

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

Oct. 5	(9/21)	Migration Sensation
Oct. 19	(10/5)	Welcome To The Pumpkin Patch
Nov. 2	(10/19)	Gobble, Gobble!
Nov. 16	(11/2)	Legend of Baby Rattlesnake
Nov. 30	(11/16)	Where Did Everybody Go?
Dec. 14	(11/30)	Brrr! Winter Is Coming!
Dec. 28	(12/14)	Mice Are Nice

October

Autumn Discovery Walk

Children's Program

Saturday

October 7

10:00 – 11:30 am

Enjoy a leisurely walk in the preserve while we watch nature preparing for winter. Perhaps we will see squirrels and chipmunks gathering acorns or dragonflies, butterflies and birds heading south.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

South Side Autumn Walk

Adult Program

Sunday

October 8

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Experience the spectacular autumn colors of the fall season while walking along the Nissequogue River and surrounding woodlands. Bring a camera to capture the color explosion. *Meet on the south side of the park. Limit 15 people.*

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Fall Nature Quest

Family Program

Saturday

October 21

1:30 – 3:00 pm

We've plotted an exciting scavenger hunt course for you and your family to follow at your own pace. You will be supplied with a detailed map of the course, a seeker's list, clipboard and pencil. Hunt for the fascinating and humorous objects on our list.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Watercolor Wonders Lost In Space

Family Program

Sunday

October 22

1:30 – 3:00 pm

We will show you step by step how to create a unique watercolor collage of space. You don't need artistic talent to create these beautiful works of art. Dress for a mess. *(This program is ideal for children 7 and up – much tracing and cutting).*

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

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November

Native American Games

Family Program

Saturday

November 4

10:00 – 11:30 am

What would you do if you didn't have electricity? How about playing games? Native American children spent hours of fun playing games with what they found in their own "backyards" and so will you!

Reservations are required: (631) 265 - 1054

Dream Catchers

Family Program

Sunday

November 5

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Discover the history behind dream catchers. Each family member (*age 7 and up*) will make their own dream catcher. We have feathers and beads to make it extra special. You may bring other things to add for yourself. [There is an additional \\$1 per person fee for materials.](#)

Reservations are required: (631) 265 - 1054

Treats For Tweets

Children's Program

Sunday

November 19

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Discover some of the common birds that can be seen during the winter. We will make a bird book and a seeded pinecone feeder (*with shortening and birdseed*) to feed the birds at your home.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Take A Hike!

Family Program

Friday

November 24

10:00 – 11:30 am

Do you feel stuffed after all the wonderful holiday food? Do you feel like you need to get out and stretch your legs? Visit the park to get some exercise and enjoy the sights and sounds of the woodlands.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

December

Fire & Ice Candles

Family Program

Saturday

December 2

10:00 – 11:30 am

Saturday

December 2

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Using hot wax and cold ice, you will create a unique candle for yourself or a friend just in time for the holidays. We have lots of decorations to add, but you may bring some of your own from home too.

[There is an additional \\$2 per person fee for materials.](#)

Limit 18 people per class. We cannot go over this limit! We apologize for any inconvenience.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

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Holiday Wreath
Adult Program

Saturday December 16 9:30 – 11:30 am
Saturday December 16 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Using a wide array of fresh greenery, create a lovely wreath for your door or to give as a gift when visiting for the holidays. Add a decoration or two from home to make it extra special!
[There is an additional \\$5 per person for materials. \(no charge if you bring your own wreath\)](#)
Limit 18 people per class. We cannot go over this limit! We apologize for any inconvenience.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter
Family Program

Sunday December 17 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Take a pleasant walk into our beautiful woodlands to discover how nature changes when winter approaches. We will stretch our legs and get some much needed fresh air as we explore the trails.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Wildlife Oddities
Family Program

Friday December 29 10:00 – 11:30 am

There are some mighty odd plants and animals that live in the preserve and around the world. Join us as we explore the lives of these fun, weird and interesting wildlife oddities.
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Super Heroes
Children's Program

