

Winter CALENDAR 2024

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required and will be taken two weeks prior to the program.

- To register, please visit [Eventbrite.com](#) and search by program title or #NatureEdventure.

Please note: program reservations for

- Caleb Smith State Park Preserve are now on Eventbrite!
- Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve (631) 423-1770 are taken over the phone.

Space is limited. If you are unable to keep your reservation, please cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Children's Programs (6 & up) - \$4 per child
- Tiny Tots (age 3-5) - \$4 per child
- Family Programs (6 & up) - \$4 per person
- Adult Programs (18 & up) - \$4 per person

Parking Fees may apply. Visit [parks.ny.gov](#) and search by park for more info.

CONTACT US!

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Long Island State
Parks Nature Programs

Historic Club House & Nicholl Grist Mill Tours

Connetquot River State Park Preserve



Tours are the first and third Sunday of the month, though June.

Between 1:00-3:00pm

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT EVENTBRITE.COM

A WIDE VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES

- Maintain Trails
- Fish Hatchery Work
- Endangered Species Protection
- Invasive Species Removal
- Clean Up's
- Events
- Gardening
- General Stewardship Work
- and much more.

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New York State Parks Winter Special Events

Friends of Connetquot Winter Events

Please visit the website friendsofconnetquot.org to sign up and see more information.

Programs are free for members.
Non-members pay \$5/person.

 Mark your calendar for April 8th!
Look for this symbol for Upcoming Solar Eclipse related Events!

First Day Hikes at NY State Parks!

Start 2024 off right with a Hike to bring in the New Year!

**January 1
2024**

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve
10:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM
Connetquot River State Park Preserve
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Heckscher State Park
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Robert Moses State Park
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Sunken Meadow State Park
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Winter Celebration!

Discover the many wonders of winter! Experience hands on activities and science experiments. Stop by anytime during this free special event.



**Connetquot River State Park Preserve
FREE Event!**

Saturday, Jan 27th
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Celebrate



Learn about Black artists, scientists, environmentalists in our State Parks and how they've influenced the modern world!

Education Programs

Nissequogue River State Park
Saturday, Feb 3rd

Sunken Meadow State Park
Sunday Feb 4th

Connetquot River State Park Preserve
Saturday, Feb 17th

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
Sunday Feb 23rd

Women's History Month



Celebrate Women's History Month in State Parks! Female scientists, painters, writers, and more have had a lasting impact on the world today!

Education Programs

Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
Saturday, March 16th

Connetquot River State Park Preserve
Saturday, March 2nd
Friday, March 15th

Sunken Meadow State Park
Sunday, March 3rd

Program Key:

CS- Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
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 SM- Sunken Meadow State Park



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01 <u>First Day Hikes</u> CM - 10:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM CR - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM HK - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM RM - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM SM - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	02	03	04 SM - Tiny Tots Slippery Seals 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	05	06 CS - Family First Hike of the Year 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
07 CM - Adult Winter Seasonal Stroll 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM CR - Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Childrens Take a Bird to Lunch 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	08	09	10 CR - Tiny Tots Snowflakes 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	11	12	13 CR - Adult Bird and Breakfast 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
14 CR - Family Owl Pellet Dissection 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	15 MLK Day	16	17 <i>Happy New Year</i>	18 SM - Tiny Tots Snowflakes are Falling 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	19	20 CM - Adult Maple Sugaring 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM CR - Adult Tracks and Traces 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CS - Family (7+) Ice Candles 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
21 CR - Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Childrens (8+) Owl Pellet Dissection 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	22	23	24 CR - Tiny Tots Animal ABC 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	25	26 CR - Family Full Moon Hike 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	27 CR - Family Winter Celebration! 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
28 RM - Family Winter Wildlife Hike 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	29	30	31	01	02	03



JANUARY 2024

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Please visit eventbrite.com for more details

CALEB SMITH STATE PARK PRESERVE

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

First Hike of the Year Family Program Saturday, January 6th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us as we kick off the New Year with a hike to explore the meandering trails of the park. Bring a camera and dress for the weather!

Ice Candles Family Program (7+) Saturday, January 20th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

We'll use hot wax and cold ice to create a unique candle for you to decorate and take home. Appropriate for ages 7 and up.

CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423-1770

Winter Seasonal Stroll Adult Program Sunday, January 7th 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

On this short stroll, you'll discover that nature is beautiful and interesting in winter too.

Maple Sugaring Adult Program Saturday, January 20th 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

This interactive program geared for adults will teach you how to make your own maple syrup at home! Not recommended for children.

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Historic Club House Tours Family Program Sunday, January 7th & 21st 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn the history of the tavern & the high society club which shaped the Preserve into what it is today.

Bird and Breakfast Adult Program Saturday, January 13th 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

A continental breakfast and short presentation on winter ducks followed by a guided walk through the preserve. Binoculars provided, or bring your own.

Owl Pellets Family Program Sunday, January 14th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Owls are unique among the bird world! Using dissection tools, we will explore the diet of this nocturnal hunter.

Tracks and Traces Adult Program Saturday, January 20th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn how to 'read the signs' animals leave behind on a hike as we search for tracks and traces of the wildlife at the Preserve!

Full Moon Hike Family Program Friday, January 26th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

As the moon rises and lights up the night sky go on an evening hike through the Preserve as we look for our nocturnal neighbors.

ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Winter Wildlife Hike Family Program Sunday, January 28th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

What do seashore animals do in the winter? Find out on a guided hike through our winter beach habitats to learn where coastal wildlife go and how they live!



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SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Take a Bird to Lunch Childrens Program Sunday, January 7th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Many birds are migrating south, or bulking up for the long winter ahead. We will make bird feeders with natural materials to give migrant birds, and year-long residents an extra boost!

Owl Pellet Dissection Childrens Program (8+) Sunday, January 21st 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Owls are unique among the bird world! Using dissection tools, we'll explore the diet of this nocturnal hunter. Appropriate for children ages 8+.

Free Events

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

Winter Celebration
Jan 27th 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

First Day Hikes at NY State Parks!

Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve

10:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Heckscher State Park

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Robert Moses State Park

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunken Meadow State Park

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

- Snowflakes - Jan 10th
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- Animal ABC - Jan 24th
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunken Meadow State Park

- Slippery Seals - Jan 4th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Snowflakes are Falling - Jan 18th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

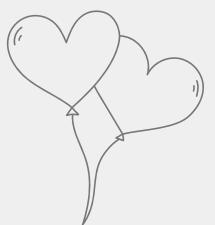
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 BHM - Black History Month

FEBRUARY 2024



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28	29	30	31	01 SM - Tiny Tots Erupting Volcanoes 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	02 HK - Family Night Owl Walk 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	03 CS - Childrens Tracks and Traces 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM NQ - Family BHM Science Pioneers 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
04 CM - Adult Just a Hike (on Roads) 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM CR - Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Family BHM Self-Guided Hike All Day	05	06	07 CR - Tiny Tots Valentines Day 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	08	09 CR - Adult Ice Candle Evening 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	10
11	12	13	14 Valentines Day	15 SM - Tiny Tots The Phases of Water 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	16	17 CM - Adult Maple Sugaring 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM CR - Adult BHM Alma Thomas Painting 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CS - Childrens Deer Detectives 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
18 CR - Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Childrens Fossil Finds 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	19 Presidents Day	20	21 CR - Tiny Tots Counting 123 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM SM - Family Frog & Toad Storytime Free Drop In Program	22 CR - Family Weather Wizards 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	23 CR - Family Hike to the Hatchery 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CS - Adult BHM The Art of Horace Pippin 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	24 CR - Childrens Deer Detectives 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
25 RM - Adult Winter Bird Walk 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	26	27	28	29 SM - Tiny Tots Time for Hibernation 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	01	02



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Tracks and Traces Childrens Program Saturday, February 3rd 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Children become nature detectives as they unravel clues left behind by park wildlife. Create a book of our local animal tracks!

Deer Detectives Childrens Program Saturday, February 17th 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Explore the ways of the White-tailed deer. Become a deer detective and search for clues the deer have left behind.

Black History Month: The Art of Horace Pippin Adult Program Friday, February 23rd 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

See how African American painter Horace Pippin's artwork reflected upon America's history of slavery, segregation, and war before learning how to paint in his unique style.

CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423- 1770

Just a Hike (On the Roads) Adult Program Sunday, February 4th 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

This 4-mile, on road moderately paced walk affords walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and enjoy the park's beauty.

