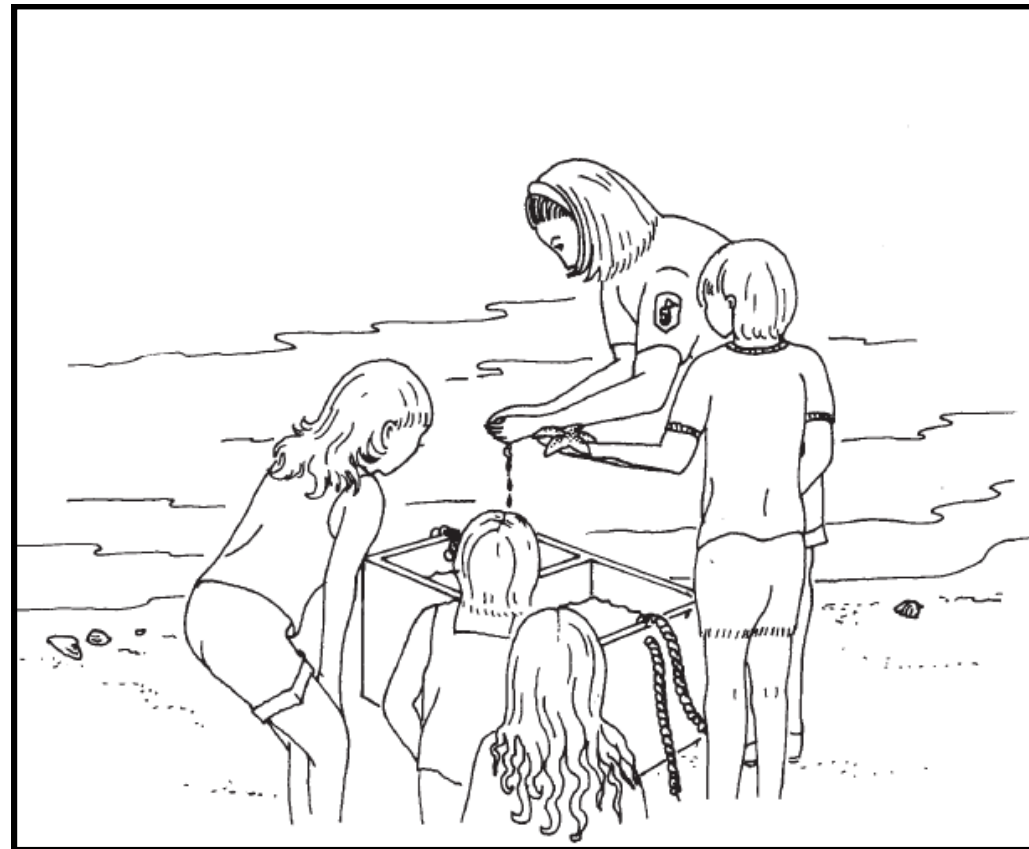


New York State Parks
Nature Programs
 Summer 2014
 July, August, & September



Tiny Tots - Fun For Kids - Family Adventures
 Adult Ed-ventures

Registration

RESERVATIONS are required for all programs and will be accepted starting two weeks prior to each program for all facilities. Dates in () are starting dates for reservations. Call the number listed with each park to make reservations. Space is limited.

Example: Actual date of program Date we start taking reservations
Thursday *October 21 (10/7)* *1:00 -3:00 pm*

Fees: \$4.00 per adult, \$3.00 for children ages 3 - 17, Children under 3 are free. Vehicle Use Fees are due upon arrival during the fee collection season. (Some parks have different collection seasons).

Tiny Tots: Programs for pre-k through k. **Ages 3 - 5.** Parents and children are encouraged to learn about the natural world around them by using their senses.

Fun for Kids: Programs are conducted for elementary age children and older. **Ages 5 & up.** Children **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Family Adventures: These programs are usually ideal for children **ages 5 and up.** Children **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Adult Ed-ventures: All programs are conducted on an adult level. **Ages 18 and up.**

Cancellations

Please, if you are unable to keep your reservation, call and cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend.