Saturday December 30 1:30 – 3:00 pm

They may not wear capes, but many of our local animals are capable of some pretty amazing feats! Discover how incredible they can be with activities, games and a craft. You may come dressed as your favorite Super Hero!
Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

October

Just a Hike (Western Section)
Adult Program

Sunday October 8th 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 for uninterrupted relaxing and socializing. Bring lunch and drinking water.
Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

History of Caumsett

Adult Program

Sunday

October 15th

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

Salt Marsh Special

Adult Program

Sunday

October 22nd

9:45 am ~ 1:00 pm

Join us for a slow walk through fields and forest, on our way to and from 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

Fall Seasonal Stroll

Adult Program

Sunday

October 28th

11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

On this short stroll (approximately 1.5 miles), one of a series designed to observe seasonal changes, we will savor autumn's colorful, leafy splendor.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

November

About Algonquins

Adult Program

Sunday

November 5th

12:30 ~ 2:30 pm

Native Americans were our first naturalists. There is much we can learn from and about them. In this hands-on program, geared for the average adult, we will explore the land, knowledge, and traditions of Long Island's indigenous people. Very little walking, with much sitting on the grass.

Not recommended for children.

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

Nature on the Move (Eastern Sect.)

Adult Program

Saturday

November 11th

9:45 ~ 11:45 am

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

Intro to Wilderness Survival

Adult Program

Sunday

November 19th

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 16 will be permitted. There will be some sitting on the grass.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

Just a Hike Adult Program

Saturday

November 25th

10:00 am ~ 1:15 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 for uninterrupted relaxing and socializing. Bring lunch and drinking water.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

December

History of Caumsett Adult Program

Sunday

December 3rd

12:30 ~ 2:30 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

Tracks & Traces Adult Program

Sunday

December 10th

12:30 ~ 2:15 pm

Nature is less puzzling when you understand the clues her creatures give us. During this hands-on program, geared for the average adult, we will teach you how to improve your powers of observation so you can solve the mystery of the subtle signs animals leave behind. Approximately 1 mile walk (Not recommended for children).

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Winter Seasonal Stroll Adult Program

Sunday

December 17th

11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

On this short stroll (approximately 1.5 miles), one of a series designed to observe seasonal changes, You will discover that nature is beautiful and interesting in the winter too.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Just a Hike (Serpentine) Adult Program

Saturday

December 23rd

10:30 am ~ 1:45 pm

While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this, six-mile, hilly, moderately paced walk; thus affording walkers the opportunity for uninterrupted relaxing and socializing. Bring lunch and drinking water.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Photo Op Walk Adult Program

Saturday

December 30th

11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

On this hilly, 1 ½ mile stroll, we'll pause briefly in areas of natural and/or historic interest. At each location, a guide will provide background information and allow a little time for snapshots. Bring your own camera and photo skills.

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.

Held on Tuesdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am and 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

October 3 rd	(9/19)	Falling Leaves
October 17 th	(10/3)	Pumpkin Patch
October 31 st	(10/17)	Spooky Scavenger Hunt
November 14 th	(10/31)	Turkey Time
November 28 th	(11/14)	Native American Games
December 12 th	(11/28)	Nature's Gifts
December 26 th	(12/12)	Brr... Winter is Here!

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 Each Month

October 1st & October 15th
November 5th & November 19th
December 3rd & December 17th

No reservations are required for this program.

Tours run continuously.
Please arrive any time between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.
Each tour is about 45 minutes long.

For more information please call 631-581-1072.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

October

Moonlight Stroll Family Program

Saturday

October 7th

7:00 ~ 9:00 pm

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the meandering moonlit trails of the preserve. This is an excellent chance to get outside and enjoy the fresh autumn air while exploring what creatures are around this time of night!
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Hatchery Tour Family Program

Return!

Saturday

October 14th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Hatchery is open! Discover the fascinating life cycle of a trout and enjoy our newly reopened hatchery. An indoor presentation will be followed by a "behind the scenes" tour of the trout hatchery. We will be hiking to the hatchery, ~2 miles.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Spooky Scavenger Hunt Children's Program

Sunday

October 29th

1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

Ghostly flyers? Scary bats? Join us for a short presentation about myths of some of nature's most misunderstood animals. Then, search the park trail for spooky items on our scavenger hunt list. You can wear your Halloween costumes— just make sure you can walk safely. There will be tons of fun to go around!
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Haunted House Tours Family Program

NEW!

