

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

April

Instructional Bird Walk for Beginners
Adult Program

Sunday April 7th 9:45 ~ 11:45 am
On this instructional walk, novice adult birders will learn about adaptations and practice observing birds at feeders and in the wild. Approximately 2 miles with some hills. Bring binoculars.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

Nature on the Move Western Section
Adult Program

Saturday April 13th 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm
We'll maintain a slow to moderate pace for 4 miles as we observe and discuss the fields and woods of Caumsett.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

Just a Hike Eastern Section
Adult Program

Sunday April 21st 10:00 am ~ 1:00 pm
While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this 6-mile hilly, moderately paced walk, thus affording walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and observe the park's beauty. For reasons of safety, no children under 18 years of age are permitted to attend. Bring drinking water.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

Spring Seasonal Stroll
Adult Program

Saturday April 27th 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm
On this short stroll (approx. 1.5 miles), one of a series to observe seasonal changes, we'll savor nature's spring rebirth, highlighting nesting birds.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

May

Caumsett Sampler
Adult Program

Sunday May 5th 10:00 am ~ 1:45 pm
On this leisurely but hilly 5-mile saunter, you will get an overview of nature in the field, forest, seashore, and pond. (Some walking in long grass)
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

Pot Luck- Just a Hike
Adult Program

Sunday May 12th 9:45 am ~ 12:45 pm
While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this 6-mile, hilly moderately paced walk, thus affording walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize and observe the parks beauty. Participants will choose our route. For reasons of safety, no children under 18 years of age are permitted to attend.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

History of Caumsett
Adult Program

Sunday May 19th 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm
On this hilly, moderately long walk (approx. 2 miles), we will study the park's social, economic, architectural and political history. (Some walking in long grass.)
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

Beginning Orienteering
Adult Program

Sunday May 26th 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm
After learning to use our compass, you will practice with it on a short course. You may need your reading glasses. Not recommended for children.
Approximately 1 mile.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

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June

Salt Marsh Special Adult Program

Sunday June 2nd 9:45 am ~ 1:15 pm
Join us for a slow walk through fields and forest, on our way to a leisurely study of salt marsh life. Because we will travel about 5 miles, we recommend that you bring drinking water. Old canvas shoes or comfortable waterproof boots are also suggested.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Map Hike Adult Program

Saturday June 8th 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 at a moderate pace. Some hills.
Bring lunch and drinking water.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Intro to Wilderness Survival Adult Program

Sunday June 16th 9:45 am ~ 12:00 pm
You can survive on your own at Caumsett. In this hands-on program, geared for the average adult, we'll teach you how to find food, start a fire and build shelter. Approximately 1 mile. For reasons of safety, no children under 18 will be permitted to attend. There will be some sitting on the grass.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Seashore Circular Adult Program

Saturday June 22nd 9:45 am ~ 1:00 pm
During this hilly, moderately paced walk through fields and woods, on our way to leisurely exploration of Caumsett's shore, we'll discuss geological and social factors that have influenced nature on Long Island. Since we will walk approximately 4.5 miles, we suggest you bring drinking water.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Plant Focus Adult Program

Saturday June 29th 10:15 am ~ 12:00 pm
This intensive, hands-on program will help you improve your knowledge of plant identification with use of guidebooks. Bring drinking water, wear hat and sunscreen. Plant identification books helpful. Short walk in tall grass meadow.
Some sitting on grass.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

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: 10:00 - 11:00 am

April 4
April 18
May 2
May 16
May 30
June 13
June 27

I Can't Said the Ant!
The Extraordinary Egg!
Sing Like a Bird!
Big Blue Sea!
Bug Walk!
Moths and Butterflies, OH MY!
Batty Bats

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

April

Earth Day Every Day
Family Program

Saturday April 6 10:00 – 11:30 am
Earth Day should be everyday! We all need to help out. Through hands-on activities, crafts, and games you will discover how you can help our wonderful planet.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

The Trail Less Travelled
Adult Program

Sunday April 7 9:30 – 11:30 am
Enjoy the refreshing spring air with a walk on the Red Trail. Wear good walking shoes. Bring water if you like. Moderate hike (approx. 2 miles) including some hills.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

World in a Bottle
Family Program

Saturday April 20th 10:30 – 11:30 am
Discover how important plants are! We'll learn how they grow and how to care for them. Have fun making your very own terrarium to take home. Watch your plants grow into a tiny ecosystem. Please bring a 2 liter, clear, empty, plastic bottle with a screw on top for each person.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

May

Shark Frenzy
Family Program

Sunday May 5 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Discover fun and fascinating facts about these greatly misunderstood creatures as we explore the depths of the sea, the home of nature's most efficient hunters.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 -1054

