

Bayard Cutting Arboretum

July

Moonlight Stroll
Family Program

Saturday

July 8th

8:30 ~ 10:30 pm

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the meandering moonlit trails of the arboretum. This is an excellent chance to get outside and enjoy the fresh summer air!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Bethpage State Park

August

**Children's
Discovery Trail**
Children's Program

Sunday

August 27th

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Come join us and we'll explore Bethpage's Children Trail together! This self-guided trail has recently been redone with some new and exciting stops and activities.

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**

July 13	(6/29)	Finding Your Way
July 27	(7/13)	Pond Explorations
Aug. 10	(7/27)	I Spy a Dragonfly
Aug. 24	(8/10)	Upon Butterfly Wings
Sept. 7	(8/24)	Those Little Rascals!
Sept. 21	(9/7)	Nature Walk

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

July

Bat Safari Family Program

Saturday July 8th 8:00 – 9:30 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

Wildflowers of The South Side Adult Program

Sunday July 9th 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 the park's native wildflowers.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

The Adventure Backpack Children's Program

Thursday July 20th 10:30 – 11:30 am

We will loan you a bag filled with interesting activities to do in the park. We will enjoy these activities together as a group during a short walk.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Mad Scientist's Lab Family Program

Saturday July 22nd 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!

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

South Side Expedition Family Program

Sunday July 23rd 1:30 – 3:00 pm

The south side of the park has been only open to fly fisherman or adult walks. Join us today for a rare treat and walk the trail along the Nissequogue River with your family.

For safety reasons, only children age 7 and above may attend.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

August

Nature Tees Children's Program

Friday August 11th 10:30 – 11:30 am

Design your own personal 'nature shirt' using colorful paint, a cool collection of nature stamps and your own imagination. **Please bring one light colored t-shirt per child.**

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Where Dragons Fly! Family Program

Saturday August 12th 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Dragonflies are fascinating insects. Enjoy hands-on activities inside followed by outdoor capture, identification, observation, and release of these wonderful creatures in their natural habitat.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

South Side Down-River Walk

Adult Program

Sunday

August 13th

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Meet on the south side. We will enter the upper portion of the Nissequogue River then walk down river while observing this unique eco-system. You may wear chest waders (no felt bottoms), a modest bathing suit or shirt and shorts. You must wear water shoes or sneakers. The water is cold, fast moving and can be to the waist at times. Bring a walking stick, towel and drinking water if you like. Limited to 12 people.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Spider Hunt!

Family Program

Friday

August 25th

10:00 – 11:30 am

Explore the world of spiders- some hunt for their prey, others wait patiently for prey to come to them. Indoor activities will be followed with a walk to capture, observe and release these fascinating creepy creatures.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Nature Quest

Family Program

Saturday

August 26th

10:00 – 11:30 am

We have plotted a scavenger hunt for you and your family to follow at your own pace. You will be supplied with a clear, detailed map of the course, a "seeker's list", clipboard and pencil. You will have about 1 ½ hours to hunt for the fascinating and humorous objects on our list.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Outdoor History Tour

Family Program

Sunday

August 27th

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Enjoy a walk as you learn about different buildings in the preserve. We will explain the history of each, even those that are no longer standing.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

September

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Slime Time

Family Program

Saturday

September 2nd

10:00 – 11:30 am

Who makes slime? Why? Let's discover the many creatures that produce slime and the reasons why. Then make some slime of your own.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

X Marks the Spot!

Children's Program

Sunday

September 3rd

1:30 – 3:00 pm

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

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

South Side Up-River Walk

Adult Program

Saturday

September 23rd

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Meet on the south side. We will enter the Nissequogue River and walk up river to Blydenburg County Park and back again. You must wear water shoes or sneakers. The water is cold and fast moving. Bring a walking stick, towel and drinking water if you like. Limited to 12 people.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 – 1054

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

July

Just A Hike (Periphery)

Adult Program

Sunday

July 2nd

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. Bring drinking water.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Secrets of the Sound

Children's Program

Thursday

July 6th

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Did you know the Long Island Sound is actually an Estuary? What is an Estuary? Why are they important? Join us on a hike to Caumsett's beautiful beach where we will learn about the seashore and all the creatures that call it home. **Parking will be available at the main house.**

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Traditional Nature Walk

Adult Program

Saturday

July 8th

9:45 ~ 11:45 am

We'll take a slow walk (approx. 1 mile), exploring nature in the woods and tall grass meadows of the northwestern section of the park.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Early Summer Seasonal Stroll

Adult Program

Sunday

July 16th

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 in full bloom.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Birds with Botany For Beginners (Eastern Sect.)

Adult Program

Sunday

July 23rd

9:45 ~ 11:45 am

During this program, geared for novice adult birders, we'll be searching for birds...no birds? -we'll learn about plants! Bring binoculars.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Intro to Wilderness Survival

Adult Program

Sunday

July 30th

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

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

August

Native American Legends

Adult Program

Sunday

August 6th

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 walk; much sitting on the grass. (Not recommended for children)

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

History Hike

Adult Program

Saturday

August 12th

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.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Plants, etc.

Adult Program

Sunday

August 20th

9:45 ~ 11:45 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.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Children's Program

Sunday

August 20th

1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

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

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Literary Walk (Eastern Section)

Adult Program

Saturday

August 26th

11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

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

September

Cliff Hike

Adult Program

Sunday

September 3rd

9:45 am ~ 12:45 pm

While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this new 6 mile, very hilly, moderately paced walk, thus affording walkers the opportunity for uninterrupted relaxing and socializing. For safety reasons, no one under 18 will be permitted to attend. Bring drinking water.

