

Jones Beach 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.

April 11 th	Baby Animals
April 25 th	Seeds
May 9 th	Spikes & Shields
May 23 rd	Horseshoe Crabs
June 6 th	Little Einsteins
June 20 th	Shapes

April

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Woodcock Walk

Adult Program

Saturday

April 1

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

A brief introduction will acquaint you with this odd looking little bird. Following the presentation, a short sunset walk will take us to a location where we will observe the male woodcock perform his "sky dance," a unique courtship display.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Taxidermy 102

Adult Program

Saturday

April 8

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Now that we've learned the basics, time to try out your new taxidermy skills! In this specialized second program, everyone will receive their own specimen to practice on. This class is only for patrons who have already completed Taxidermy 101 with us.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Beach Hike

Family Program

Sunday

April 9

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Spring is here! Shake off those winter blues and get outside for a walk! Nature is waking up, and this is a great time to observe it. Bring your walking shoes and meet us at the Nature Center.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Baywalk

Family Program

Wednesday

April 12

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Let's take a walk to the beach and see what the tide left behind. From snails, to skates, to hermit crabs, every baywalk is different! On our walk we will learn about plants and animals that call this island their home.

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Animal

Show & Tell

Children's Program

Thursday

April 13

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Creatures here, creatures there, creatures hiding everywhere! Come explore the world of animal camouflage, then join us outside to test your animal finding skills.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Egg Scramble

Children's Program

Friday**April 14****10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

The Easter Bunny's not the only reason for eggs this time of year!! Eggs come in all different sizes, colors, and textures, and spring is the perfect time to find them in nature. Let's discover what kinds of animals lay eggs; some of them might surprise you!

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**Max Wheat Memorial Writing Workshop**

Adult Program

Saturday**April 15****9:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Join us for a day of nature and poetry as we continue a tradition started at the Nature Center by the late, great Max Wheat! Tom Stock, a naturalist, poet, hiker, and experienced workshop leader will be taking on the programs in honor and remembrance of Max. Please come prepared with lunch, outdoor dress, and writing tools.

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

Adult Program

Saturday**April 15****10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

It's the time of year when butterflies and moths are becoming active again, and that makes it the perfect time to start planting a butterfly garden! Join us to discover the plants that attract these beautiful insects to your yard, and then take a stroll through the nature center's butterfly garden to see some examples.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**Earth Day Walk & Beach Clean-up**

Family Program

Saturday**April 22****10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Earth Day has come again! And what better way to celebrate it than to help clean up our beautiful beaches! We provide the bags and gloves, and you provide the "Help Save the Earth" spirit!

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

Children's Program

Sunday**April 23****10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Spring has sprung, and everything is blooming! Flowers are one of the loveliest parts of spring, but did you know that every beautiful bud began as a tiny seed? Join us as we investigate plant growth during this magical time of year.

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

Family Program

Saturday**April 29****1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

Let's take a walk to the beach and see what the tide left behind. From snails, to skates, to hermit crabs, every baywalk is different! On our walk we will learn about plants and animals that call this island their home.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295**May****Star Gazing**

Family Program

Friday**May 5****8:00 pm - 9:30 pm**

Join AOS, The Amateur Observer Society, this spring as we observe the stars and constellations. Bring your telescopes or binoculars, and we'll uncover more about these diamonds in the sky.

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

Family Program

Sunday**May 7****1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

Did you know that horseshoe crabs are called "living fossils" because they have been on earth since before dinosaurs? Join us as we explore the lives of these fascinating creatures, as well as some of our other spring visitors.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Seashells by the Seashore
Children's Program

Saturday May 13 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Come on down to the Nature Center for a walk on the beach, where we will look for some of the beautiful seashells found washed up this time of year. Then we'll head back to decorate them and use them in various crafts perfect for Mother's Day!
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Horseshoe Crab Evening Walk
Family Program

Saturday May 13 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
As the sun sets we will search for a prehistoric-looking visitor to our beaches: the horseshoe crab. We will observe these unique creatures as they come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand. Water shoes required!
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Sunset Stroll
Family Program

Friday May 19 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Summer is just around the corner, and a mid-May evening is the perfect time for a stroll down to the jetty. Bring your cameras for some breathtaking shots of the sun setting over the water.
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Horseshoe Crab Walk
Family Program

Saturday May 20 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
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Shore Birding
Adult Program

Sunday May 21 9:00 am - 11:00 am
It's that time of the year again! Shore birds are migrating along our shores, heading back from their wintering grounds. Let's hope for a good wind and take a walk around the West End of Jones Beach to see how many different species we can spot.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

June

Horseshoe Crab Evening Walk
Family Program

Saturday June 3 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
As the sun sets we will search for a prehistoric-looking visitor to our beaches: the horseshoe crab. We will observe these unique creatures as they come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand. Water shoes required!
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Beach Hike
Family Program

Sunday June 4 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Summer is almost here! The longer days and warmer weather make this the perfect time of year to be at the beach! Bring your walking shoes and meet us at the Nature Center.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Going, Going, Gone
Children's Program

Saturday June 10 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Did you know that Jones Beach is the home of several and endangered species? Join us for some indoor and outdoor games as we discover more about the lives of these rare and wonderful creatures.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Fins & Scales

Children's Program

Sunday

June 11

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

From salmon and flounder to trout and bass, fish come in all shapes and sizes. Join us as we find out what makes them all tick. Through dissection, we will explore the internal and external anatomy of fish.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Plover Hike

Adult Program

Saturday

June 17

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Join us for a walk around the West End beachfront as we observe the habitat and behaviors of the endangered piping plover, as well as other nesting shore birds in the area.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Sunset Stroll

Family Program

Friday

June 23

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

This is the perfect time of year for a stroll down to the jetty. Bring your comfortable shoes and your cameras for some breathtaking shot of the sun setting over the water.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Water Wonders

Children's Program

Saturday

June 24

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Living on an island, we are all literally surrounded by water! Join us at the Nature Center as we explore the secrets hidden in every tiny drop!

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Baywalk

Family Program

Sunday

June 25

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Let's take a walk to the beach and see what the tide left behind. From snails, to skates, to hermit crabs, every baywalk is different! On our walk we will learn about plants and animals that call this island their home.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Family Game Night

Family Program

Friday

June 30

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

It's game night at the beach! Bring the whole crew to the Nature Center for some family friendly games and activities.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Join one of the beautification, clean up and conservation projects in parks across New York State.



Saturday, May 6th 2017

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or call your favorite state park

Help Protect the Endangered Piping Plover!



Memorial Day Air Show

Saturday, May 27th & Sunday, May 28th
Show starts at 12:00 pm

Please call to register or for more information

(516) 780-3295 or (516) 785-3614