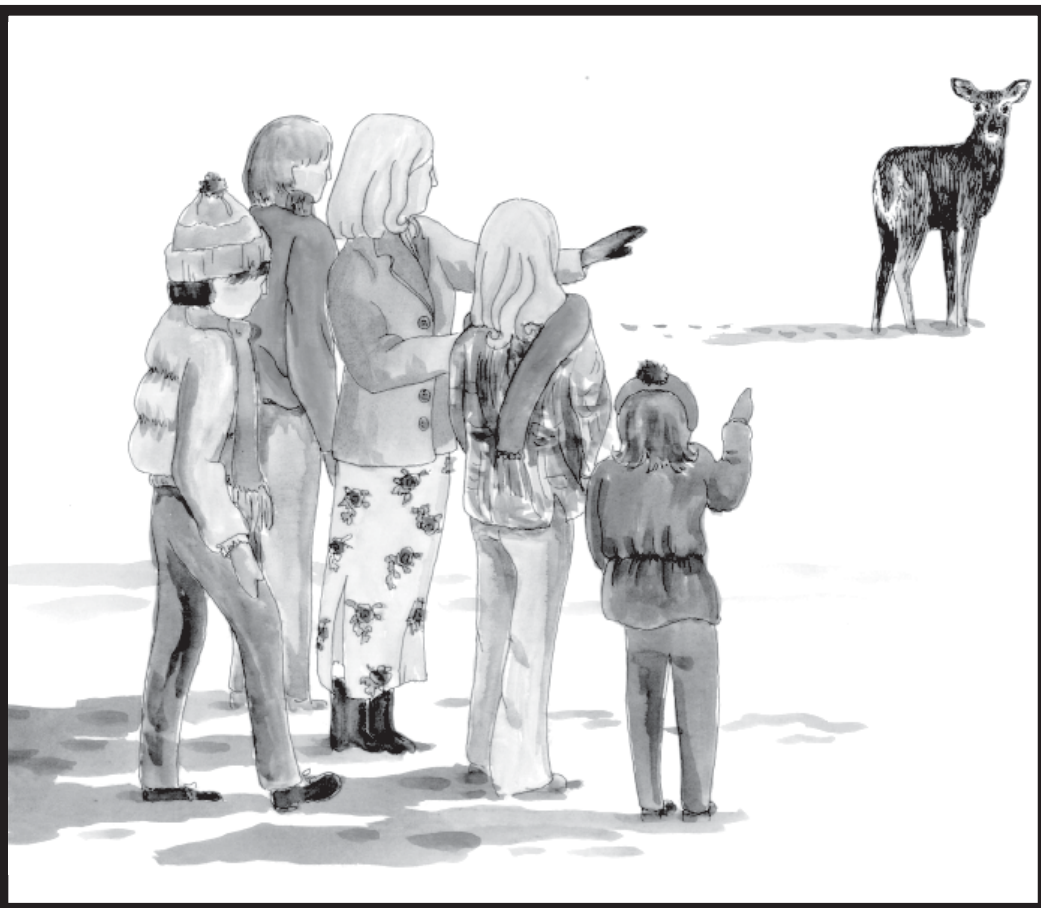


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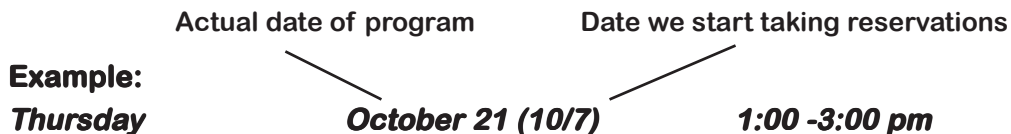
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TINY TOTS - FUN FOR KIDS
FAMILY & ADULT ADVENTURES

REGISTRATION

RESERVATIONS are required for all programs and will be accepted up to 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.



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

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

tt - 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.

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

f - Family Adventures: These programs are usually ideal for children **ages 5 and up** along with their families unless otherwise noted.

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

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CALEB SMITH STATE PARK PRESERVE

Route 25, Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, New York 11787
(631) 265 - 1054

Surrounded by the historic charm of Smithtown, Caleb Smith State Park Preserve is comprised of 543 acres of freshwater wetlands, ponds, streams, fields and upland woods. The park is a refuge for 20 species of animals and more than 145 types of birds. With such a variety of wildlife, the park offers many birdwatching, nature and hiking programs throughout the year. The park's diverse habitats also support a variety of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns.

