours– wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

**July 18<sup>th</sup> Children Mid-Tide Splash 1:30 ~ 3:00 pm**  
**Sunken Meadow State Park Reservations are Required: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Get ready to get wet! Let's go down to the marsh to seine, collect, and identify animals that make this unique brackish water environment their home! Make sure you wear water shoes and clothing that's good for getting wet. **For children ages 6 and up.**



**July 24<sup>th</sup> Family Firefly Fun 7:30 - 9:00 pm**  
**Caleb Smith State Park Preserve Reservations are required: 631 - 265 - 1054**

Light up the night by taking a firefly expedition with us out onto the front lawn! Discover how and why these amazing creatures produce their own light! Please bring an empty, clean, dry container with a top to catch, observe, and release fireflies.

**July 24<sup>th</sup> Family Mad Scientist Lab 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Step into the outdoor science lab! During live demonstrations, witness fun and exciting experiments. Some of which you can even recreate at home! Do you have what it takes to be a Mad Scientist? **Appropriate for children 8 and older.**



**July 25<sup>th</sup> Children Wildlife Detectives 1:30 - 3:00 pm**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Do you know what animals live in the forest? How are they able to survive in this habitat? Take a guided hike through the trails of the Preserve in search of signs animals have left behind!



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**July 30<sup>th</sup> Adult Twilight, Up North! 6:30 ~ 8:30 pm**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Enter the Twilight Zone.... and by that we mean come with us on a hike in the mysterious northern part of the Preserve as we set out on our mission to find wildlife that wakes up as the sun sets. This less traveled part of the preserve is sure to provide a unique experience for all as we search for what's out and about before and after sunset!



**July 31<sup>st</sup> Family Dragons & Damsels 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
**Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**

Dragons live at Connetquot River State Park Preserve? That's Dragonflies of course! Take a walk with us along the rivers edge in search of these beautiful creatures and their relatives, the damselflies. Learn how to tell them apart during this leisurely walk.

**July 31<sup>st</sup> Adult What's Doing the Blooming: Summer Edition 10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm**  
**Caleb Smith State Park Preserve Reservations are required: 631 - 265 - 1054**



Join us for our summer edition exploration of the grounds of Caleb Smith State Park Preserve in search of summer-blooming wildflowers. See if you can identify these warm weather treasures with the help of a field guide.



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