

# Bayard Cutting Arboretum

June

**Underwater Wonders**  
Family Program

Saturday

June 10<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

What's living below the surface? Visit the river's edge to explore life in and around this amazing habitat. **Bring sunscreen, a towel and water shoes (No bare feet permitted).** Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

# Belmont Lake State Park

June

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

Saturday

June 3<sup>rd</sup> (5/20)

10:00 am - 12:00 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. **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. **Held on Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am**

April 20	(4/6)	April Showers
May 4	(4/20)	May Flowers
May 18	(5/4)	The Extraordinary Egg
June 15	(6/1)	Nesting Birds
June 29	(6/15)	Colorful Rainbow

# Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

## April

### **Slitherin' Snakes** Family Program

**Saturday**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Snakes are fascinating creatures if you can get passed the fact that they are not fuzzy and cute (and they have no legs)! Discover a snake's ability to hunt and survive in the wild. Learn about the snakes that live on Long Island and elsewhere in the United States. A craft will follow.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

### **Take a Hike on the South Side** Adult Program

**Sunday**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Experience the spectacular South Side of the preserve while walking along the beautiful Nissequogue River. Bring a camera if you like. Meet on the South Side of the park.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

### **Earth Day Celebration** Children's Program

**Saturday**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Earth Day should be every day. We all need to help out. Through hands-on activities, games and a craft you will discover how you can do your part.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

### **Nature's Rainbows** Family Program

**Sunday**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Discover how to mix colors to make the colors of the rainbow. Play with prisms and other ways to create rainbows. There will be hands-on activities and a craft.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

## May

### **I Love My Park Day** Family Program

**Saturday**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> (4/22)**

**9:00 – 11:30 am**

Join us for a fun time working together to improve the quality of your state park. We have a wide variety of projects going on. Call for more information. There is no parking fee for volunteers.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

### **The Trail Less Travelled** Adult Program

**Sunday**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

We will take the red trail, which offers different views in comparison to other trails within the preserve. Wear good walking shoes and bring water. Moderate hike including some small hills.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 786 – 4640**

# Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

**Nature Quest**  
Family Program

**Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

We've plotted a scavenger hunt course for your family to follow at your own pace. You will be supplied with a clear, detailed map of the fascinating and fun objects on our scavenger list.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

**Nature Tees**  
Children's Program

**Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 3:00 pm**

Design your own personal nature shirt using colorful paint, a super cool collection of nature stamps and your own imagination. We will show you how to make the most unique prints for your shirt. Please bring one light colored t-shirt per child.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

## June .....

**Pond Exploration**  
Children's Program

**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> (5/20) 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

We see animals on the surface first, but most of the pond's life mysteries lie beneath the surface. We will start indoors, then go down to the pond for scooping. Afterwards, we will identify what we have found. **Wear sunscreen.**  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

**Jr. Angler Fishing Tournament**  
Children's Program

**Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> (5/27) (age 5-8) 9:00 – 11:00 am  
(age 9-12) 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

This fun 'Catch & Release' Tournament is sponsored by Friends of Caleb Smith. There is a \$10 member fee or \$15 non-member fee. All will receive t-shirt and goodie bag. Prizes will be awarded.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

**Custom Walking Sticks**  
Adult Program

**Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

In this workshop, you will design your own walking stick. Sticks, carving tools, wood burners, suede, and decorative materials will be provided. (If you have your own tools please bring them).  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

**Butterfly Safari**  
Family Program

**Saturday June 17 (6/3) 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Discover the fascinating life cycle of a butterfly! Learn how they get their wings and their many tricks to surviving in the wild. We will go on an exciting expedition into the fields to catch, observe and release these beautiful creatures.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

**Firefly Fun**  
Family Program

**Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Ever wonder what lights up your yard at night? Or how these insects are so bright? Join us for some indoor activities, games and a firefly expedition to find these wonderful creatures. Please bring an empty, dry, jar to catch, observe and release the fireflies.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

# Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

April

**Nature on the Move  
Western Section**

Adult Program

Sunday

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

12:30 ~ 2:45 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

Sunday

April 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00 ~ 11:45 am

In this instructional program, novice adult birders will practice observing birds at feeders and in the wild. Approximately 2 miles with some hills. Bring binoculars.

**Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770**

**Just a Hike  
Eastern Section**

Adult Program

Sunday

April 16<sup>th</sup>

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 for uninterrupted relaxing and socializing. For reasons of safety, no children under 18 years of age are permitted to attend. Bring drinking water.

**Reservations are required: (631) 423 - 1770**

**History of Caumsett**

Adult Program

Saturday

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**

**Beach  
Beautification**

Family Program

Saturday

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Join us for a walk along the beautiful shore of Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve! Celebrate Earth Day as we make the park a cleaner place with a beach clean-up. **No fee.**

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

**Caumsett Sampler**

Adult Program

Saturday

April 29<sup>th</sup>

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 7<sup>th</sup>

11:00 ~ 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 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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 for uninterrupted relaxing and socializing. 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 21<sup>st</sup>**

**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 27<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**

After learning to use a compass, you will practice with it on a short course. You may need your reading glasses. Compasses will be provided. Not recommended for children. Approximately 1 mile.

**Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770**

## June

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## Map Hike

Adult Program

**Sunday**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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 10<sup>th</sup>**

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**

**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 to attend. There will be some sitting on the grass.

**Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770**

## Plant Focus

Adult Program

**Sunday**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 am ~ 1:00 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.

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

April 11 <sup>th</sup>	(3/28)	Outer Space
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	(4/11)	Fantastic Frogs
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	(4/25)	Five Senses
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	(5/9)	May Flowers
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	(5/23)	Nocturnal Neighbors
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	(6/6)	Beautiful Birdies

## **Southside Sportsmen's Club Historic House Tours**

Step back in time as you tour the Main House of the Southside Sportsmen's Club. A docent will discuss the history of the tavern, land, buildings, and members of the high society Sportsmen's Club's, and how it came to be Connetquot River State Park Preserve.



First and Third Sunday of Each Month February-June

April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
May 7<sup>th</sup> & May 21<sup>st</sup>  
June 4<sup>th</sup> & June 18<sup>th</sup>

**Tours run continuously.**

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

No reservations are required for this program. For more information please call 631-581-1072.

# Connetquot River State Park Preserve

April

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## Book Signing- "One Little River"

Hosted by "The  
Friends of Connetquot"

Saturday

April 8<sup>th</sup> (3/25)

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Many notable historic figures visited the Connetquot River State Park Preserve during its days as a sportsmen's paradise. When you walk the trails of the Preserve you may be treading over the footsteps of US presidents such as Ulysses S. Grant, Chester Arthur or Grover Cleveland. Bob Giffen, will share interesting stories from his book, based on the history of the Preserve, titled One Little River, The Story of the Connetquot River: Millionaire Sportsmen's Paradise.

Bob's has a long personal history with the Preserve -he is a former employee at the Preserve, past president of the Friends of Connetquot and currently remains a member of the board.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072 or RSVP at [www.friendsofconnetquot.org](http://www.friendsofconnetquot.org)

## Photographers' Get Together

Hosted by "The  
Friends of Connetquot"  
Adult Program

Sunday

April 9<sup>th</sup> (3/26)

8:00 – 11:00 am

Photographers of all levels, join award-winning photographer Bob Labuski at the Connetquot River State Park Preserve for a cup of coffee and a casual discussion about photographic equipment, favorite photo sites and how-to tips. Afterward, the group will take a walk in the preserve in search of birds and other wildlife, flowers, and scenic views to photograph. Bring a few of your images to show, if you would like. Novice photographers are encouraged to attend, ask questions and learn from the advanced individuals.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072 or RSVP at [www.friendsofconnetquot.org](http://www.friendsofconnetquot.org)

## Eggstravaganza Family Program

Sunday

April 9<sup>th</sup> (3/26)

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 eggs. **Don't forget to bring 3 hard-boiled eggs!**

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

## Flower Power Children's Program

Thursday

April 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 – 11:30 pm

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 our preserve!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

## Northern Hikers' Special Adult Program

Saturday

April 15<sup>th</sup>

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 a leisurely 6 miles to the mysterious, less traveled northern section of the preserve.