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Call (631) 581-1072 for a complete list of programs and parks where they are offered.

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We offer programs in a variety of subjects and grade levels that meet New York State core curriculum requirements.

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Fall Seafood Festival
at Captree State Park

Saturday September 20th and Sunday September 21st
From 11:00am-5:00pm

Crab Races Fish Printing

Treasure Hunt Raffle Face Painting

Bayard Cutting Arboretum

440 Montauk Highway
Great River, NY 11739
(631) 581-1002

For reservations call:(631) 581-1072

Hike in the Moonlight Family Adventure



Take advantage of the fresh evening air with a pleasant walk along the moonlit trails of the arboretum. This is an excellent chance to get outside and enjoy a delightful summer night.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Saturday July 12th (6/28) 8:00 - 9:30pm

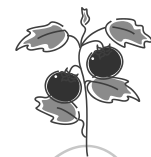
Suburban Farming Family Adventure



There are so many benefits to raising your own vegetables and chickens! It is easier than it looks, and the rewards are edible!

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Saturday August 16th (8/2) 10:30am - 12:00noon



Visit the
"CSA" Farm



at Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Gardening workshops for children
are offered throughout the summer.

Call 631-581-1002 for more information.

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

581 Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, New York 11787
(631) 265-1054

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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.

Thursdays (Ages 3-5) 10:00 - 11:00 am

July 3	(6/19)	Exploring Pond Life
July 17	(7/3)	Firefly Fun
July 31	(7/17)	Upon Butterfly Wings
August 14	(7/31)	Beat The Heat
August 28	(8/14)	Hi Little Dragonfly
September 11	(8/28)	Chubby Chipmunks



July

Beneficial Bats Family Adventure



Discover the dark mysterious world of our local bats with an indoor presentation followed by a walk in the woods to observe bats feeding in their natural habitat.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054

Saturday July 12th (6/28) 7:30 - 9:00 pm

South Side Saunter Adult Ed-venture



We will meet you on the south side of the park for this delightful walk along the Nissequogue River. We will look for wildflowers and animals that call these wetlands home.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054

Sunday July 13th (6/29) 9:30 - 11:30 am

July Continued . . .

By Firefly Light
Family Adventure



Investigate the mysterious world of fireflies. Indoor discoveries, activities and experiments will be followed by a firefly expedition. Bring an empty, clean, dry container with cap to catch, observe and release the fireflies.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054
Saturday July 19th (7/5) 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Digging Archaeology
Fun for Kids



We will 'dig' through history with this hands-on program. No really, we will be digging! So dress for a mess as we become archeologists searching for the Smith family treasure.

Reservations are required: (631) 265 - 1054
Saturday July 26th (7/12) 10:00 - 11:00 am

I Spy A Dragonfly!
Family Adventure

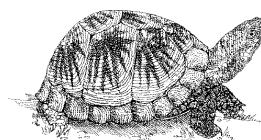


Discover the dragonfly's many beautiful colors, life-cycle and unique behaviors. Enjoy hands-on activities followed by outdoor capture, observation, and release of these wonderful creatures in their natural habitat.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054
Sunday July 27th (7/13) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

August

Nature's Mobile Homes
Fun for Kids



No RVs please! Can you imagine cramming everything you own into an itty, bitty living space and carrying that space everywhere you go? That's what many animals have to do to survive. Join us as we pry into the cramped life style of shell dwelling animals. Live animals will be on display.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054
Saturday August 9th (7/26) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

August Continued . . .

