

# Spring 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 that program reservations for:

- Caleb Smith State Park Preserve are now on Eventbrite!
- 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.

## 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](https://parks.ny.gov) and search by park for more info.

## CONTACT US!

 (631) 581 - 1072

 [LIEnvironmentalEd@parks.ny.gov](mailto:LIEnvironmentalEd@parks.ny.gov)

**Eventbrite**

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Long Island State Parks Nature Programs



**100 years Centennial Challenge!**

## Historic Club House & Nicholl Grist Mill Tours

Connetquot River State Park Preserve



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

from 1:00-3:00pm

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## A WIDE VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES

- Maintain Trails
- Fish Hatchery Work
- Endangered Species Protection
- Invasive Species Removal
- Clean Up's
- Events
- Gardening
- General Stewardship Work
- and much more.

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## Volunteer With New York State Parks



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Contact: George Kiesel at  
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Or call: 631-581-1072

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## New York State Parks Spring Special Events

### Friends of Connetquot Spring Events

Please visit the website [friendsofconnetquot.org](http://friendsofconnetquot.org) to sign up and see more information.

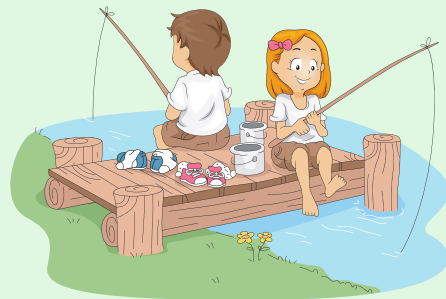
Programs are free for members.  
Non-members pay \$5/person.



### Spring Freshwater Fishing Festival

Saturday, April 13th  
Belmont Lake State Park

All Ages  
10 AM - 4 PM



### I LOVE MY PARK days

[www.ptny.org](http://www.ptny.org)

Saturday, May 4th

To register & find a participating event near you please visit:  
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### Volunteer Opportunity

SAT. & SUN. - May 25 & 26

Come volunteer Memorial Day weekend to help protect the endangered Piping Plover.



To Sign up Please E-mail us at :  
✉ [LIEnvironmentalEd@parks.ny.gov](mailto:LIEnvironmentalEd@parks.ny.gov)

### Mark your calendar for Monday, April 8th!



A Total Solar Eclipse will be visible throughout northwestern New York.

A Partial Solar Eclipse will be visible on Long Island!

Visit Jones Beach, Sunken Meadow, Heckscher, Hallock, and Camp Hero State Parks on April 8th for eclipse viewing and FREE solar eclipse viewing glasses! (Supply is limited! First come, first serve)



Saturday,  
June 8th

Hempstead Lake  
and  
Sunken Meadow  
State Parks



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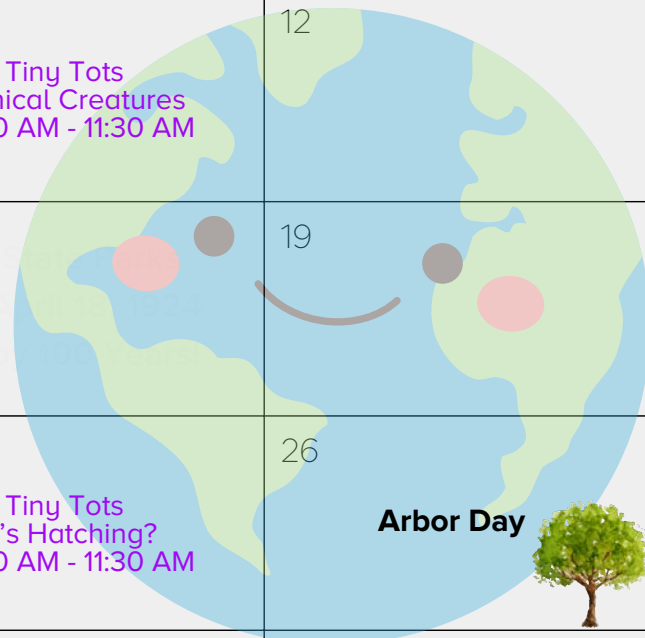
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# APRIL 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
07 CR- Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	08  <b>Total Solar Eclipse</b> in upstate NY	09	10 CR- Tiny Tots Frogs and Friends 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	11 SM - Tiny Tots Mythical Creatures 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	12	13 CS - Adult Trail Less Traveled Walk 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  CM - Adult Intro to Wilderness Survival 9:45 AM ~ 12:00 PM
14 SM - Family Spring Sunset Stroll 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	15	16	17 CR- Tiny Tots Tiny Seeds 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	18	19	20 CS - Children's Fishing 101 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  CR- Children's Lorax Earth Day 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM 
21 CR- Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  SM - Children's Fossil Finds 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	22 <b>Earth Day</b> 	23	24	25 SM - Tiny Tots Who's Hatching? 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	26 <b>Arbor Day</b> 	27 CR- Children's Mystical Creatures 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  SM - Family Celebrate Trails Day Hike 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
28 CR- Adult Northern Hikers Special 10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM  CM - Adult Nature on the Move (West) 9:45 AM ~ 12:00 PM	29	30	01	02	03	04