Hug a Tree to Survive
Family Program

Saturday May 18 10:00 - 11:30 am
Based on the 'Adventure Smart' program, learn ways to not get lost in the woods and what to do if you become lost. The program begins inside followed by a short walk where children will build a temporary shelter.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Birding on the South Side
Adult Program

Sunday May 19 9:30 - 11:30 am
We will meet on the south side of the park for this delightful walk along the Nissequogue River to discover and identify Caleb's native birds. We will be on the lookout for migrating birds as well.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 -1054

June

Archeology Bone Hunters
Family Program

Saturday June 1 10:00 - 11:30 am
Join us to explore an undisclosed archeology site on the property. Together, we will do some digging and identify the bones we find. All the supplies you need are provided. Please dress for a mess!
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Adventure Pack
Family Program

Saturday June 8 10:00 - 11:30 am
We will discover what lives under the leaves, break open some rocks to see what's inside and even learn to use a compass. There will be lots of activities to choose from. We will loan you a backpack filled with interesting activities to do in the park. As a group, we will do these activities during a short walk in the park. Limited 12 packs.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

June (continued)

**South Side
Wildflower Walk**
Adult Program

Sunday June 9 9:30 – 11:30 am
We will meet on the south side of the park for this delightful walk along the Nissequogue River to discover and identify Caleb's native wildflowers. We will be on the lookout for several species we know to be in the park, but have not located. Perhaps you can! Reservations are required: (631) 265 - 1054

**Who's Blowin'
Bubbles**
Family Program

Saturday June 29 10:00 – 11:30 am
There are many creatures in this world that blow bubbles for many different reasons. We will take a look at some of them to figure out how blowing bubbles helps them survive. Then we will make some of our own! Dress for a mess. Reservations are required: (631) 265 - 1054

**North Side
Wildflower Walk**
Adult Program

Sunday June 30 9:30 – 11:30 am
Enjoy a leisurely walk along Caleb's meandering trails looking for our native wildflowers. Some are easy to pass by without noticing. Bring water and a camera if you like. Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

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: 10:00 - 11:00 am

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| April 9th | All About Eggs |
| April 23rd | Baby Animals |
| May 7th | May Flowers |
| May 21st | Fun with Fish |
| June 4th | Beak-A-Boo! |
| June 18th | Awesome Amphibians |

South Side Sportsmen's Club Historic House Tours

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.



First and third Sunday of the month 1:00-2:00pm

April 7th & 21st May 5th & 19th June 2nd & 16th

Reservations are suggested. Please call 631-581-1072 for more information.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

April

**Demystifying
Fly Fishing**
Hosted by the
Friends of Connetquot

Saturday April 6th 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Author and Fly Fisherman Tom McCoy will introduce you to simple techniques and flies that will make your time on the water of Connetquot more enjoyable. The presentation will be followed by an optional hike to and tour of the fish hatchery. Registration is free. Reservations are required: friendsofconnetquot.org

Eggstravaganza
Family Program

Sunday April 14th 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Birds are not the only animals that lay eggs! Meet some other egg-layers that live right here at Connetquot! Then learn some new ways to color and decorate eggs. **Don't forget to bring 3 hard-boiled eggs!**
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Moonlight Walk
Family Program

Friday April 19th 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Have you ever wanted to explore the park after dark? Now is your chance! Join us on a night-themed walk through the preserve and search for our nocturnal residents. Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

**Northern
Hikers' Special**
Adult Program

Saturday April 27th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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, beautiful, less traveled northern section of the preserve. We will stop and have lunch along the way. **Please bring water and your own lunch.**
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

May

**Night of the
Frogs**
Family Program

Friday May 10th 7:00 – 9:00 pm
You are in for an intriguing night hike in the preserve! We will start off with a presentation indoors, and then venture into the preserve to enjoy the spring night air filled with the sounds of frogs.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

**High School
Birding**
Teen Program

Saturday May 11th 10:00 - 11:30 am
Have a birding requirement for school? We can help fulfill it! Join us on a walk as we search for birds.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Bird & Breakfast
Adult Program

Sunday May 12th 8:00 – 11:00 am
Enjoy a continental breakfast and a presentation introducing the local and migratory birds seen in our area. Afterward, take a walk through the preserve led by experienced birders from the Great South Bay Audubon Society.
Binoculars and identification books will be available for loan.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072 & will be taken starting April 30.