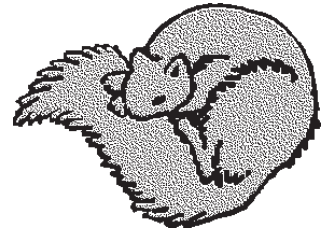
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TINY TOTS: "Lets Discover Nature" Hour

The "Let's Discover Nature" Hour 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

January 5	(12/22)	Arctic Adventures
January 19	(1/5)	Who's Been Walking in the Snow?
February 2	(1/19)	Ocean Explorers
February 16	(2/2)	To Nature With Love
March 1	(2/16)	Wacky Weather
March 15	(3/1)	Colorful Rainbows
March 29	(3/15)	Let's go Exploring



FUN FOR KIDS: Children Ages 5 & Up

MOSAIC MASTERPIECES

Sunday January 8 (12/25) 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Create an amazing nature picture using beautiful colored paper mosaics. We'll show you step by step, how to make them and tell you a little about the creature you create. If time allows, create one from your own imagination. North Side.

CALEB SMITH - FUN FOR KIDS: *Children Ages 5 & Up*



TAKE A BIRD TO LUNCH

Saturday January 21 (1/7) 10:00 - 11:30 am

After a short birdwatching walk, children will have fun constructing their own bird feeder. Please bring an empty, clean, 1/2 gallon milk or juice container per child. North Side.

SUNCATCHERS

Sunday February 5 (1/22) 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Discover interesting facts about the sun and why we cannot live without it. Then you will create a unique craft that will capture rays from the winter sun and transform them into many brilliant colors to brighten up your home. North Side.



EXTREME COLD SURVIVORS

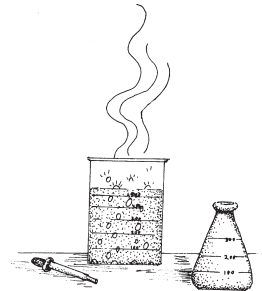
Saturday February 18 (2/4) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Explore some of the amazing ways animals survive in extremely cold weather. Some will dig down into the earth to escape it, some sleep through it and others brave the worst of it. Through fun experiments, discover what it is like for these hearty survivors. North Side.

MAD SCIENTIST'S LAB - WINTER ADDITION

Sunday March 11 (2/26) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Enter the Mad Science Lab to conduct different science experiments using household items. You never know what we might create, split in half, or even blow up! Crazy things are bound to happen in the laboratory! **(This program is ideal for children 7 and up).** North Side.



FAMILY ADVENTURES: *All Ages*

A NATURE CLUE FOR YOU!

Saturday January 28 (1/14) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Are you ready to **RUMBLE**? Enjoy this nutty, wild and crazy interactive game that will have you and your family rolling on the floor laughing! Light snacks served. **(This program is ideal for children 7 and up).** North Side.

CALEB SMITH - FAMILY ADVENTURES: *Family Fun*

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!

Wednesday February 22 (2/8) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Enjoy a lively, engaging journey into space as you discover some of the fascinating facts about the final frontier. It will be children verses the adults and then we will see who knows more about outer space. Light snacks will be served. Will you be surprised at how much your children know? See you on the north side.



WATERCOLOR WONDERS

Thursday February 23 (2/9) 10:00 - 11:30 am

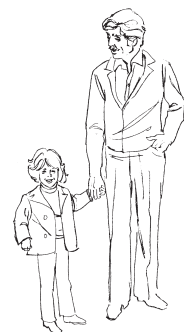
We will show you step by step how to create a unique watercolor collage of corals, fish and other creatures that can be found “down under the sea.” You don’t need artistic talent to create these beautiful works of art. Dress for a mess. **(This program is ideal for children 7 and up).** North Side.



COPPER CREATIONS

Friday February 24 (2/10) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Discover the art of copper tooling, It’s fun and easy! Enjoy creating your very own unique copper windchime while exploring the uses of one of the earth’s most versatile minerals. **(Due to safety concerns children under the age of 7 may not participate in this program).** North Side.