Maple Sugaring Adult Program Saturday, February 17th 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

This interactive program geared for adults will teach you how to make your own maple syrup at home! [Not recommended for children.](#)

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

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Historic Club House Tours Family Program Sunday, Feb 4th & 18th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn the history of the tavern & the high society club which shaped the Preserve into what it is today.

Ice Candle Evening Adult Program Friday, Feb 9th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM **NEW!!**

We'll use hot wax and cold ice to create a unique candle for you to decorate and take home.

Black History Month: Art of Alma Thomas Adult Program Saturday, Feb 17th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **NEW!!**

Recognized as a major artist of the 20th century, Alma Thomas used color and shapes in abstract ways. Paint with us in her style!

Weather Wizards Family Program Thursday, Feb 22nd 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Ever wonder how a cloud forms or why a tornado starts? We'll uncover weather secrets with hands-on demonstrations and activities.

Hike to Hatchery Family Program Friday, February 23rd 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn the history of the Preserve's Trout Hatchery on a 1 mile hike up, then see the inner workings on a tour of the facility!

Deer Detectives Childrens Program Saturday, Feb 24th 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Explore the ways of the white-tailed deer. Become a deer detective and search for clues the deer have left behind.

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HECKSCHER STATE PARK

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Night Owl Walk Family Program Friday, February 2nd 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Who comes out at night? Walk with us through the park in search of our nocturnal neighbors!

NISSEQUOGUE RIVER STATE PARK

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Black History Month: Science Pioneers Family Program Saturday, Feb 3rd 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Foundations of modern science are known thanks to the contributions of Black Scientists. Come see exciting science experiments relating to their discoveries!

ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK

Reservations taken on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Winter Bird Walk Adult Program Sunday, Feb 25th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Winter on the beach is one of the best birding times of year! Dress for the weather and we will be walking on sand. Bring binoculars.

Free Events

Sunken Meadow State Park

- BHM Self-Guided Hike
Feb 4th All Day
- Frog & Toad Story Time
Feb 21st 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

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Black History Month: Self-Guided Hike Family Program Sunday, February 4th All Day!

FREE

10 stations along this hike feature a Black environmentalist and their contributions to science. Stop by the Nature Center for a map of the self-guided trail!

Fossil Finds Childrens Program Sunday, February 18th 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Journey through time and observe real fossils and simulate how they form. Explore how fossils are found and compare them to life today.

Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

- Valentines Day! - Feb 7th 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Counting 123 - Feb 21st 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunken Meadow State Park

- Erupting Volcanoes - Feb 1st 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- The Phases of Water - Feb 15th 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Time for Hibernation - Feb 29th 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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WHM - Womens History Month

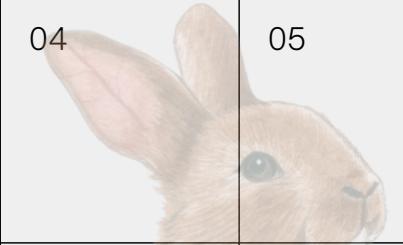
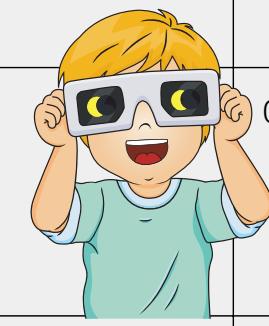
 - Upcoming Solar Eclipse Events