The Sand Beneath Your Feet

Family Adventure



This new program will give you an insight on the subject of sand. You will enjoy discovering kinetic sand, conducting many sand experiments and hands-on activities as you learn all about sand! We will also make a sand candle to take home.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054
Sunday August 3rd (7/20) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Camouflage Commandos

Fun for Kids



Every day creatures are engaged in mortal combat. Mother Nature has equipped each side with specific adaptations to help them stay alive. An indoor training session will be followed by an outdoor recon mission as we search for the highly skilled, ever elusive camouflage commandos.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054
Saturday August 16th (8/2) 10:00 - 11:30 pm

Shady Forest Walk

Adult Ed-venture



We will be walking the beautiful north side of the park which is shady and cool. Enjoy the scenery as we look for some of the local wildlife.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054
Sunday August 17th (8/3) 9:30 - 11:00 am

Mad Scientist Lab

Family Adventure



Crazy things are happening in the science lab. Children will do several experiments using household items. You never know what we will create, or blow up! **(For ages 7 and up)**

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054
Saturday August 23rd (8/9) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Pond Explorations

Family Adventure



We will scoop pond water into observation pools where children can safely explore pond life up-close. **Please wear a hat and sunscreen and bring a towel.**

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054
Saturday August 30th (8/16) 10:00 - 11:30 am

September

What Planet Are You From?

Family Adventure



Envision an alien planet in our galaxy. What kinds of extraterrestrials would live there? We'll delve into the world of adaptations as each child gets to construct a cosmic creature. We will supply everything you will need, so just bring your active imagination and we will have some fun!

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054

Saturday Sept. 13th (8/30) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Nature Quest

Family Adventure



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 clear, detailed map of the course, a seeker's list, clipboard and pencil. Hunt for the fascinating and humorous objects on our list. Check in with us when you are done.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054

Sunday Sept. 14th (8/31) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Prehistoric Hysteria

Fun for Kids



Journey back in time to explore our prehistoric past. What kind of creatures lived then and how do we know that they did? Discover what it is like to be a paleontologist during our fossil hunt. Enjoy finding and making a fossil to take home.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054

Saturday Sept. 27th (9/13) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Guided House Tours

Adult Ed-venture

Enjoy a guided house tour of the first and second floor of the Smyth Family/Wyandanch Club home in Smithtown. Each tour is about 45 minutes long. We will give you a history brochure and a map with information about the other buildings on the property.

Reservations are required: (631) 265-1054

**Sunday Sept. 28th (9/14) 1:30 - 2:15 pm or
2:30 - 3:15 pm**



Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

25 Lloyd Harbor Road
Huntington, New York 11743
(631) 423-1770

July

Just a Hike (Periphery)

Adult Ed-venture



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

Sunday July 6th (6/22) 9:30am – 12:45 pm (approx.)

Plant Focus

Adult Ed-venture



This intensive, hands-on program will help you improve your knowledge of plant identification with use of guidebooks. Bring drinking water, wear a hat and sunscreen. Plant identification books helpful. Short walk in tall grass meadow.

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

Saturday July 12th (6/28) 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Early Summer Seasonal Stroll

Adult Ed-venture

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

Sunday July 20th (7/6) 3:00 – 5:00 pm



Introduction to Wilderness Survival

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 14 will be permitted to attend.**

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

Saturday July 26th (7/12) 2:45 – 5:00 pm (approx.)



August

Native American Legends

Adult Ed-venture



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. Short walk; much sitting on the grass.

(Not recommended for children)

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

Sunday August 3rd (7/20) 3:00 – 4:45 pm

Sunset Cycle

Family Adventure



Bring your bike on a guided ride past the historic mansion. View the sound and watch the sunset behind the trees. Learn some history and glimpse the animals that come out at dusk.

Helmets are required. Water is recommended.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Friday August 8th (7/25) 7:30 – 8:30 pm (approx.)

History Hike

Adult Ed-venture



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

Saturday August 9th (7/26) 9:30 am – 12:45 pm (approx.)

Traditional Nature Walk

Adult Ed-venture



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

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

Sunday August 17th (8/3) 3:00 – 5:00 pm (approx.)

Literary Hike

Adult Ed-venture



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

Saturday August 23rd (8/9) 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (approx.)

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August continued...

Cliff Hike

Adult Ed-venture



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. Bring lunch and drinking water. **For safety reasons, no one under 18 will be permitted to attend.**

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

Saturday August 30th 9:30 am – 12:45 pm (approx.)

September

Late Summer Seasonal Stroll

Adult Ed-venture

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

Sunday September 7th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (approx.)