ST. PATRICK’S DAY WALK

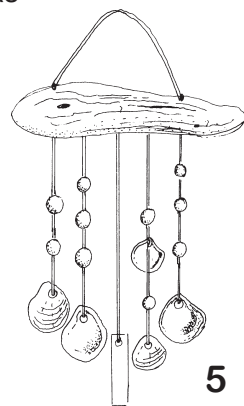
Saturday March 17 (3/3) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Are you and your family suffering from cabin fever? Join us for a walk as the winter winds down and spring starts to rev up. We’ll stretch our legs and get some much needed fresh air as we explore the preserve. North Side.

WINDCATCHERS

Saturday March 31 (3/17) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Wind plays an important part in our world. Discover the advantages and disadvantages of the wind through new hands-on activities and games. Afterwards, you’ll create your very own unique windcatcher for your yard. North Side.



ADULT ADVENTURES: *Ages 18 and Up*

BOOK TALK & WALK ABOUT

Sunday March 4 (2/19) 2:00 - 3:30 pm

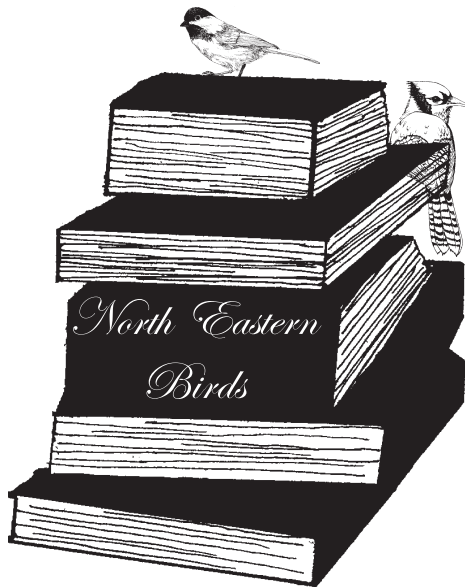
Join us for a discussion of "The Species Seekers", by Richard Conniff. After the talk, we will go outside in search of local species. You can read all, part or none of the book to join us. Light refreshments. Please call 786-4640 to register. North Side

There is no parking fee this time of year. (\$4.00 program fee per person).

MIGRATING BIRD WALK

Saturday March 24 (3/10) 9:00 - 10:30 am

Birding is one of the most relaxing, yet exciting types of nature walks. The variety of shapes, sizes, colors and habits of birds is amazing. This is the time of year migrators head north and hopefully we will be able to find a few. However, our wonderful resident birds are just as interesting to watch and photograph. Please dress for the weather and bring a pair of binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours. Cameras are welcome. North Side.



An increase in daylight hours triggers many birds to migrate north for breeding and other purposes.

CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK

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

Overlooking Lloyd Harbor with beachfront along the Long Island Sound, Caumsett State Historic Park includes 1,600 acres of woodlands, rocky shores and salt marshes. It is the former estate of Marshall Field III, founder and publisher of the New York P.M. and Chicago Sun-Times newspapers. The park is host to over 200 species of birds. The natural woodlands attract migrating song birds in the spring and fall. Endangered species nest along the shoreline in the summer months. Ducks are often seen in the waters bordering the park.

If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call and cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend. Please be prompt. If others are waiting, your place may be given to them if you have not arrived when the program starts.

ADULT ADVENTURES: *Ages 18 & Up*



JUST A HIKE (Serpentine)

Saturday December 31 (12/17) 10:30 am - 1:45 pm (approx.)

While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this six-mile, hilly, moderately paced hike. This will allow walkers the opportunity for uninterrupted exercise and socializing.

MAPLE SUGARING

Sunday January 15 (1/1) 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Saturday January 28 (1/14) 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Sunday February 19 (2/5) 10:30 am - 12:00 noon

This hands-on-program, geared for the average adult, will teach you how to identify and tap a maple tree so you can make real maple syrup at home. You will also learn the cultural, historical, economic, and scientific background of this uniquely American craft. Short-walk. Not recommended for children.



40 gallons of sap = 1 gallon of syrup.

JUST A HIKE (ON THE ROADS)

Saturday February 11 (1/28) 1:00 - 3:00 pm (approx.)

While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this four-mile, on road, moderately paced hike. This will allow walkers the opportunity for uninterrupted exercise and socializing. Some hills.