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

Late Summer Seasonal Stroll

Adult Program

Saturday

September 9th

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 (Western Sect.)

Adult Program

Sunday

September 17th

9:45 ~ 11:45 am

During this program, geared for novice adult birders, we'll be searching for birds...no birds? -we'll learn about plants! Bring binoculars.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Traditional Nature Walk

Adult Program

Saturday

September 23rd

11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

We'll take a slow walk (approx. 3 miles), exploring nature in the woods and tall grass meadows of the southeastern section of the park.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Caumsett Sampler

Adult Program

Saturday

September 30th

10:00 am ~ 1:45 pm

On this leisurely but hilly 5-mile saunter, you will learn about nature in the field, forest, seashore and pond. Bring drinking water.

Reservations are required: (631) 423 – 1770

Bike Scavenger Hunt

Family Program

Saturday

September 30th

10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

Are you up for the challenge? Join in on the fun as your family takes a self-guided bike ride to search for items on the scavenger hunt list. A naturalist will be available to help and point you in the right direction if needed. **Helmets are required.**

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

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.

July 11 th	(6/25)	Under the Pond
July 25 th	(7/11)	Terrific Turtles
August 8 th	(7/25)	Beautiful Butterflies
August 22 nd	(8/8)	Fun in the Sun
September 5 th	(8/22)	Darling Dragonflies
September 19 th	(9/5)	Sounds Around

South Side Sportsmen's Club **Historic House Tours**

First and Third Sunday of Each Month Starting in September

Sunday, September 3rd
Sunday, September 17th

Tours run continuously.

Each tour is about 45 minutes long.

Please arrive any time between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.



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 that now make up Connetquot River State Park Preserve.

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

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

July

Bat Safari Family Program

Friday July 7th 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

Get to Know Your Invaders!

Adult Program



Sunday July 9th 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Celebrate Invasive Species Week! Have a strange plant in your yard? Ever wonder if it belongs on Long Island? Join us for a short presentation about invasive plants in our area, followed by a walk through the preserve to learn to identify these invaders.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Friday Night Surprise

Family Program



Friday July 14th 8:30 ~ 10:30 pm

Come explore the park at night with a naturalist. What about? It's Naturalist choice night. Be surprised!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Mysteries of Moths

Family Program



Friday July 21st 8:30 ~ 10:00 pm

Moths are typically over shadowed by butterflies, and under respected despite their unique features. From beautiful lime green to deceptive camouflage to sonar moths are amazing! Join us to discover how interesting moths are!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Edge of Night

Family Program

Friday July 28th 7:00 ~ 9:00pm

Enjoy an evening walk as we listen and watch for the creatures that come out as the sun sets. Discover what makes them special with hands on activities.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Butterflies & Gardens

Adult Program

Saturday July 29th 10:00 - 11:30 pm

Explore the world of butterflies. An indoor introduction will be followed by a walk to view butterflies in the wild, finishing with a visit to the butterfly garden.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

August

Moonlight Stroll

Family Program

Friday August 4th 8:00 ~ 10:00 pm

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the meandering moonlit trails of the preserve. The woodlands are different in the dark- discover what creatures are around this time of night!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

Wildflower Meander

Adult Program

Saturday

August 5th

10:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Search out some of the rare and not so rare wildflowers along the peaceful trails in the preserve. We will identify these special plants and learn what makes them unique along a two mile walk.

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Lovely Ladybugs

Family Program

Wednesday

August 9th

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Did you know the Nine-Spotted Ladybug is the New York State insect? Learn other fascinating facts about lovely ladybugs as we hunt for some outside!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Nature's Games

Family Program

Saturday

August 12th

10:00 ~ 11:30 am

Love nature? Love games? Join us for this special edition of family games and test your knowledge while discovering fun facts about nature!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Turtles, Snakes & Frogs Oh My!

Family Program

Sunday

August 13th

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

Nocturnal Flyers

Children's Program

Friday

August 18th

8:00 ~ 10:00 am

Everyone knows bats, fireflies & owls, but what other active night flyers are there? From whip-poor-wills to katydids, the woodlands are alive at night. Join in the activity!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Friday Night Surprise

Children's Program

Friday

August 25th

8:00 ~ 10:00 pm

Join a Naturalist for a night time exploration program- it's Naturalist choice night. Be surprised!

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Wet & Wild!

Children's Program

Saturday

August 26th

10:00 - 11:30 am

Visit the pond's edge to explore life in and around this amazing habitat. Dress for wading, bring sunscreen, a towel and water shoes. (No bare feet permitted).

Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072



Nissequogue River State Park

July

**Seashore
Bonanza**
Family Program

Sunday July 30th 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Celebrate summer! Visit the water's edge to explore life in and around the sound.
Bring sunscreen, a towel, and water shoes.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

August

Busy Bees
Children's Program



Sunday August 19th 10:00 – 11:30 am

Celebrate National Honey Bee Day! Discover why bees are busy buzzing around and the important role they play in our world.
Reservations are required: (631) 581 -1072

Sunken Meadow State Park

September

Moonlight Stroll
Family Program

Friday September 15th 8:00 ~ 10:00 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