Birds with Botany for Beginners

Adult Ed-venture



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

Saturday September 13th 9:30 – 11:30 am (approx.)

Traditional Nature Walk

Adult Ed-venture



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

Sunday September 21st 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (approx.)

Caumsett Sampler

Adult Ed-venture

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

Reservations are required: (631) 423-1770

Saturday September 27th 10:00 am – 1:30 pm (approx.)

History Of Caumsett

Adult Ed-venture



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

Sunday October 5th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (approx.)

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

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Connetquot River State Park Preserve

Sunrise Highway

Bohemia, New York 11769

(631) 581-1005

For reservations call: (631) 581-1072

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.

Tuesday	July 1	(6/17)	Playing at the Ponds Edge
Tuesday	July 15	(7/1)	Incredible Insects
Tuesday	July 29	(7/15)	Fun With Fish
Tuesday	August 12	(7/29)	Beat the Heat
Tuesday	August 26	(8/12)	Darling Dragonflies
Tuesday	September 9	(8/26)	Wonderful Wildflowers
Tuesday	September 23	(9/9)	Tiny Turtles



July

Firefly Fun Family Adventure



Discover fascinating firefly facts through activities and experiments followed by a firefly expedition into the wild to find these wonderful creatures.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Friday July 11th (6/27) 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Enlarging Life Family Adventure



Ever wonder what's in the water? Learn how to use a microscope to discover what's in the pond, marsh, and sea water. **Wear comfortable walking shoes.**

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Sunday July 13th (6/29) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Bat Safari Family Adventure



Enter the mysterious world of these misunderstood animals while you enjoy humorous indoor activities that separate the myths from reality. As the sun goes down we will take a short outdoor walk around the buildings to observe bats as they begin their evening hunt.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Friday July 25th (7/11) 7:30 - 9:30 pm

August

Turtles, Snakes, and Frogs, Oh My! Family Adventure

Meet Myrtle the Turtle and her friends during this interactive program introducing turtles, snakes, and frogs. Then, enjoy a short hike to explore the habitats of the animals that call Connetquot home.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Saturday August 30th (8/16) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

September

Bird and Breakfast Adult Ed-venture



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

Saturday September 13th (8/30) 8:00 - 11:00 am

Adult Night Hike Adult Ed-venture




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

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Friday September 26th (9/12) 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Did you know that tree frogs live on Long Island? There are two species! Spring Peepers and Gray Tree Frogs can be seen and heard on Long Island in spring and summer.






Your Adventure Kit

Is here!

The YAK Backpack includes a trail map, field guides, binoculars, and activities for children to do on an adventure at Connetquot River State Park Preserve.



Rental is \$10.00. A refundable deposit is required.
There is an \$8.00 parking fee unless you have the Empire Passport.

Heckscher State Park

Ocean Parkway

Babylon, NY 11702

(631) 581- 2100

For reservations call: (631) 581-1072

August

Perseids Meteor Shower

Family Adventure

Bring a chair and enjoy what many consider to be the best meteor shower of the year. The peak of this meteor shower can exceed 50 meteors an hour!

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Monday August 11th (7/28) 11:30pm - 1:00 am



September

Equinox Hike

Family Adventure

In Latin, equinox means "equal night". Come for a moderately paced hike while learning about the global significance and cultural festivals surrounding this day.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Tuesday September 23rd (9/9) 7:30 - 9:00 pm (approx.)

Nissequogue River State Park

St. Johnland Road

Kings Park, New York 11754

(631) 269-4927

For reservations call: (631) 581-1072

July

Nature's Mobile Homes
Fun for Kids

No RVs please! Can you imagine cramming everything you own into an itty-bitty space and carrying that space everywhere you go? That's what many animals have to do to survive. Join us as we pry into the cramped life style of shell dwelling animals. Live animals will be on display.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Sunday July 20th (7/6) 1:30 - 3:30 pm