CAUMSETT - ADULT ADVENTURES: *Continued . . .*

BIRDING BASICS FOR BEGINNERS



Saturday February 25 (2/12) 2:15 - 4:00 pm (approx.)

This hands-on program will introduce adults to birds and their adaptations. It will provide information on where to go and what to get to learn more. Binoculars recommended. Approximately one mile; much sitting.



HISTORY OF CAUMSETT

Sunday March 4 (2/17) 1:00 - 3:00 pm (approx.)

On this hilly, moderately long walk (approx. 2 miles), we will study the park's social, economic, architectural, and political history.

The home of
Marshall Field
was
a self-sufficient
estate.

JUST A HIKE (CENTER SECTION)

Saturday March 10 (2/25) 1:00 - 3:00 pm (approx.)

While questions will be most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this slow to moderately paced, five-mile hike. This will allow walkers the opportunity for uninterrupted exercise and socializing.



WINTER WATER WALK

Sunday March 18 (3/4) 9:30 am - 12:45 pm (approx.)

While our main goal is to leisurely observe winter waterfowl and explore the beach, we'll also have a chance to exercise, and socialize during our moderately paced hike to and from the water. Some hills. Approximately 5 miles. Bring binoculars.

INTRODUCTION TO WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Saturday March 24 (2/26) 10:45 am - 1:00 pm (approx.)

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 a shelter. Approximately 1 mile. For reasons of safety, no children under 14 will be permitted.



INSTRUCTIONAL BIRD WALK FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday March 31 (3/17) 9:30 am - 11:15 am (approx.)

In this program, novice adult birders will practice observing birds at feeders and in the wild. Binoculars strongly recommended. Bird books helpful.



CAUMSETT - ADULT ADVENTURES: *Continued . . .*

JUST A HIKE (EASTERN SECTION)

Sunday April 8 (3/25) 9:30 am - 12:45 pm (approx.)

While questions are most welcome, there will be no formal nature discussion during this six-mile, hilly, moderately paced hike. This will allow walkers the opportunity for uninterrupted exercise and socializing. Bring lunch and drinking water. For reasons of safety, no children under 14 will be permitted.



Family Fun Week



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

To Infinity & Beyond	CALEB SMITH	(family)	10:00 - 11:30 am
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Watercolor Wonders	CALEB SMITH	(family)	10:00 - 11:30 am
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Wildlife Detectives	NISSEQUOGUE	(family)	1:30 - 3:00 pm
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Copper Creations	CALEB SMITH	(family)	10:00 - 11:30 am
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Weather Wizards	CONNETQUOT	(family)	10:00 - 12:00 noon
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Mardi Gras



Planting Fields Arboretum

Sunday, February 19 from 11 am - 4 pm

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January 5	Thursday	Caleb Smith	tt	10:00 - 11:00 am	Arctic Adventure*	3	
January 8	Sunday	Caleb Smith	c	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Mosaic Masterpieces	3	
January 15	Sunday	Connetquot	f	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Deer Detectives	14	
January 15	Sunday	Caumsett	a	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Maple Sugaring	7	
January 17	Tuesday	Connetquot	tt	10:00 am & 1:30 pm	Special Snowflakes*	13	
January 19	Thursday	Caleb Smith	tt	10:00 - 11:00 am	Who's Been Walking in the Snow	3	
January 21	Saturday	Connetquot	a	8:00 - 11:00 am	Bird & Breakfast	15	
January 21	Saturday	Caleb Smith	c	10:00 - 11:30 am	Take a Bird to Lunch	4	
January 22	Sunday	Connetquot	f	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Winter Wildlife Safari	14	
January 28	Saturday	Caumsett	a	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Maple Sugaring	7	
January 28	Saturday	Caleb Smith	f	10:00 - 11:30 am	A Nature Clue For You!*	4	
January 29	Sunday	Nissequoque	c	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Creature Creation	17	
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February 5	Sunday	Caleb Smith	c	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Suncatchers*	4	
February 7	Tuesday	Connetquot	tt	10:00 am & 1:30 pm	Excellent Evergreens	13	
February 11	Saturday	Caumsett	a	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Just A Hike (On The Roads)	7	
February 12	Sunday	Connetquot	c	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Feeling Ducky*	13	
February 16	Thursday	Caleb Smith	tt	10:00 - 11:00 am	To Nature with Love	3	
February 18	Saturday	Caleb Smith	c	10:00 - 11:30 am	Extreme Cold Survivors*	4	
February 18	Saturday	Connetquot	f	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Moon River Walk	14	
February 19	Sunday	Connetquot	f	1:00 - 3:15 pm	House Tours	15	
February 19	Sunday	Caumsett	a	10:30 - 12:00 noon	Maple Sugaring	7	
February 21	Tuesday	Connetquot	tt	10:00 am & 1:30 pm	Tracks 'n' Traces	13	
February 22	Wednesday	Caleb Smith	f	10:00 - 11:30 am	To Infinity and Beyond!*	5	
February 23	Thursday	Caleb Smith	f	10:00 - 11:30 am	Watercolor Wonders	5	
February 23	Thursday	Nissequoque	f	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Wildlife Detectives	17	
February 24	Friday	Caleb Smith	f	10:00 - 11:30 am	Copper Creations*	5	
February 24	Friday	Connetquot	f	10:00 - 11:30 am	Weather Wizards	14	
February 25	Saturday	Nissequoque	a	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	Winter Birding	18	
February 25	Saturday	Caumsett	a	2:15 - 4:00 pm	Birding Basics for Beginners	8	
February 26	Sunday	Connetquot	f	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Great Grandmas Kitchen	14	
February 27	Sunday	Caleb Smith	f	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Winter Nature Walk	5	

