Wet & Wild
Children’s Program

Saturday August 17th 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Did you know that some underwater creatures use jet propulsion to move? Visit the river’s edge to explore life in and around this amazing “unknown” habitat. Dress for wading! Bring sunscreen, a towel and water shoes. (No bare feet permitted).
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

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 Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am

July 11th Red, White, & Blue!
July 25th Pond Explorations
August 8th Desert Heat
August 22nd I Spy a Dragonfly
September 5th Animal Olympics
September 19th Butterflies on the Move

Finding Your Way
Family Program
Saturday July 13th 10:00 - 11:30 am
Using sticks and stones, enjoy learning how to set up and follow trail signs. We will practice on the lawn around the building. Every family will be involved in setting up a course for us to follow.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 - 1054

Firefly Fun
Family Program
Friday July 19th 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Enlighten your world by experiencing activities and experiments which will be followed by a firefly expedition onto the lawn to find these wonderful creatures. Please bring an empty, clean, dry container with a top to catch, observe, and release the fireflies.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054
Custom Walking Sticks
Adult Program

Sunday  July 28th  9:30 – 11:30 am
Enjoy a unique workshop to design your own walking stick. Walking sticks, carving tools, wood burners and decorating materials will be provided. Feel free to bring anything you may want to incorporate to make your walking stick one-of-a-kind. If you have the time, take our leather tooling class in the afternoon to make your walking stick even more unique.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

August

Cave Encounters
Family Program

Saturday  August 10th  10:00 - 11:30 am
Many creatures living in total darkness have developed specialized adaptations. Explore their world through fun hands-on games and activities. (The room will be dark at times.)
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

South Side Up River Walk
Adult Program

Sunday  August 11th  1:00 - 3:00 pm
Meet on the South side. We will enter the Nissequogue River and walk up the river to Blydenburg County Park while observing this unique ecosystem. You may wear chest waders, a modest bathing suit or a shirt and shorts. You must wear water shoes or sneakers. The water is cool, fast moving in places, and can be up to the waist at times. Bring a walking stick, towel, and drinking water if you like. Limit 12 people.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Dragonfly Safari
Family Program

Saturday  August 24th  10:00 - 11:30 am
Discover the dragonfly’s beautiful colors, life-cycle, and fascinating behaviors. Dragonflies love to eat mosquitoes. Enjoy hands-on activities followed by outdoor observation of these wonderful creatures in their natural habitat. We will catch and release a few so you may see them up close.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

South Side Down River Walk
Adult Program

Sunday  August 25th  1:00 - 3:00 pm
Meet on the South side. We will enter the upper portion of the Nissequogue River and walk down river, taking in the beauty of the area. You may wear chest waders, a modest bathing suit or a shirt and shorts. You must wear water shoes or sneakers. The water is cool, fast moving in places, and can be up to the waist at times. Bring a walking stick, towel, and drinking water if you like. Limit 12 People.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

September

Sand Candles
Family Program

Saturday  September 21st  10:00 - 11:30 am
Have fun making unique candles using sand & wax. We will then play with experiments using sand from the beach and learn a little something about the sand we walk on every day.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 -1054
### July

**Just A Hike**  
*Sunday, July 7th*  
9:45 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. Bring drinking water. (some walking in long grass.)  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

**Traditional Nature Walk**  
*Sunday, July 14th*  
9:45 ~ 11:30 am  
We’ll take a slow walk (approx. 1.5 miles), exploring nature in the woods and tall grass meadows in the southwestern section of the park.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

**Early Summer Seasonal Stroll**  
*Sunday, July 21st*  
9:45 ~ 11:45 am  
On this short stroll (approx. 1.5 miles), one of a series designed to observe seasonal changes, we will savor summer’s wildflowers.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

**Birds With Botany For Beginners**  
*Sunday, July 28th*  
9:45 ~ 11:45 am  
During this program, geared for the novice adult birder, we’ll be searching for birds...no birds? We’ll learn about plants! Bring binoculars. Approximately 2 miles.  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

### August

**Introduction to Wilderness Survival**  
*Sunday, August 4th*  
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

**Native American Legends**  
*Saturday, August 10th*  
9:45 ~ 11:30 am  
Legends helped Native Americans to understand their environment. During this all outdoor presentation of readings, geared for the average adult, you too will learn about nature, even as you are entertained. Very short walking, much sitting on the grass. (Not recommended for children).  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

**Plants, Etc.**  
*Sunday, August 18th*  
9:45 ~ 11:30 am  
On this very leisurely, hilly, eclectic saunter in the southwestern section of the park we’ll focus on the botany, history and usage of plants. Some walking in long grass. (Approximately 1 1/2 miles).  
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770
History Hike
Saturday August 24th 9:45 am ~ 1:00 pm
While the main purpose of this hilly, moderately paced 6-mile walk is to relax and socialize, we will make stops to discuss some spots of historic interest. Bring lunch and drinking water. Approximately 1 mile.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Literary Walk
Sunday September 1st 9:45 ~ 11:45 am
This program is a quiet, leisurely ramble, generously interspersed with readings selected to enhance your appreciation of the beauty, wonder, and tranquility of nature. Approximately 2 miles.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Cliff Hike
Sunday September 8th 9:45 am ~ 12:45 pm
While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this 6 mile, very hilly, moderately paced walk, thus affording walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and observe the park's beauty. For safety reasons, no one under the age of 18 will be permitted to attend. Bring drinking water.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Late Summer Seasonal Stroll
Saturday September 14th 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm
On this short stroll (approx. 1.5 miles), one of a series designed to observe seasonal changes, we will witness summer’s slow, subtle change, as she withers and goes to seed.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Birds With Botany For Beginners
Sunday September 22nd 9:45 ~ 11:45 am
During this program, geared for novice adult birders, we’ll be searching for birds... no birds? -we’ll learn plants! Bring binoculars. Approximately 2 miles.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Traditional Nature Walk
Sunday September 29th 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm
We’ll take a slow walk (approximately 3 miles), exploring nature in the woods and tall grass meadows of the southeastern section of the park.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770
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**Held on Tuesdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am**