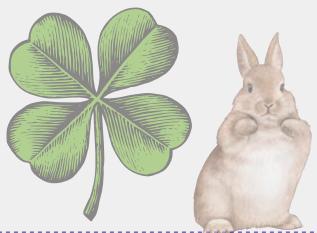


MARCH



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	01	02 CR - Adult WHM Art of Georgia O'Keefe 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CS - Family Scrap the Winter Blues Away 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
03 CM - Adult Just A Hike (Center Section) 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM CR - Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Family WHM Self-Guided Hike All Day	04 	05	06 CR - Tiny Tots Sun Fun 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	07 	08 CR - Family Solar Eclipse 101 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	09
10	11	12	13	14 SM - Tiny Tots Green Shamrocks 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	15 CR - Family Women in Space! 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	16 CM - Adult Winter Water Walk 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM CR - Childrens Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt! 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CS - Adult WHM Art of Yayoi Kusama 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
17 CR - Family Club House Tours 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Family Shamrock Bird Walk 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	18 	19	20 CR - Tiny Tots Welcome Spring 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	21	22 CR - Family Night of the Frogs 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	23 BL - Family Egg Hunt! All Day
24 CR - Family Holi T-Shirts 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM SM - Family Solar Eclipse 101 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ?	25 	26	27	28 SM - Tiny Tots Mister Golden Sun 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	29 CR - Family Solar Eclipse History 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	30 CM - Adult History of Caumsett 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM
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MARCH 2024

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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CALEB SMITH STATE PARK PRESERVE

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Scrap the Winter Blues Away Family Program Saturday, March 2nd 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Make a nature inspired scrapbook keepsake! Supplies will be provided. Bring pictures and any other special items to add to your pages.

Womens History Month: Art of Yayoi Kusama Adult Program Saturday, March 16th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM *NEW!*

Learn about the life of Japanese sculptor, painter, and fashion designer Yayoi Kusama. We'll highlight her pop art style and feminist values, then work on our own sculptures.

CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

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Just A Hike (Center Section) Adult Program Saturday, March 3rd 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

This 5 mile, moderately paced walk affords walkers the opportunity to relax, socialize, and enjoy the park's beauty.

Winter Water Walk Adult Program Saturday, March 16th 9:45 AM ~ 12:45 PM

Observe winter waterfowl, explore the beach, and also learn about ponds on this 4 mile walk to and from the water. Bring binoculars!

History of Caumsett Adult Program Saturday, March 30th 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

On this hilly 2 mile long walk we will study the park's social economic, architectural and political history.

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Womens History Month: Art of Georgia O'Keefe Adult Program Saturday, Mar 2nd 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM *NEW!*

Learn about the life of the influential modernist painter Georgia O'Keefe. And learn to paint your own work of art in her style.

Historic Club House Tours Family Program Sunday, March 3rd & 17th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn the history of the tavern & the high society club which shaped the Preserve into what it is today.

Solar Eclipse 101 Family Program Friday, March 8th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM *NEW!*

Learn about what a Solar Eclipse is, how best to view NY's upcoming Eclipse safely, and make your own viewfinder to view a total solar eclipse.

Women in Space! Family Program Friday, March 15th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Learn about the women who made our space achievements possible. Then join us for some stargazing!

Leprechaun Treasure Hunt! Childrens Program Saturday, March 16th 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Leprechauns hide their gold all over the forest for park patrons to find! Explore the Preserve and see what they left behind!

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Night of the Frogs Adult Program Friday, March 22nd 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Frogs, toads, and salamanders wake up early! Explore the park at night in search of amphibians getting ready to welcome spring!

Holi T-Shirts Family Program Sunday, March 24th 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM *NEW!*

Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors, marks the beginning of spring! Although we won't be throwing colorful powder, we will be creating colorful works of art on T-shirts to take home. All materials will be provided.

Solar Eclipse History Family Program Friday, March 29th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

What would you do if the Sun disappeared? Learn about how cultures around the world have experienced Solar Eclipses throughout human history.

Tiny Tots Programs!

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3 - 5.

Connetquot River State Park Preserve

- Sun Fun - Mar 6th 10 AM - 11 AM
- Welcome Spring! - Mar 20th 10 AM - 11 AM

Sunken Meadow State Park

- Green Shamrocks - Mar 14th 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Mister Golden Sun - Mar 28th 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Womens History: Self-Guided Hike Family Program Sunday, March 3rd All Day!

FREE

10 stations along this hike feature a Female environmentalist and their contributions to science. Stop by the Nature Center for a map of the self-guided trail!

Shamrock Bird Walk Family Program Sunday, March 17th 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Bundle up and join us for some late winter birding at the park! On this brisk stroll along the beach, marsh, and creek, we will discover the birds that make Sunken Meadow their home for the winter.

Solar Eclipse 101 Family Program Friday, March 24th 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM *NEW!*

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Free Events

Belmont Lake State Park

Egg Hunt Festival! - March 23rd All Day

Sunken Meadow State Park

Women's History: Self-Guided Hike Mar 3rd - All Day