Date	March	tt - Tiny Tots	c - Children	f - Family	a - Adults	March	Page
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March 4	Sunday	Connetquot	f	1:00 - 3:15 pm		House Tours	15
March 4	Sunday	Caumsett	a	1:00 - 3:00 pm		History of Caumsett	8
March 6	Tuesday	Connetquot	tt	10:00 am & 1:30 pm		Roaming the Rainforest*	13
March 10	Saturday	Nissequoque	f	1:30 - 3:00 pm		Family Scavenger Hunt	17
March 10	Saturday	Caumsett	a	1:00 - 3:00 pm		Just A Hike (Center Section)	8
March 11	Sunday	Caleb Smith	c	1:30 - 3:00 pm		Mad Scientist's Lab	4
March 15	Thursday	Caleb Smith	tt	10:00 - 11:00 am		Colorful Rainbows*	3
March 17	Saturday	Connetquot	f	2:00 - 3:30 pm		Family Scavenger Hunt	15
March 17	Saturday	Caleb Smith	f	10:00 - 11:30 am		St. Patrick's Day Walk	5
March 18	Sunday	Caumsett	a	9:30 am - 12:45 pm		Winter Water Walk	8
March 20	Tuesday	Connetquot	tt	10:00 am & 1:30 pm		Spectacular Spiders*	13
March 23	Friday	Connetquot	f	7:30 - 9:30 pm		Flashlight Hike	15
March 24	Saturday	Caumsett	a	10:45 am - 1:00 pm		Introduction To Wilderness Survival	8
March 24	Saturday	Caleb Smith	a	9:00 - 10:30 am		Migrating Bird Walk	6
March 25	Sunday	Connetquot	a	1:30 - 3:30 pm		Spring Stroll	16
March 29	Thursday	Caleb Smith	tt	10:00 - 11:00 am		Let's Go Exploring	3
March 31	Saturday	Caleb Smith	f	10:00 - 11:30 am		Wind Catchers*	5
March 31	Saturday	Caumsett	a	9:30 - 11:15 am		Instructional Bird Walk For Beginners	8
March 31	Saturday	Nissequoque	a	10:00 am - 12:00 noon		Walk of Historic Changes	18

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April 1	Sunday	Connetquot	f	1:30 - 3:00 pm		Seeking Spring	15
April 8	Sunday	Caumsett	a	9:30 am - 12:45 pm		Just a Hike (Eastern Section)	9

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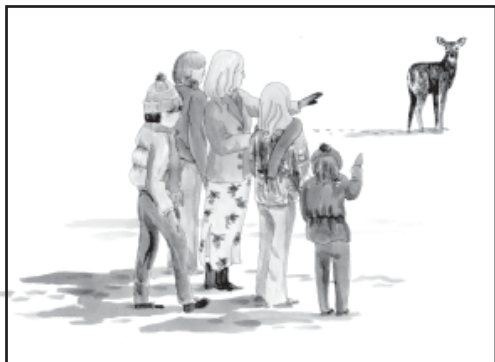
NYSOPRHP
P. O. Box 247
Babylon, NY 11702

Or call: (631) 581-1072.