Sunday

October 29th

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to visit the South Side Sportsmen's Club after dark? This is your chance! Join us for a spooky special edition house tour, including ghost stories! - just in time for Halloween. BOO!
For ages 7 and up.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

November

Dream Catchers Family Program

Saturday

November 11th

10:00 – 11:30 am

What is a 'dream catcher'? We will explore the myths and legends behind these beautiful hangings. Afterwards, you can show us your creative side making one. Sweet dreams!
[There is an additional \\$1 per person fee for materials.](#)
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

Native American Games Children's Program

Saturday

November 18th

10:00 - 11:30 am

Not all games need electricity! Native American children spent hours playing games using what they found in their own "backyards". Join us to play fun games with items found in nature just like the

native Americans did!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Too Much Turkey? Take a Hike!
Family Program

Saturday

November 25th

10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

Stuffed after eating all that holiday food? Come to the preserve and walk it off. What better way to relax this holiday than enjoying the forest and river of Connetquot! (approx. 3 miles). Please bring water and comfortable walking shoes.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Colonial American Games
Children's Program

Sunday

November 26th

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Take a journey to the past and visit Colonial America! Leave that smart phone behind in modern times and test your coordination with a ball and cup. How far can you roll a hoop? Join us for these and many other fun games to test your skills! Geared for age 7 and up.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072



December

Whoo's Out Tonight?
Family Program

Saturday

December 2nd

7:00 ~ 9:00 pm

Owls come in many shapes and sizes, and live in a variety of habitats. Explore their world as silent predators while learning their many adaptations. Meet local screech owls Gizmo & Nutmeg and **dissect a real owl pellet** to discover what creatures they eat.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Great Grandma's Kitchen
Family Program

Saturday

December 9th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Discover what it was like to work in a late 1800's kitchen! Enjoy hands-on demonstrations of "modern" gadgets like swizzle sticks, cherry stoners, fluters and self-heating irons.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072



Ice Candles
Family Program

Saturday

December 16th

10:00 - 11:30 am

When were candles first used? Where does wax come from? Join us to discover the history of candles! Together we'll create unique candles, using hot wax and ice, just before the holidays.

[There is an additional \\$2 per person fee for materials.](#)

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Family Program

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Sunken Meadow State Park

October

Everyone Needs A Home

Family Program



Saturday

October 1th

1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

Celebrate World Habitat Day! From forests to wetlands to beaches, discover the special qualities of the habitats found on Long Island and the animals that call them home. Take a walk with us and enjoy some hands-on activities along the way!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Autumn Stroll

Family Program

Sunday

October 22nd

1:30 am ~ 3:30 pm

Enjoy the splendid array of autumn colors, from the golds of the marsh grass to the orange and reds of the forest, on a casual walk through the park.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

November

Moonlight Stroll

Family Program

Saturday

November 4th

7:00 ~ 9:00pm

A bustling park during the day, Sunken Meadow is a different place after the sun sets. Join us for a leisurely moonlit stroll and enjoy the tranquil night air.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Nature Quest

Children's Program

Sunday

November 12th

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Are you good at spotting things? Love scavenger hunts? Then this is the program for you! Travel at your own pace while solving riddles and searching for the amusing items on the list.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Sunken Meadow State Park

Earth Science Celebration!

Family Program



Sunday

October 8th

1:30 ~ 3:30 pm

Celebrate Earth Science Week with us! From rocks to trees, explore the science of Earth through exciting experiments and fun activities! Stop by anytime during this **free** special event.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

December

**Adult Moonlight
Stroll**

Adult Program

Friday

December 8th

7:00 ~ 9:00pm

Escape our busy world with a leisurely stroll through the park's beautiful woodlands and shoreline. Along the way, enjoy activities and discover how your night senses compare to those of nocturnal animals.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072