- July 2\(^{nd}\) - Terrific Turtles
- July 16\(^{th}\) - Gigantic Planets
- July 30\(^{th}\) - Summer Scavenger Hunt
- August 13\(^{th}\) - Dino-mite Dinosaurs
- August 27\(^{th}\) - Chipper Chipmunks
- September 10\(^{th}\) - Sounds of September
- September 24\(^{th}\) - Nocturnal Neighbors

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**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.

1:00 – 2:00 pm

September 1\(^{st}\) & 15\(^{th}\)

Reservations are suggested. Private group tours are available by reservation.

Please call 631-581-1072 for more information.
## July

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Pollinator Celebration

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

August 31st  11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pollinators are not just bees! Discover what other creatures pollinate and how they help humans. Explore our butterfly house, play interactive games and take home a milkweed plant for your garden. It will BEE awesome!

FREE! Questions? Call 631-581-1072
Fun for all Ages!

September

Bird & Breakfast
Adult Program

Saturday  September 14th (8/31)  8:00 – 11:00 am
Enjoy a continental breakfast (courtesy of The Great South Bay Audubon Society) 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 Audubon Society. Binoculars and identification books will be available for loan. Reservations are required and will be accepted two weeks prior.
Please call: (631) 581 -1072

Forest Explorers
Family Program

Saturday  September 21st  10:00 - 11:30 am
How often do you really look at the forest while walking? Discover all the little things that make it special during a stroll through the preserve. It might surprise you!
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072
July

Seashore Saunter
Adult Program

Saturday
July 27th
10:00 – 11:30 am

Listen to the waves lapping on shore, the smell of salt in the air and the feel of a warm breeze on your face. Enjoy the sounds and sights of summer during a guided stroll at Heckscher State Park.
Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Moonlight Stroll
Family Program

Friday
July 19th
8:30 ~ 10:30 pm

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the moonlit trails of Heckscher State Park. The woodlands are different in the dark. Discover what creatures are around this time of night!
Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

August

Bat Safari
Family Program

Friday
August 9th
8:00 ~ 10:00 pm

Enter the mysterious world of these fascinating and misunderstood animals! Separate myths from reality in fun activities during a walk around the park. As the sun sets, we will search for bats as they begin their evening insect hunt.
Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Jones Beach Nature Center

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July

Mid-Tide Splash  
Sunday  
July 7th  
1:30 ~ 3:00 pm  
Children Program  
Get ready to get wet! We are taking you down to the bay to seine, collect and identify animals that live in the bay. Make sure you wear shoes that can go into the water and protect your feet, as well as clothing that’s good for the water. **For children age 6 and up.**  
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Nature Book Club  
Saturday  
July 13th  
10:00 ~ 11:00 am  
Adult Program  
Come try out the Nature Center’s first book club! At this introductory meeting, we will get acquainted and introduce the environmentally themed book to be read. At the follow-up meeting in August we’ll discuss our thoughts about the book as well as pick out the next one. (must attend both meetings)  
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Jones Beach History Walk  
Friday  
July 19th  
6:30 ~ 8:00 pm  
Adult Program  
Join us for an evening stroll on the board walk learning all about the historic landmark Jones Beach State Park. The Park was then, and still is, a retreat for city dwellers on the hot summer days; a place to escape the crowds and tall buildings. The program is a two mile walk and discussion, so wear comfortable shoes.  
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295
Summer Fun Crafts
Sunday  August 4th  1:30 ~ 3:00 pm
Children’s Program
Join us for a day of beach inspired arts and crafts! We begin with beach combing before heading back inside to create a variety of summer souvenirs, incorporating the treasures we found in nature.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Mid-Tide Splash
Sunday  August 18th  1:30 ~ 3:00 pm
Children Program
Get ready to get wet! Let’s go down to the bay to seine, collect and identify animals that live in the bay. Make sure you wear water shoes or sneakers and clothing that’s good for the water. For children aged 6 and up.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Butterfly Walk
Saturday  September 28th  9:00 - 11:00 am
Adult Program
Autumn is right around the corner, and the great Monarch Butterfly migration has begun. These amazing little insects travel thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds. Join us for a walk along the barrier island, a migratory route for Monarchs during their journey south.
Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295
Wonders of Water Festival

Sunken Meadow State Park
Saturday, August 3rd
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Discover the wonders of water during this fun filled festival with interactive games and activities! Find out what animals live in the Long Island Sound by viewing our touch tank and even blow some life size bubbles! Meet us at Field 3!

Questions? Please call: 631-581-1072