

William Floyd Estate Summer Programs 2010

Fire Island
National Seashore



William Floyd Estate

May 28 - November 14, 2010

Friday - Sunday & Holidays

Grounds: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Old Mastic House: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

631-399-2030

Free self-guiding pamphlets for the outbuilding area and family cemetery are available at the Old Mastic House until 4:00 p.m.

Plan to spend at least 2 hours at the William Floyd Estate to see the house, grounds and family cemetery.

Ranger-Conducted Programs

Old Mastic House Tour

May 28 - November 14, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday - Sunday & Holidays **Tours are limited to 8 people.**

Visit the historic home of William Floyd and be guided through multiple generations of change from the 1720s to the 1970s. This free 1 hour guided tour of the furnished 25-room house is offered every half-hour. Last tour leaves at 4:00 p.m.

The Old Mastic House is only available by guided tour.

Old Mastic Bird Walks

May 2, 23, & November 21 9:00 a.m.

Bring binoculars on a 3 mile walk through the woods, fields, and wetlands of the property. A good variety of birds will be seen as we walk the varied habitats. It's peak migration time for thousands of birds heading north or south.

Cultural Landscape Walking Tour

May 15, November 6 10:00 a.m.

What's a cultural landscape all about? On this Estate it's about how the Floyd family manipulated, changed, and adapted their land for various uses. The land changed from a plantation and working farm to a summer estate and hunting preserve. On this guided walk, we will look for the evidence of these changes history left behind.

Trees, Wood and Tools:

The Colonial Uses of Wood

June 5, October 23 10:00 a.m. **Reservations required.**

This is a unique introduction to the trees, tools, and woods of the Colonial Period in New York. The Floyd Family used the pristine forests to build their beloved "Old Mastic House" and all of their barns and outbuildings. Samples of wood and tools used by the Floyds and their carpenters will be shown and explained. Weather permitting; a walk will be conducted to view specific types of trees that were used for various purposes by the Floyd Family.

Old Mastic House: *A Simple Architectural Study*

June 19, October 9 10:00 a.m. **Reservations required.**

Visitors will be given a simple architectural review of the Old Mastic House. Colonial, Victorian and Greek Revival architecture, among other styles, are all represented here and each will be seen and explained. Eighteenth century doors, post and beam framing and 12 over 12 windows are just some of the details to be examined.

Floyd Junior Ranger Programs

July 2, 9, 16 & August 6, 13, 20 10:00 a.m.

(Children 8-12 years) **Reservations required.**

Be a part of the Junior Ranger program at the William Floyd Estate. Our Junior Ranger team presents a different program each week. After 3 Fridays, participating children will earn a Declaration of Independence and a patch. **1 hour.**

The Summer Gunner: *The Art and Lore of Traditional Decoy Carving*

July 3, August 21, September 11 11:00 a.m.

Join decoy carver Jaime Reason on the front porch of the Old Mastic House to learn about carving shorebirds and ducks by hand. Find out about the history of waterfowl hunting in the local bays and the rich traditions of local carvers.

He Dared To Sign: *William Floyd*

July 4 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.

William Floyd was born in the Old Mastic House and inherited it. He was a wealthy plantation owner, yet he dared to sign the Declaration of Independence. For doing so he risked losing his house, property, and his head. But did he really sign on July 4th? Find out about this man and the other signers.

The Old West Lane Walk

July 17 10:00 a.m.

This leisurely nature stroll along the Old West Lane will point out trees, shrubs, flowers, and birds along the road. The road basically follows one of the early entrance roads into the Estate.

Documents in Stone

September 18, October 30 10:00 a.m. **Reservations required.**

It's a unique introduction to genealogical research. Visitors are shown a variety of ways to learn about grave markers from the materials they were made of to foot stones to kinship to burial characteristics. Learn about the origins of the "Deaths Head" and take a grave stone rubbing home.

*Call 631-399-2030 to make your
reservations for any special programs.*