

# Jones Beach State Park Nature Center

## **Tiny Tots: "Nature Discoveries"**

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.

**Held on Tuesdays: 10:30 - 11:30 am and 1:30 - 2:30 pm.**

October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trees are Terrific
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Feathered Friends
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Happy Halloween
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Turkey Time
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Eco-Ranger
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Season
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Baby Seals

## October

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### **Raptor Migration**

Adult Program

**Sunday**

**October 8**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

The barrier beaches of Long Island are an important migratory route for thousands of raptors each fall. Join us at the Nature Center where we will learn about these raptors, and enjoy a ringside view of this amazing phenomenon.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

### **Fossil Finds**

Children's Program

**Sunday**

**October 8**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Ever wonder how scientists can figure out so much about dinosaurs and other prehistoric life, even though none are alive to see? With fossils, it's possible to look back into the past! Join us as we discover how fossils form and the secrets they hold.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

### **Pumpkin Bird Feeders**

Family Program

**Saturday**

**October 14**

**10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Autumn is the time of year when birds are bulking up on food. Some of them will use the energy to make a long migration, and others will need the fat reserves to get them through a long, cold, winter. Join us as we make some special bird feeders to help our feathered friends.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

### **Taxidermy 101**

Adult Program

**Sunday**

**October 14**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Come to the Nature Center to learn the basics of this unique art form. In this, the first of two sessions, you will observe and learn technique. The second session will be held on a later date, and will consist of hands on learning with specimens provided.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**



**Native American Games**

Children's Program

**Saturday**

**November 18**

**10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Through the ages, children have played games that teach them the skills they'll need as adults. As the world has changed, so have the games. Test your skill with games Native American children played.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Dream Catcher**

Family Program

**Sunday**

**November 19**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

What's a dream catcher? We will explore the myths and legends behind this creative activity. Together, each family will make a dream catcher and decorate it with feathers and beads. All materials will be supplied. (*One dream catcher per person. \$1 extra materials fee*)

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Winter Bird Walk**

Adult Program

**Saturday**

**November 25**

**9:00 - 11:30 am**

Bundle up, and join us for some birding on the beach! On this stroll through the crisp air, you'll discover the birds that make Jones Beach their home for the winter.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Owl Pellet Dissection**

Family Program

**Sunday**

**November 26**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Humans have been intrigued by owls for thousands of years. Come learn about these secretive birds. We will investigate their feeding habits by dissecting an owl pellet to discover what the owl had eaten.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

December



**Star Gazing**

Family Program

**Friday**

**December 1**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join us on the Nature Center patio with the Amateur Observers Society as we observe the stars and constellations. Bring your telescopes or binoculars, or use ours, and we'll uncover more about these diamonds in the sky.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Pine Cone Pals**

Family Program

**Sunday**

**December 3**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Winter is a great time to find pine cones! Join us as we collect some, explore their structure, and create fun pine cone animals to take home!

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Winter Survival**

Children's Program

**Saturday**

**December 9**

**10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Explore some of the amazing ways animals survive in extremely cold weather. Some will burrow into the earth to escape it, some sleep through it and others can brave the cold. Through fun experiments and activities, discover what life is like for these hearty survivors.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Holiday Wreath**

Family Program

**Sunday**

**December 10**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

The Holiday season is in full swing. Come create a beautiful natural wreath to ring in the New Year. Display it at home or give it as a gift. *One Wreath Per Person*

*There is an additional \$5 per person for materials. (no charge if you bring your own wreath))*

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Winter Solstice Hike**

Adult Program

**Sunday**

**December 17**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Join us for a beach walk during the shortest daylight time of the year: the winter solstice! On this invigorating hike, you'll discover some of the creatures that make their winter homes in the sands of Jones Beach.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**End of Year Beach Hike**

Family Program

**Saturday**

**December 30**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

The holidays have come and gone. Now join us for a winter walk on the beach as we wave goodbye to 2017 and try to walk off some of those turkey dinners!

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**First Day Hike**

Join us for a hike along the beach in search of seals.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

**For reservations, please call:**

**JBNC: 516-780-3295 or 516-785-3614**



**Hempstead Lake State Park**

**Raptor Migration**

Adult Program

**Saturday**

**October 7**

**9:00am - 12:00 pm**

Long Island is a migratory route for thousands of raptors each fall. Join us at Hempstead Lake where we will learn about these raptors, and enjoy viewing this amazing phenomenon.

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Back Yard Birds**

Family Program

**Saturday**

**November 11**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

It's the time of year when birds are bulking up for the long, cold winter ahead, and Hempstead Lake State Park is a great place to observe them! Come discover the many species of birds might be seen at during the colder months of the year. Together we'll make a simple bird feeder for the birds in your back yard!

**Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**

**Winter Bird Walk**

Adult Program

**Sunday**

**November 26**

**9:00 - 11:30 am**

Bundle up and join us for some birding in the woods! On this refreshing jaunt around the park, you'll discover the birds that make Hempstead Lake their home for the winter.

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## **Fossil Finds**

Children's Program

**Saturday**

**December 2**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

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## **Hempstead Lake State Park's**

**Annual Fall Fishing & Children's Festival**

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**10 AM – 4 PM.**

### **Join Us!**

It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and have some fun with the family! No fishing license required for this event and additionally, there is no admission/parking fee.

For more information, please call :

**DEC's I FISH NY at (631) 444-0283 or  
Hempstead Lake State Park at (516) 766-1029.**