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## CALEB SMITH STATE PARK PRESERVE

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### Trail Less Traveled Walk

#### Adult Program

**Saturday, April 13th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

### Fishing 101

#### Children's Program

**Saturday, April 20th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Join us for some fishing fun on Willow Pond! For children under 15.

## CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423- 1770

### Intro to Wilderness Survival

#### Adult Program

**Saturday, April 13th 9:45 AM ~ 12:00 PM**

In this hands-on program, we'll teach you how to find food, start a fire and build a shelter. Approximately 1 mile. Adults Only.

### Nature on the Move (West)

#### Adult Program

**Sunday, April 28th 9:45 AM ~ 12:00 PM**

We'll maintain a slow to moderate pace for 4 miles while we observe and discuss fields and woods in Caumsett.

## CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

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

### Historic Club House Tours

#### Family Program

**Sunday, April 7th & 21st 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.

### Lorax Earth Day

#### Children's Program

**Saturday, April 20th 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Speak for the trees if you please! Come for fun Earth Day activities based on Dr. Seuss's characters. You might even meet the Lorax!

**NEW!**

### Mystical Creatures

#### Children's Program

**Saturday, April 27th 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

Come discover the Preserve's mystical creatures on this unique night hike! Ages 7 and up.

### Northern Hikers Special

#### Adult Program

**Sunday, April 28th 10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM**

Visit the less traveled Northern section of the Preserve on this 6 mile blue trail hike. Please bring water and your own lunch.



## SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

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

### Spring Sunset Stroll

#### Family Program

**Sunday, April 14th 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Enjoy an early spring evening stroll along the beach, forest, and marsh of Sunken Meadow.

### Fossil Finds

#### Children's Program

**Sunday, April 21st 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.

### Celebrate Trails Day Hike

#### Family Program

**Sunday, April 27th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**NEW!**

New York State Parks turn 100 years old this year, so let's celebrate! Join a guided 3-mile hike through Sunken Meadow and Nissequogue River State Parks. Bring water, boots, sunscreen, and appropriate clothes for an intermediate-level hiking experience. Happy Trails!

## Free Events

### Belmont Lake State Park



Family Freshwater Fishing Festival  
April 13th 10 AM - 4 PM

All are welcome to the Spring Fishing Festival at Belmont Lake State Park! Learn how to cast, and fish on scenic Belmont Lake. Fun activities and fishing events for the whole family!

## Partial Solar Eclipse Viewing Monday, April 8th - 2:30 PM ~ 3:30 PM

Visit one of the following State Parks to learn about the eclipse from an educator and safely view the partial solar eclipse. FREE eclipse viewing glasses available in limited supply - first come, first serve.

No Reservations needed

**Camp Hero State Park**  
**Jones Beach State Park**  
**Heckscher State Park**  
**Hallock State Park**  
**Sunken Meadow State Park**



## Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, stories, dances, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

### Connetquot River State Park Preserve

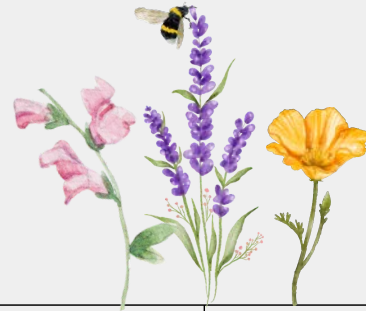
- Frogs and Friends - April 10th 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Tiny Seeds - April 17th 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