Check out our website! www.nysparks.com

Y O U T H ORGANIZATIONS



NY State Parks' Interpretive staff can offer many programs ideal for youth groups such as Boy and Girl Scouts.

Call the Environmental Office to make or a reservation for your group or request a brochure.

631.581.1072



Connetquot River State Park Preserve

SOUTH SIDE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
HOUSE TOURS



Sundays

February 19 and
March 4, 2012

1:00 - 3:30 pm - last tour 3:15 pm

For more information, visit the
Environmental Office in the
Main House
or call: 631 - 581 - 1072.

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

Sunrise Highway

Oakdale, New York 11769

(631) 581 - 1072

Explore this 3,473-acre preserve located along the Connetquot River in Oakdale, New York. This facility offers many opportunities for education. Resources include the Connetquot River, freshwater ponds and wetlands, pine barrens, oak-pine forests and meadows and historic buildings, including a 1700's grist mill. The park is rich in wildlife, including deer, nesting osprey, red-tailed hawks and over 200 species of birds. Many rare plants including wild orchids thrive in this untouched wilderness.

Please call to make reservation for all programs. If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call and cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend. Please be prompt. If others are waiting, your place may be given to them if you have not arrived when the program starts.

TINY TOTS: "Nature Discoveries"



Explore the natural world around us. These programs will connect children and their parents with the natural world 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**



Jan. 17	(1/3)	Special Snowflakes
Jan. 31	(1/17)	Amazing Arctic
Feb. 7	(1/24)	Excellent Evergreens
Feb 21	(2/7)	Tracks 'n' Traces
Mar. 6	(2/21)	Roaming the Rainforest
Mar. 20	(3/6)	Spectacular Spiders



FUN FOR KIDS: Children Ages 5 & Up

FEELING DUCKY

Sunday February 12 (1/29) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Connetquot's main pond attracts an exciting variety of winter ducks each and every year. Join us for fun hands on activities while we explore different types of ducks we have and where they come from. Then we will search the main pond and see which ducks we can find.



Many northern ducks winter on Long Island.

CONNETQUOT - FAMILY ADVENTURES: *Family Fun*

FIRST DAY HIKE AT CONNETQUOT



Sunday January 1 (12/18) 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Happy New Year! Start the year off with a guided sensory nature hike. Join us for a three mile leisurely stroll through beautiful Connetquot River State Park Preserve!

DEER DETECTIVES

Sunday January 15 (1/1) 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Where have all the deer gone? Indoors we will become deer detectives as we explore the habits and habitats of the white-tailed deer. Outdoors we will put our knowledge to the test and search for the clues that deer have left behind.



To conserve energy, male deer lose their antlers during the winter.

WINTER WILDLIFE SAFARI



Sunday January 22 (1/8) 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun-filled winter safari as we walk through the preserve searching for the wildlife that calls Connetquot home. Discover animals in their winter habitat and find out how they adapt to the coldest time of the year. Don't forget your hat and mittens!

MOON RIVER WALK

Saturday February 18 (2/4) 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Take advantage of the fresh evening air with a pleasant walk along meandering moonlit trails of the preserve. This is a wonderful way to relax and unwind from a long day.

WEATHER WIZARDS



Friday February 24 (2/10) 10:00 - 11:30 am

Did you ever wonder how a cloud forms or why a tornado starts? Uncover weather secrets with hands-on demonstrations and activities that will amaze you.

GREAT GRANDMA'S KITCHEN

Sunday February 26(2/12) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Explore what it was like to work in a late 1800's kitchen with hands-on demonstrations of such "modern" gadgets like swizzle sticks, cherry stoners, soap savers, fluters, syllabub churns and self-heating irons.

A "Cherry Stoner" was used to remove pits from the cherry quickly and neatly.

CONNETQUOT - FAMILY ADVENTURES: *Continued . . .*

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday March 17 (3/3) 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Together we will search as a team with your family for fun items on our scavenger hunt list. All ages will enjoy using their 5 senses to find things nature hides in plain sight everyday.