**Bring water and lunch.**

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

## High School Birding Children's Program

Sunday

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

1:30 ~ 2:30 pm

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

## PSI: Pond Scene Investigation

Family Program

Saturday

April 29<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

We need your help! Frogs have mysteriously disappeared from the main pond and your family needs to search out the culprit. Each family will gather crime scene evidence and work together using problem solving skills, logic, and some good old fashion common sense. As a group, you will analyze clues and round up the usual suspects. Does your family have what it takes to solve the mystery and become pond scene investigators?

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

May

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## Sly as a Fox

Family Program

Friday

May 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Take an evening hike to look for signs of fox activity and keep an eye out for this elusive creature. Along the way we'll discuss the habits and habitat of the fox.

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

## I Love My Park Day

Family Program

Saturday

May 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Join one of the beautification, clean up and conservation projects in parks across New York State! Complimentary breakfast will be available at 8:30 am, volunteer work starts at 9:00 am. Call to sign up and for more information!

**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

## Annual Trail Ride & Walk

*Fundraiser by "The Friends of Connetquot"*

Sunday

May 7<sup>th</sup> (4/23)

12:00pm

Come join us for our annual fun filled ride/hike through beautiful Connetquot Park Preserve. Enjoy the peaceful beauty of the trails and woodlands of the first N.Y.S. preserve. The Main House will be open for tours. A leisurely ride or hike will take you through some of the most historic trails on Long Island. For our hikers, we've scheduled a guided, 4 - mile Greenbelt walk. There will be a Chinese Raffle for many wonderful prizes donated by generous friends. A donation of only \$30 pre-paid by May 6<sup>th</sup>; \$40 after May 6<sup>th</sup>. Includes bagels and a sumptuous lunch buffet and dessert bar. All profits will be used to enhance the preserve's many and varied programs and services.

**Reservations are required: RSVP at [www.friendsofconnetquot.org](http://www.friendsofconnetquot.org)**

## Night of the Frogs

Family Program

Friday

May 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 8:30 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**



# Connetquot River State Park Preserve

**Bird & Breakfast**  
Adult Program

**Sunday**                      **May 14<sup>th</sup> (4/30)**                      **8:00 – 11:00 am**

Enjoy a continental breakfast (courtesy of the Friends of Connetquot and 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 Great South Bay Audubon Society. Binoculars and identification books will be available for loan.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072**

**Endangered Species Day!**  
Family Program

**Saturday**                      **May 20<sup>th</sup>**                      **10:00 - 11:30 am**

Explore the challenges faced by endangered species here on Long Island through games and hands-on activities. You will discover why these creatures are so important, where they might be seen on Long Island, and what is being done to help them.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072**

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**Turtles, Snakes & Frogs Oh My!**  
Family Program

**Saturday**                      **June 17<sup>th</sup>**                      **10:00 - 11:30 am**

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**

**Firefly Fun**  
Family Program

**Friday**                      **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**                      **8:30 – 10:00 pm**

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

**Flutterby Butterfly**  
Children's Program

**Saturday**                      **June 24<sup>th</sup>**                      **10:00 – 11:30 am**

Discover the amazing life of a butterfly! Enjoy an entertaining presentation with some surprises, followed by a walk to search for these beautiful creatures. We will loan nets and books to catch, identify and release these beautiful insects.  
**Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054**

# Heckscher State Park

May

**High School  
Birding**

Children's Program

Saturday

May 13<sup>th</sup>

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**

**Nature by  
Bike**

Family Program

Friday

May 19<sup>th</sup>

5:30 - 7:00 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 and helmet!**

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

# Nissequogue River State Park

June

**Scavenger Hunt**

Children's Program

Sunday

June 25<sup>th</sup>

1:30 - 3:00 am

Nature hides things in plain sight every day. Take a short walk, guided by a member of the Environmental Education Team, as you discover nature's hidden "gems." Can you find the items on the list to complete the scavenger hunt?

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

# Sunken Meadow State Park

May

**Bird Olympics**

Children's Program

Saturday

May 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 – 11:30 am

Explore the world of birds by being a bird! Play games to fly, get food, find a home and a mate. After you "become", or learn to be a bird, we will go for a short walk to find local bird friends.

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

June

**Moonlight Walk**

Family Program

Friday

June 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 ~ 10:30 pm

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**