

Belmont Lake State Park

June

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



Saturday June 10th (5/22) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Come learn to fish! We will be showing how to tie line, identify fish and cast. Then try to catch a fish in Belmont 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

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

Tiny Tots: "Nature Discoveries"

This is a special time for both parent and child to discover the wonders of their natural world together. Each program's theme will use nature explorations and hands-on activities as a springboard for learning. Children ages 3-5. **Reservations are required: (631)265-1054**

Held on Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am

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| April 5 | (3/22) | Shark Frenzy! |
| April 19 | (4/5) | Fish Food! |
| May 3 | (4/19) | A Planting We Will Go! |
| May 17 | (5/3) | No Bears Live Here! |
| May 31 | (5/17) | Snakes In The Grass! |
| June 14 | (5/31) | From Big to Small |
| June 28 | (6/14) | Finding Your Way |

April

**House Tour
And Walk**
Adult Program

Saturday April 7th 9:30 – 11:30 am

An educator will take you on a tour of two levels of the Caleb Smith home and then take you on a lovely walk to see other early buildings on the property.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

**Archaeology...
Join the Bone
Hunters!**
Family Program

Sunday April 15th 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Join us to explore an undisclosed archeology site on the property. Together, we will do some digging and identify what bones you find. All the supplies you will need are provided. Please dress for a mess.
Recommended for ages 7 & up.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

April

Big & Scary Fish!

Children's Program

Saturday

April 21st

10:00 – 11:30 am

Discover just how large some of the fish are that live around Long Island. We will compare these big fish with those that live in the ponds at the park. Through hands-on activities, you will learn what they eat, how they live and other fun facts. **Ages 5 and up.**

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

X Marks the Spot!

Family Program

Sunday

April 29th

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Would you like to join us on a hunt for Caleb's hidden treasure? We will follow clues and puzzles as we go. Each child will go home with a piece of treasure!

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

May

I Love My Park Day

Family Event

Saturday

May 5th

9:00 am – 12:00 noon



Join one of the beautification, clean up and conservation projects in parks across New York State! Please visit ptny.org for more information and to register, or call individual parks for more information.

The Adventure Pack

Family Program

Sunday

May 13th

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Borrow a backpack filled with fun interesting activities to do in the park. We will perform these activities together as a group during a short walk in the park. Different activities than last time. **Limited (12) packs.**

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

World In A Bottle

Children's Program

Saturday

May 19th

10:00 – 11:30 am

Have fun making your own terrarium! 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. **Ages 5 and up.**

Reservations are required: (631) 265 - 1054

June

Slithering Snakes

Family Program

Saturday

June 2nd

10:00 – 11:30 am

Snakes are fascinating creatures - if you can get past the fact that they are not fuzzy and cute (and they have no legs)! Discover the many species we have on Long Island. **Recommended for children 7 & up.**

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

June

**South Side
Wildflower Walk**
Adult Program

Sunday

June 3rd

1:30 – 3:00 pm

We will meet you on the south side of the preserve for this delightful walk along the Nissequogue River to discover and identify Caleb's native wildflowers.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Jr. Fishing Tourney
Children's Program

Saturday

June 9th

9:00 – 11:00 am (ages 5 – 8)

1:00 – 3:00 pm (ages 9 -12)

This "Catch & Release Tournament" is sponsored by the "Friends of Caleb Smith State Park". Equipment is limited so if you have equipment, please bring it. You must call and make a reservation before the program. Bait will be supplied.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

**Custom Walking
Stick Workshop**
Adult Program

Sunday

June 10th

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Enjoy this unique workshop designing your own walking stick. Sticks, some carving tools, wood burners, suede and decorative material will be provided. If you have your own tools and gloves, please bring them. You are welcome to bring any decorations, doorknobs for the top, artwork to copy, beads, trinkets etc!

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Mad Scientist's Lab
Family Program

Saturday

June 16th

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Conduct several different experiments using ordinary household items! You never know what we might create, split in half, sink and even blow up! Crazy things will be happening in the laboratory!