FLASHLIGHT HIKE

Friday March 23 (3/9) 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Experience a different type of night hike! Bring a flashlight and join us as we walk through the woodlands, exploring what the darkness keeps hidden. Hopefully we will see the colored reflections from the eyes of creatures looking back at us!



SEEKING SPRING

Sunday April 1 (3/18) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Spring has begun and the whole forest is starting to show signs of the warmer weather. Join us for a walk through the woodlands and search for the clues that spring has arrived.

SOUTH SIDE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS

Sunday February 19

Sunday March 4 between 1:00 - 3:15 pm

Come Step back in time by touring the main house of Southside Sportsmen's Club. Join a docent who will tell you about the time of the tavern and the high societie's sports club that now make up Connetquot River State Park Preserve. Come between 1:00 and 3:15 pm. No reservations are required.

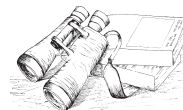


ADULT ADVENTURES - AGES 18 & UP

BIRD & BREAKFAST

Saturday January 21 (1/7) 8:00 - 11:00 am

Enjoy a continental breakfast while you learn about the basics of bird identification. A guided walk in the preserve will follow. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. This program is provided in partnership with Great South Bay Audubon Society and the Friends of Connetquot.



CONNETQUOT - ADULT ADVENTURES: *Continued* . . .



EVERGREEN BASKETS

Saturday February 4 (1/21) 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Discover some fascinating facts about evergreens you never knew before. You will then create your very own evergreen basket to take home with you.



SPRING STROLL

Sunday March 25 (3/11) 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Explore the changes of the season by joining Naturalist Lane and Joan Smith on this leisurely walk.

A black and white illustration of a mill building with a large chimney, situated on a riverbank. The scene is framed by trees and a fence in the foreground.

THE FRIENDS OF CONNETQUOT PRESENT
The First of the Lecture Series of 2012

Nicoll Grist Mill:

Scope-of-Work for Restoration toward a Working Mill

Speaker:
Kurt Hirschberg
Jan Hird Pokorny Associates, Inc.

Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 1:30 pm

NISSEQUOGUE RIVER STATE PARK

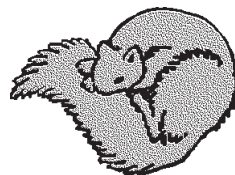
St. Johnland Road
Kings Park, New York 11754
(631) 581 - 1072



Part of the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center, this 518 acre park has plenty to offer hiking enthusiasts, with Long Island Greenbelt Trails and as a Bird Conservation Area. It also offers guided nature walks and environmental programs throughout the year, with access to fishing along the Nissequogue River.

Please call to make reservations for all programs. If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call and cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend. Please be prompt. If others are waiting, your place may be given to them if you have not arrived when the program starts.

FUN FOR KIDS: *Children Ages 5 & Up*



CREATURE CREATION

Sunday January 29 (1/15) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

After a brief discussion and show of native animal adaptations. Children will be challenged to create a brand new species of bird that must fit a particular habitat and diet. Then we will go outside for a short walk and search for some of the adaptations of Nissequogue River State Park.

FAMILY ADVENTURES: *Family Fun*

WILDLIFE DETECTIVES

Thursday February 23 (2/9) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

There are many animals that are hidden in the winter-land forest. Join us on this walk as we search for wildlife in the park by following the subtle clues they leave behind.

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday March 10 (1/25) 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Search as a team with your family for fun items on our scavenger hunt list. All ages will enjoy using their 5 senses to find fun things that nature hides in plain sight every day.



ADULT ADVENTURES: *Ages 18 and Up*

WINTER BIRDING

Saturday February 25 (2/11) 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Join us for a birding adventure through the park's different habitats. We will walk by the pond, through the woods and to the salt marsh while discussing the birds we see along the way. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair of ours.