Backyard Birding
Hosted by the
Friends of Connetquot

Saturday May 18th 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Ginny Fields will present a Power Point show introducing you to easy tips on attracting birds to your backyard. She will present information on what types of feeders and food to use that will attract many beautiful species, allowing you to get in touch with nature. You'll learn tips, advice and guidance along with seeing hundreds of pictures of beautiful wild birds that you will be able to persuade to your own backyard.
Reservations are required: www.friendsofconnetquot.org

Hempstead Lake State Park

June

**I Fish NY:
Fishing Fun**
Family Program

Saturday June 29th (6/15) 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Come learn to fish! We will be showing how to tie line, cast and identify fish. Then try to catch a fish in Hempstead Lake! This program is based on the "I Fish NY" clinic by the Department of Environmental Conservation. This is a **free** program. **Ages 8 and up.** Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

**Outdoors Day
Festival**
by the
Department of
Environmental Conservation

Saturday June 8th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Come celebrate National Get Outdoors Day at free DEC events around the state. *Hosted* Try a new activity or introduce your family to old favorites like hiking, archery, paddling, and fishing! Bring the whole family and spend the day having an outdoor adventure!

Jones Beach State Park Nature Center

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April 2nd	Colorful Critters
April 16th	Celebrate the Earth
April 30^h	Tiny Seeds
May 14th	Shapes
May 28th	Horseshoe Crabs
June 11th	Nature T's
June 25th	Finny Fish

April

Spring Planting
Children's Program

Saturday April 27th 10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm
Spring has sprung and with it comes the arrival of plants and flowers emerging from the ground and so many begin as seeds! Come discover the magic of seeds and their germination, happening everywhere you look this time of year. Plant some of your very own to take home!
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

**Welcome Back
Osprey!**
Adult Program

Sunday April 28th 9:00 ~ 11:00 am
Join us as we uncover the fascinating history of this amazing raptor. Then we'll set out to observe these beautiful birds in the wild.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Jones Beach State Park Nature Center



Celebrate Earth Day!
Saturday, April 13th
11:00am ~ 3:00 pm

We're celebrating Earth Day here at the beach! Join us for fun, games, crafts, and activities that will help us be better stewards and appreciate the environment. Stop in for this **Free** event and discover what you can do. The planet will thank you!

Questions? Please call: 516-780-3295

May

Spring Bike Ride
Family Program

Sunday **May 5th** **9:00 ~ 11:00 am**
Bring your bicycles and your binoculars and join us for a morning ride. Together, we will get some exercise while taking in some of the beautiful, spring time sights at the beach. **For children ages 8 and up.**
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Horseshoe Crab Evening Walk
Family Program

Friday **May 10th** **7:00 ~ 8:30 pm**
Friday **May 31st** **7:30 ~ 9:00 pm**
Let's investigate these living fossils that come to our shores in the spring! We will have a short talk, followed by a walk down to the bay to observe these creatures during their high tide spawning periods. Wear shoes that can get wet and bring a flashlight.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

West End Hike
Adult Program

Saturday **May 11th** **9:00 ~ 11:00 am**
Summer is just around the corner, and mid-May is the perfect time for a stroll down to the jetty. Bring your cameras for some breathtaking shots of the inlet, and a chance to see some of our summer birds that have returned to their breeding grounds.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Horseshoe Crab Walk
Family Program

Sunday **May 19th** **1:30 ~ 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. Wear shoes that can get wet!
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Jones Beach State Park Nature Center

Help Protect the Endangered Piping Plover!

Volunteer!

Memorial Day Air Show
Saturday, May 25th & Sunday, May 26th
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Please call to volunteer or for more information
(516) 780-3295 or (516) 785-3614



June

Piping Plover Hike
Adult Program

Saturday June 1st 9:00 ~ 11:00 am
Come take a walk with us to see the endangered Piping Plovers, that nest on the sandy beaches of Jones Beach. We will observe different nesting sites and hopefully get to see some hatchlings.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Exploring Nature Bike Ride
Family Program

Saturday June 22nd 9:00 ~ 11:00 am
The West End of Jones Beach is a great area for viewing nature, and what better way to get an up close and personal look than on bicycle. We will be utilizing the new bike path extension that connects to the West End to see Jones Beach wildlife in their natural environment. **Ages 8 and up.**
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Fins & Scales (Fish Dissection)
Children's Program

Sunday June 23rd 1:30 ~ 3:00 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. **Ages 7 and up.**
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Sunken Meadow State Park

April

Amazing Marshes
Family Program

Sunday April 28th 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Explore the salt marsh habitat with us!, The marsh is not just mud - it is made up of energy enriched soil and calm, protected waters. Often called 'the ocean's nursery' it provides a home for many species. Discover what makes this area so special.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

June

Campout Under the Stars
Family Program

Friday June 7th Check in: 4:30 pm
Join us in the Great American Campout! June is "Get Outdoors" month so start the month camping with us. We will have activities to explore the night followed by fire building and leave no trace skills. Bring a story to tell or an instrument to play while relaxing under the stars. Reservation required as space is limited.
Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072