### Sunken Meadow State Park

- Mythical Creatures - April 11th 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Who's Hatching? - April 25th 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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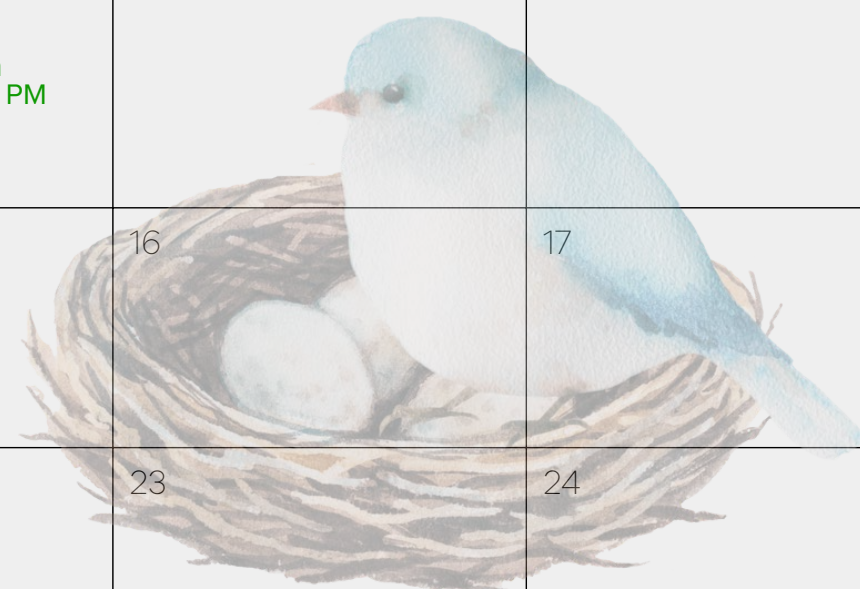


# MAY



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28	29	30	01	02	03	04 <b>I LOVE MY PARK days</b> <a href="http://www.ptny.org">www.ptny.org</a>	
05 CR- Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  SM - Family Glacial Erratic Hike 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	06	07	08  CR- Tiny Tots Thank You Mom 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	09	10	11 CS - Adult Spring Wildflower Walk 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM CM - Adult Spring Seasonal Stroll 9:45 AM ~ 11:45 AM NS- Family Kings Park Center History 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	
12 CR- Adult Bird and Breakfast 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM SM - Family Welcome Back Osprey 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM <b>Mothers Day</b>			14	15	16	17	18
19 CR- Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM RM- Adult Spring Shore Bird Hike 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM			20	21	22	23	24
26 CM - Adult Just a Hike (East) 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM	27  <b>Memorial Day</b>	28	29 CR- Tiny Tots Little Astronauts 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	30 SM - Tiny Tots Flower Power 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	31	01	





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## CALEB SMITH STATE PARK PRESERVE

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**Spring Wildflower Walk**  
Adult Program  
Saturday, May 11th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

See if you can identify these growing spring treasures with the help of a field guide.



## CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

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

**Historic Club House Tours**  
Family Program  
Sunday, May 5th & 19th 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.

**Bird and Breakfast**  
Adult Program  
Sunday, May 12th 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

A continental breakfast and short presentation on winter ducks followed by a guided walk through the preserve. Binoculars provided, or bring your own.

**Spring Manifestation Painting**  
Adult Program  
Saturday, May 18th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**NEW!**

Ever wondered what nature provides for artists? Learn how the colors and hues found in nature become the paint and designs on a canvas



## ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK

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

**Spring Shore Bird Hike**  
Adult Program  
Sunday, May 19th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Spring at the beach is one of the best birding times of the year! Dress for the weather. We will be walking on sand. Bring binoculars.

## NISSEQUOGUE RIVER STATE PARK

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

**Kings Park Center History**  
Adult Program  
Saturday, May 11th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**NEW!**

On this 2 mile walk we will study the history of the old Psychiatric Hospital community that makes up the park property.



Saturday, May 4th

Volunteer with your favorite park to help keep our spaces beautiful!

To register & find a participating event near you please visit:  
[www.ptny.org](https://www.ptny.org)

## SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

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

**Glacial Erratic Hike**  
Family Program  
Sunday, May 5th 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Venture through our trails and see the glacial remnants brought to Long Island from the last Ice Age.

**Welcome Back Osprey**  
Family Program  
Sunday, May 12th 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

The Ospreys are back! Let's go out and find these - and other amazing birds of prey - as they return for the warm summer months!

## CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423- 1770

**Spring Seasonal Stroll**  
Adult Program  
Saturday, May 11th 9:45 AM ~ 11:45 AM

In this series of short 1.5 mile seasonal strolls, we'll savor nature's spring rebirth, highlighting bird nesting. Prepare for some hills and sitting on grass

**Just a Hike (Eastern Section)**  
Adult Program  
Sunday, May 26th 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM

This 6 mile, hilly, moderately paced walk affords walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and enjoy the park's beauty.

### Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, stories, dances, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

#### Connetquot River State Park Preserve

- Thank You Mom - May 8th  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Little Astronauts - May 29th  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### Sunken Meadow State Park

- Flower Power - May 30th  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM



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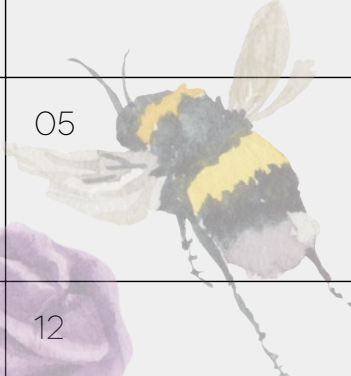



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# JUNE



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 CS - Family Frogs and Friends 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  CR - Family Rainbow Lantern Walk 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
02 CR- Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  SM - Family Marsh Meander 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	03	04	05 	06  SM - Tiny Tots Animals have Dads Too! 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	07	08 <b>Hempstead Lake and Sunken Meadow Get Outdoors Day</b>  CM - Adult History of Caumsett 9:45 AM ~ 11:45 PM
09 CR- Adult Spring Manifestation Painting 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14 CS - Family Rainbow Lantern Walk 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	15
16 CR- Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  <b>Fathers Day</b> 	17	18	19  <b>Juneteenth</b>	20  SM - Tiny Tots Dino Discoveries 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	21	22  <b>Centennial Celebration! Heckscher State Park 11 AM - 3 PM</b>
23 CM - Adult Map Hike 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM	24	25	26 CR- Tiny Tots Rainbows! 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	27	28 SM - Family Rainbow Lantern Walk 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	29 HK - Family Rainbow Lantern Walk 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
30 CR- Family Pride Month Art 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	01	02	03	04	05	06



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## CALEB SMITH STATE PARK PRESERVE

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**Frogs and Friends Family Program**  
Saturday, June 1st 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Amphibians are an amazing group of animals! Come see what makes them special and find some froggy friends!

**Rainbow Lantern Walk Family Program**  
Friday, June 14th 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Join us for one of our popular evening lantern walks with a Pride Month twist!

## CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

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**History of Caumsett Adult Program**  
Saturday, June 8th 9:45 AM ~ 11:45 AM

On this hilly 1 1/2 mile long walk we will study the park's social economic, architectural and political history.

**Map Hike Adult Program**  
Sunday, June 23th 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM

Participants will use a map of the park to navigate to specific destinations. We will cover approximately 5 miles over some hills.

## CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

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

**Rainbow Lantern Walk Family Program**  
Saturday, June 1st 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Join us for one of our popular evening lantern walks with a Pride Month twist!

**Historic Club House Tours Family Program**  
Sunday, June 2nd & 16th 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.

**Pride Month Art Class Family Program**  
Sunday, June 30th 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Learn about the life and style of an influential modern painter to celebrate Pride Month. Learn to paint your own work of art in their style.

**Spring Manifestation Painting Adult Program**  
Saturday, May 18th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Ever wondered what nature provides for artists? Learn how the colors and hues found in nature become the paint and designs on a canvas

## HECKSCHER STATE PARK

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

**Rainbow Lantern Walk Family Program**  
Saturday, June 29th 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Join us for one of our popular evening lantern walks with a Pride Month twist!

## SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

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

**Marsh Meander Family Program**  
Sunday, June 2nd 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Enjoy a guided walk through a treasured ecosystem and see all the different species that make up our salt marsh!

**Rainbow Lantern Walk Family Program**  
Saturday, June 28th 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Join us for one of our popular evening lantern walks with a Pride Month twist!



**HECKSCHER STATE PARK**  
No Reservations Needed!



**Centennial Celebration! Families Welcome!**  
Saturday, June 22nd 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Celebrate 100 years of NY State Parks! Have fun discovering how our Long Island State Parks, and culture at large, have changed from the 1920s to today! There will be games, Classic Cars, historic photos, music, food, and more!

## Free Events

### Heckscher State Park

Juneteenth Crafts  
June 16th - 1 PM - 3 PM  
Centennial Celebration!  
June 22nd - 11 AM - 3 PM

### Hempstead Lake State Park Sunken Meadow State Park

Get Outdoors Day  
June 8th

## Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, stories, dances, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

### Connetquot River State Park Preserve

- Rainbows! - June 26th  
10 AM - 11 AM

### Sunken Meadow State Park

- Animals have Dads Too! - June 6th  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Dino Discoveries - June 20th  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM