



Nature Programs

\$4 cash, per person

Adult Programs Children Programs (all ages) Family Programs (geared for ages 5+)

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Join us at our new hiking series,

Passport to Parks!



We will hike in a different park every month, 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 are taken two weeks prior to program date.

March 6th Family Nature Quest 10:00 - 11:30 am
Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 581 - 1072
Are you good at spotting things? Love scavenger hunts? Then this is the program for you! Travel at your own pace while solving riddles and searching for the amusing items on the list.

March 7th & 21st Family Clubhouse Tours 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072
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.



March 13th Adult The Trail Less Traveled Hike 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Caleb Smith State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 265 - 1054
Enjoy some refreshing crisp air as we embark on the red trail, which offers different views than both the yellow and the blue. This is a moderate level hike with some hills. Bring water and good walking shoes/boots.

March 14th Family Beach Wander 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Sunken Meadow State Park Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072
Leave your bathing suit behind and grab your winter coat! Breathe in the invigorating winter air as we stroll the beach at Sunken Meadow. We will search for visiting wildlife along the way.
Dress for the weather.



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March 19th Family **Amphibian Walk** 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 581 - 1072
The weather is warming, and the woodlands come alive with the sights and sounds of Long Island's amphibians! Come with us to explore the Preserve for the habitats of frogs, salamanders, and toads!



March 20th Family **Passport to Parks** 1:00 pm
Camp Hero State Park Please call on 3/6 for reservations: 631 - 581 - 1072
Join us in our hiking series through one of the most unique Parks on the Island. Learn some of the military and natural history that makes Camp Hero so interesting. Reservations are taken two weeks prior to program date.

March 26th Family **Moonlight Stroll** 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Connetquot River State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 581 - 1072
Enjoy a leisurely walk along the moonlit trails of the preserve. This is an excellent chance to get outside and enjoy the fresh winter air while exploring what creatures are around this time of night!

March 27th Family **Goodbye Winter Walk** 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Caleb Smith State Park Preserve Reservations are Required: 631 - 265 - 1054
After a long, cold winter, the local plants and animals are beginning to become active again! Join us for a stroll through the park as we search for signs of spring!

March 28th Adult **High Ground Hike** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sunken Meadow State Park Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072
Did you know that the Greenbelt Trail makes it's northernmost stop in Sunken Meadow State Park? Along it's way, the Greenbelt follows the edge of the bluffs, for some amazing views of the Long Island Sound. Join us as we venture up through the woods for a walk along some of these high ground trails. This is a moderate level hike with some hills. Bring water and good walking shoes/boots.



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April 3rd **Children** **Spring Scavenger Hunt** **10:00 - 11:30 am**
Connetquot River State Park Preserve **Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**
Spring has sprung! Join us at the Preserve for a fun time searching for things hidden in nature along the trails. Are you up for the challenge?

April 9th **Family** **Out of this World Astronomy** **8:00 - 9:30 pm**
Connetquot River State Park Preserve **Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**
Comet trails, meteor showers, moon cycles and more! Join us after hours at the Preserve and look up at the sky– you may see something out of this world!

April 10th **Adult** **Northern Hikers Special** **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**
Connetquot River State Park Preserve **Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**
Walk through the many habitats located right here at Long Island’s largest State Park Preserve!
Wander through wetlands, pine barrens and oak forests while observing wildlife and native plants.
We will hike approximately 6 miles to the pristine, less traveled northern section of the preserve. We will stop and have lunch along the way. **Please bring water and your own lunch.**



April 11th **Family** **Passport to Parks** **1:00 pm**
Belmont Lake State Park **Please call on 3/28 for reservations: 631 - 581 - 1072**
Join us in our hiking series at Belmont Lake State Park! This park might be known for the beautiful lake and abundance of recreation, but there is so much more to be discovered on trails less traveled.
Reservations are taken two weeks prior to program date.

April 17th **Family** **Adventure Pack Walk** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
Caleb Smith State Park Preserve **Reservations are Required: 631 - 265 - 1054**
We will loan you a backpack filled with fun, interesting experiments to do as we walk through the park. Activities will be completed as a group. (Limited to 12 backpacks)



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April 18th **Family** **Clubhouse Tours** **1:00 - 3:00 pm**
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April 18th **Family** **Spring has Sprung Walk** **1:30 - 3:00 pm**
Sunken Meadow State Park **Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**
 Spring is in full swing here at Sunken Meadow State Park! Join us for a stroll along the marsh and through the woods as we search for signs that local plants and animals are active once again!

April 23rd **Family** **Spring Lantern Walk** **8:00 - 10:00 pm**
Heckscher State Park **Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**
 Enjoy the park by lantern light! During our walk, we will stop along the way to discover what nature does in the Spring! Bring your favorite nature quote to share, if you’d like. Lanterns will be provided or bring your own. No open flame lanterns please.

April 24th **Adult** **Back in Bloom Walk** **1:30 - 3:00 pm**
Caleb Smith State Park Preserve **Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**
 Caleb Smith State Park is home to many beautiful species of wildflower, and now is the time of year when they are starting to awaken again! We’ll bring field guides to try to find and identify some of these early spring bloomers!

April 25th **Family** **Adventure Pack Walk** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
Sunken Meadow State Park **Reservations are required: 631 - 581 - 1072**
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