August

Shark Frenzy
Family Adventure

Discover fun and fascinating facts about these greatly misunderstood creatures as we explore the depths of the deep blue sea in search of one of nature's most efficient hunters.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Saturday August 2nd (7/19) 1:30 - 3:00 pm



History Walk
Adult Ed-venture

Join us as we go back in time to learn about the former Kings Park Psychiatric Hospital. Discover the history of the grounds and buildings through a walk around the grounds and observe the changes that have occurred over the past year.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Sunday August 17th (8/3) 10:00am - 12:00 noon

Orient Beach State Park

Route 25

Orient, New York 11957

(631) 323-2440

For reservations call: (631) 581-1072

Salt Marsh Safari

Family Adventure



Come explore the salt marsh and learn about what animals do at high and low tide. Walk through the marsh to discover creatures, and play a game! This program is also offered at Sunken Meadow State Park.

Bring sunscreen, a towel, and tightly tied shoes for wading.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072.

Sunday August 3rd (7/20) 10:00 – 11:30 am

Robert Moses State Park

Robert Moses Parkway

Babylon, New York 11702

(631) 669-0449

(631) 581-1072 (for reservations)

Monarch Migration

Family Adventure



Early autumn is the time of year to observe the amazing migration of the monarch butterfly. Explore the life cycle, migration, routes, and how you can help to save this species. A short walk in the park will give us a closer look into the world of these butterflies.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Sunday September 14 (8/31) 1:30 - 3:30 pm

The worlds oldest animal was a clam! At 507 years old, Ming, the ocean quahog clam was born only a few years after Christopher Columbus visited America for the first time! You can count the lines on a clams shell to find out its age.

Sunken Meadow State Park

Sunken Meadow Parkway

Kings Park, NY 11754

(631) 269-4333

For reservations call: (631) 581-1072

July

Salt Marsh Safari

Family Adventure

Come explore a salt marsh and learn about what animals do at high and low tide. Walk through the marsh to discover creatures, and play a game! **Bring sunscreen, a towel, and tightly tied shoes for wading.** **Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072.**

Saturday July 19th (7/5) 10:00 – 11:30 am

Treasure Hunt

Fun for Kids



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. Please dress for the weather.**

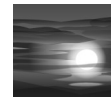
Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Sunday July 27th (7/13) 1:30 - 3:30 pm

August

Hike in the Moonlight

Family Adventure



Take advantage of the fresh evening air with a pleasant walk along the moonlit trails of the preserve. This is an excellent chance to get outside and enjoy a delightful summer night.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Saturday August 9th (7/26) 8:00 - 9:30 pm (approx.)

Bat Safari

Family Adventure



Enter the mysterious world of these misunderstood animals while you enjoy humorous activities that separate the myths from reality. As the sun goes down we will take a short walk around the buildings to observe bats as they begin their evening hunt. **Program is outdoors.**

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Friday August 22nd (8/8) 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Wading Birds

Adult Ed-venture

Explore the banks of Sunken Meadow Creek in search of the expert predators that prowl there.

Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072

Sunday August 31st (8/17) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Wildwood State Park
 790 Hulse Landing Rd
 Wading River, NY 11792
 (631) 929-4314

For reservations call: (631) 581-1072

Natural Social Network
 Fun For Kids

Buzz, buzz! You're not the only social bee out there. Explore different social insects and the creative ways that they communicate.
Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072
 Sunday July 20th (7/6) 10:00 - 11:30 am



Night Hike
 Family Adventure

Explore the sights, sounds, and smells of the night. Learn how nocturnal animals find their way in the darkness with several hands-on activities. Then put your knowledge to the test on a walk to see and hear the creatures that come out after dark.



Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072
 Saturday August 23rd (8/9) 8:00 - 9:30 pm (approx.)

Seashore Exploration
 Family Adventure

Visit the waters edge to explore life in and around the beach. **Dress for wading. Bring sunscreen, a towel, and tightly tied shoes.**
Reservations are required: (631) 581-1072.
 Sunday August 24th (8/10) 10:00 - 11:30 am



Wildwood Fall Festival

Saturday September 27th from 11:00am to 4:00pm

Arts and Crafts

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Music

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