Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center

at Jones Beach State Park

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.

January 10th	(12/27)	Seals
January 24th	(01/10)	Counting Critters
February 7th	(01/24)	Heart 2 Heart
February 21st	(02/07)	Animal ABC's
March 14th	(02/21)	Rainbow Connection
March 28th	(03/14)	Animal ABC's

Winter Seal Walks

Our winter visitors are here! Come join us for a short talk about seals and then bundle up as we walk along the shoreline to see these amazing mammals.

Sunday	Jan. 1st	(12/18)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 7th	(12/24)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 15th	(1/1)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 21th	(1/7)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 29th	(1/15)	10:30 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 4th	(1/21)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 11th	(1/27)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 19th	(2/5)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday	Feb. 26th	(2/12)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Sunday	March 12th	(2/26)	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

January

Geology Rocks
Children's Program

Saturday **January 14 (12/31)** **10:30 - 12:00 pm**
How can a rock float? Learn this and more as you perform these fun and exciting experiments to discover some of the secrets of rocks.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Dream Catcher
Family Program

Saturday **January 28 (1/14)** **10:30 - 12:00 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 family*)
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

February

Scrap the Winter Blues Away
Children's Program

Sunday **February 12 (1/29)** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
Make a keepsake to give as a gift or keep for yourself. We will show you how to make a nature inspired scrapbook. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring pictures and anything other special items to add to your pages.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Bayberry Candles
Family Program

Saturday **February 18 (2/4)** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
We will teach you the history of the bayberry candle and each family will make their own candle to take home.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Marine Mammals
Children's Program

Wednesday **February 22 (2/8)** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
The ocean is home to some of the biggest creatures in the world as well as some of the furriest. Lets discover how these creatures keep warm and survive in the deep.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

It's A Cold Blooded Life
Children's Program

Thursday **February 23 (2/9)** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
Horseshoe crabs, snakes, frogs, and fish. What do all these animals have in common? They are all cold-blooded. Come to the Nature Center to discover just what it means to be cold-blooded.
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Owl Pellet Dissection
Family Program

Friday **February 24 (2/10)** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
Humans have been intrigued by owls for hundreds of years. Come learn about these secretive birds. We will investigate their feeding habits by dissecting an owl pellet and reconstructing the creatures eaten by the owl.
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Winter Visitors
Adult Program

Saturday **February 25 (2/11)** **1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
Winter is in full swing. Sick of being cooped up inside? Buddle up, we are going to hike around the beach and see what winter visitors are around.
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March

Star Gaze
Family Program

Friday **March 3 (2/17)** **7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**
Join us this Winter as we observe the stars and constellations. Bring your telescopes or binoculars, and we'll uncover more about these diamonds in the sky.
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Owl Prowl
Adult Program

Saturday **March 4 (2/18)** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
Come discover the magic of owls! Meet one of Long Island State Park's resident owls, and then head Out for a brisk walk to try to find wild owls in their natural habitat.
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Track it Down
Children's Program

Sunday **March 5 (2/19)** **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

Children will become nature detectives as they unravel the clues left behind by the park's wildlife. Make your own Tracks & Traces book filled with your favorite animal tracks to take home.

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Taxidermy 101
Adult Program

Saturday **March 11 (2/26)** **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Join us for an introduction to taxidermy, the fascinating craft that merges art with science. In this first class, we will start with a group taxidermy lesson. In a subsequent class, each participant will get their own specimen to work on.

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Leprechauns Rainbow
Children's Program

Saturday **March 18 (3/4)** **1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

Hands-on activities will help us explore the many ways that light bounces, bends, and reflects. We'll learn how white light splits apart, revealing all the colors of the rainbow.

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Spring Equinox Walk
Family Program

Sunday **March 10 (3/5)** **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.

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