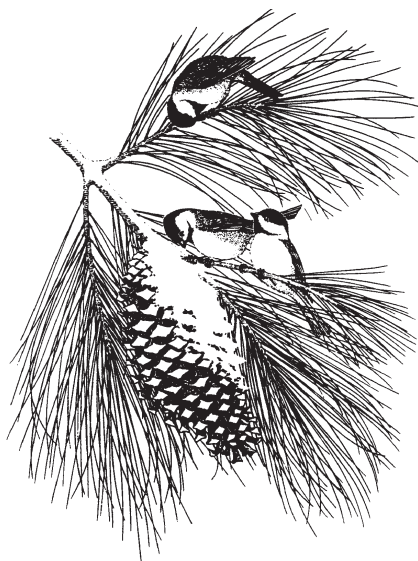


WALK OF HISTORIC CHANGES

Saturday March 31 (3/17) 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Join us for a tour of the Kings Park Psychiatric Hospital following the path of the buildings scheduled for removal. We will walk to some of the less traveled areas of the park and learn about the history of the hospital. Approximately 3 miles. Bring water.

The hospital operated from 1885 to 1996. In 2000 it was dedicated as a state park.



CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE: (631) 581 - 1072

LOCATION:

North side of sunrise Highway (Route 27) between exit 47A, Oakdale-Bohemia Road and Exit 45, Connetquot Avenue. Access from westbound lane.

Sunrise Highway can be reached via Southern State Parkway, Exit 44E.

ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION:

By train, Babylon Branch LIRR to Great River Station, Greenbelt Hiking Trail is just south of the station on Connetquot Avenue. Approximately 1.5 miles to park entrance. Greenbelt Trail Office: 631 - 360 - 0753 for maps and information.

A paved Pedestrian/Bike Path provides access to the park entrance. It connects Connetquot Avenue to Oakdale-Bohemia Road. Bus Route 3 C travels along Connetquot Avenue where the Pedestrian/Bike Path cross.

For bus information: www.sct-bus.org

CALEB SMITH STATE PARK PRESERVE: (631) 265 - 1054

LOCATION:

Route 25 (Jericho Turnpike) between Old Willets Path and "The Bull" at intersection of Route 25 and Smithtown to St. Johnland Road. Administration Building is located at the North Side entrance. South Side entrance is 1/4 mile west of North Side entrance. Follow signs.

Route 25 (Jericho Turnpike) can be reached by Sunken Meadow Parkway, Exit SM3 East.

ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION:

By train (Port Jefferson Branch) to the Smithtown Station; from there you can take a taxi to the north or south entrance on Jericho (25) Turnpike.

The Greenbelt Trail runs through the park; Greenbelt Trail Office: 631 - 360 - 0753 for maps and information.

Bus Route #58 stops across the street from the northern entrance.

For Bus Information: www.sct.bus.org

CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK: (631) 423 - 1770

LOCATION:

Route 110 north to 25A, west to West Neck Road North to Lloyd Harbor Road to park.

Route 110 can be reached by L.I.E. (Long Island Expressway) (Route 495) Exit 49N

Route 110 can be reached by Northern State Parkway Exit 40N

ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION:

By train (Port Jefferson Branch) to the Huntington Station; from there you can take a taxi to the park.

For Bus Information: www.sct.bus.org

NISSEQUOGUE RIVER STATE PARK: (631) 269 - 4927: RESERVATIONS: (631) 581 - 1072

LOCATION:

On the north side of St. Johnland Road (at the intersection of Park Blvd. & St. Johnland Road).

Take Sunken Meadow Parkway north to exit SM4E. (Head east on Pulaski Road which changes into Old Dock Road).

At fifth traffic light (2.2 miles), make right onto St. Johnland Road. Park entrance is 1/4 mile on left.

Sunken Meadow State Parkway can be reached by:

L.I.E. (Route 495) Exit 53 -or- North State Parkway Exit 45N -or- Southern State Exit 41A

ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION:

By train (Port Jefferson Branch) to the Kings Park Station; from there you can take a taxi to the park; walk north on Indian Head Road/Church Street, make a right on Old Dock Road, make a right on St. Johnland Road, entrance to the park will be on the left; OR bike north on Indian Head Road/Church Street (bikes allowed on some trains), make a right on Old Dock Road and pick up Smithtown Hike and Bike Trail. Take trail along field to entrance of park at St. Johnland Road and Kings Park Blvd.

(Complete trip 2 miles).

Can be accessed from the Greenbelt Trail; Greenbelt Trail Office: 631 - 360 - 0753 for maps and information.

For Bus Information: www.sct.bus.org (Suffolk County Bus Route S56)