Recommended for ages 7 and up.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Bat Safari
Family Program

Saturday

June 30th

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Delve into the dark mysterious world of these fascinating creatures with an indoor presentation, followed by a trek through the woods to observe bats feeding in their natural habitat.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054



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For more information, visit: www.ptny.org/ilovemypark or call your favorite State Park

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

April

Just a Hike Eastern Section

Adult Program

Sunday April 1st 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

Nature on the Move Western Section

Adult Program

Sunday April 8th 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

Instructional Bird Walk for Beginners

Adult Program

Saturday April 14th 9:30 ~ 11:30 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

History of Caumsett

Adult Program

Sunday April 22nd 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.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Caumsett Sampler

Adult Program

Saturday April 28th 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.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770

May

Spring Seasonal Stroll

Adult Program

Sunday May 6th 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

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

Pot Luck- Just a Hike

Adult Program

Sunday

May 13th

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 park's 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

Salt Marsh Special

Adult Program

Sunday

May 20th

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

Beginning Orienteering

Adult Program

Saturday

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

June

Map Hike

Adult Program

Sunday

June 3rd

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

Seashore Circular

Adult Program

Saturday

June 9th

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

Intro to Wilderness Survival

Adult Program

Sunday

June 17th

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

Plant Focus

Adult Program

Saturday

June 23rd

10:00 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

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. **Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072**

Tuesdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am

April 10 th	(3/27)	All About Eggs
April 24 th	(4/10)	April Showers
May 8 th	(4/24)	May Flowers
May 22 nd	(5/8)	Home Tweet Home
June 5 th	(5/22)	Fantastic Frogs
June 19 th	(6/5)	Summer Sun

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

April 8th May 6th June 3rd

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

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

April

Flower Power Children's Program

Saturday April 14th 10:00 – 11:30 am

Flowers can be bright or dark, big or small, but did you know they have a secret side only insects can see? Why do they smell? How do they make seeds? Come discover these answers and more at the preserve! **Ages 5 and up.**

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Evening Walk Family Program

Friday April 20th 7:00 – 9:00 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 28th 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 searching for wildlife and observing native plants. We will hike approximately 6 miles to the pristine, beautiful, less traveled northern section of the preserve.

Bring water and lunch.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

May

I Love My Park Day Family Event

Saturday May 5th 8:00 am – 1:00 pm



Join one of the beautification, clean up and conservation projects in parks across New York State! Please visit ptny.org for more information and to register, or call individual parks for more information.

Night of the Frogs Family Program

Friday May 11th 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 12th 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

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

Bird & Breakfast
Adult Program

Sunday

May 13th (4/29)

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

June

Sunset Hike
Family Program

Saturday

June 2nd

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Take in the tranquil atmosphere of the preserve as the sun sets for the evening. Enjoy a beautiful array of colors in the sky while we search for animals that come out this time of night.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Bat Safari
Family Program

Friday

June 8th

7:30 ~ 9:30 pm

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

Firefly Fun
Family Program

Friday

June 22nd

8:00 – 10:00 pm

Did you know not all fireflies glow yellow? Discover the world of lightning bugs through exciting activities. Then we will go outside to observe these magical insects! We have nets and cages you can borrow to catch and release these evening visitors.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

**Turtles, Snakes
& Frogs**
Family Program

Sunday

June 24th

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Meet Myrtle the Turtle and her friends during an interactive program introducing turtles, snakes, and frogs. Enjoy a short hike to explore the habitats of these fascinating animals.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Heckscher State Park

April

Nature by Bike

Family Program

Sunday

April 29th

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Nature, history, exercise - this program has it all! As we enjoy the bike trails of Heckscher, we will make stops to highlight the natural and historic sites along the way.

Recommended for ages 8+. Bring water, your bike. Helmets Required!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Sunken Meadow 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.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

April 3 rd	(3/21)	April Showers
April 17 th	(4/3)	Celebrate Earth
May 1 st	(4/17)	Mother's Day
May 15 th	(5/1)	Living Fossils
June 12 th	(5/15)	Father's Day
June 26 th	(6/12)	Shapes

April

Birding Basics

Family Program

Sunday

April 15th

1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

Start the spring by welcoming the arriving migrating birds with their beautiful colors! We will show simple things to look for to help identify our feathered friends and then take a walk to see how many we can find.

We have binoculars to loan. **Geared for age 8 and up.**

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Moonlight Stroll

Family Program

Friday

April 27th

7:30 ~ 9:30 pm

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the moonlit trails of the park. This is an excellent chance to get outside and enjoy the crisp spring air while discovering what creatures may be around this time of night!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Sunken Meadow State Park

May

I Love My Park Day Family Event

Saturday

May 5th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm



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Lost Treasure Family Program

Saturday

May 19th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Have you ever wished to be a pirate searching for treasure? Then this is the program for you! You will learn the compass basics so you can follow the ancient map to find the **Lost Treasure of Sunken Meadow!** Good luck matey! Arrrghhh! **This is an outdoor program best suited for children ages 8 and up.**
Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

June

Beach Bonanza Family Program

Saturday

June 9th

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Summer will soon begin, and now is a perfect time to explore the beach! Discover some of the interesting plants and animals that make our beaches so beautiful and unique! **Bring sunscreen and water shoes.**
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Woodland Hike Family Program

Saturday

June 23rd

10:00 - 11:30 am

Join us for a late spring walk in the forest of Sunken Meadow State Park! Along the way, we will search for scat, footprints, and other signs of local wildlife seen this time of year. Water and comfortable hiking shoes are recommended.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Saltmarsh Walk Family Program

Sunday

June 24th

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 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

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.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am,

April	3 rd	(3/20)	Spring Has Sprung
April	17 th	(4/3)	Earth Day
May	1 st	(4/17)	To Mom, with Love
May	15 th	(5/1)	Horseshoe Crabs
June	12 th	(5/15)	Dad and Me!
June	26 th	(6/12)	Shapes

April

Woodcock Walk Adult Program

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Friday

April 6th

6:30 ~ 8:00 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

Welcome Back Osprey!

Family Program

Saturday

April 7th

10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm

Join us as we uncover the fascinating history of this amazing raptor. Then we'll set out to observe them in the wild. We recommend this program for **children 7 and up**, as there will be lengthy hiking involved.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Power of Seeds! Children Program

Saturday

April 21st

10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm

Spring has sprung, and with it comes the arrival of plants and flowers emerging from the ground - but they all began as seeds! Come discover the magic of seed germination that is happening everywhere you look this time of year! **Ages 5 and up.**

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Celebrate Earth Day! Family Program

Sunday

April 22nd

1:00 ~ 3:00 pm

It's Earth Day here at the beach! Join us for this Big Event with 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!

No reservations. For more information, please call: (516) 780-3295



Free

Jones Beach Nature Center

May

**I Love My
Park Day**
Family Event

Saturday

May 5th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm



Join one of the beautification, clean up and conservation projects in parks across New York State! Please visit ptny.org for more information and to register, or call individual parks for more information.

Nature Sketching
Adult Program

Sunday

May 6th

9:00 ~ 11:00 am

Let's discover the basics of nature sketching! We'll take a hike to do art work in the field – like fun sketching Games and wildlife still lifes. We will provide the paper, pencil, and charcoal.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

**Horseshoe Crab
Evening Walk**
Family Program

Friday

May 11th

6:30 ~ 8:00 pm

Friday

May 18th

6:30 ~ 8:00 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

**Amphibian
Explorers**
Children's Program

Saturday

May 19th

10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm

It's Fowlers toad season here at the Nature Center! Let's discover more about these cute little amphibians and their life cycle. Then we'll take a walk down to explore the shallow pools and see if we can find them in their natural habitat. **Ages 5 and up.**

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

**Living Fossil
Walk**
Family Program

Sunday

May 20th

1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

Saturday

June 2nd

1:30 ~ 3:00 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!

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

June

**Fins & Scales
(Fish Dissection)**
Children's Program

Sunday

June 3rd

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 5 and up.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Jones Beach Nature Center

Plover Hike Adult Program

Saturday

June 16th

9:00 ~ 11:00 am

Come take a walk with us to see the endangered Piping Plover, 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

Father's Day Hike Family Program

Sunday

June 17th

1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

It's a day to honor Dads here at the Nature Center, and nothing says I Love You like a stroll down by the ocean! Come celebrate Father's Day by bringing Dad down to the beach for a late spring hike.

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295

Nature T's Children Program

Saturday

June 30th

10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm

Let's make a piece of wearable beach art! We will start with beach combing to collect some tools from nature. Then head back to our working stations to create a summer nature inspired t-shirt. Please bring a light-colored T-shirt for each participant. **Ages 5 and up.**

Reservations are required: (516) 780-3295



Celebrate Earth Day!

Sunday April 22nd

1:00 ~ 3:00 pm

Games

Crafts



With a Dr. Seuss's "Lorax" theme!

Help Protect the Endangered Piping Plover!



Memorial Day Air Show

Saturday, May 26th & Sunday, May 27th
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Please call to volunteer or for more information

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