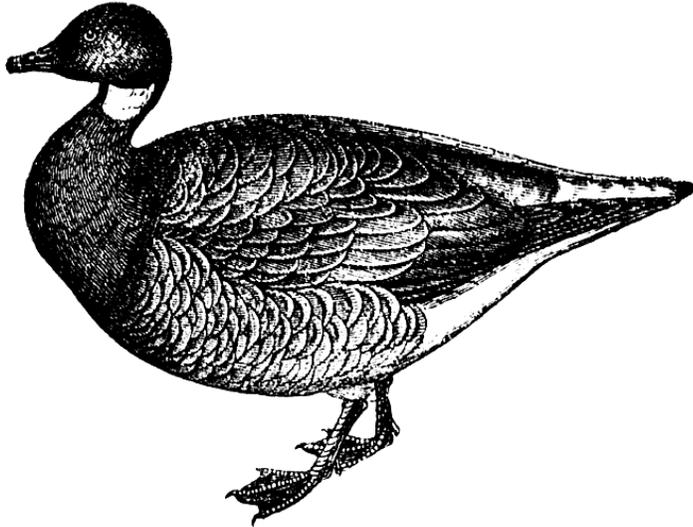




Visitor Programs and Events – Autumn 2011

Jamaica Bay Unit



What's With The ♥?

Gateway's programs are wonderful ways to stimulate your mind and your senses, but did you know that many of them provide fantastic opportunities to get some exercise? Our hikes, service projects, and paddles are great ways to get your heart going, while you enjoy the natural beauty and historic treasures that surround you. Just look for the ♥ next to the program listing for programs that require walks of a mile or more, or moderate physical exertion, and let Gateway pump you up!

International Coastal Cleanup Day

Sites Around Jamaica Bay
Saturday, September 17

Celebrate International Beach Cleanup Day by volunteering to help clean the shoreline of Jamaica Bay, and the beaches of Rockaway. Groups are welcome. Bring work gloves, sun/insect protection. Wear waterproof boots or old sneakers.

For information and schedule of beaches, call Natalie at American Littoral Society (718) 474 – 2643; e-mail: alsbeach@nyc.rr.com Once you have chosen a site, you will help to clean and document litter at our beaches.

Herbert Johnson Lecture Series:

New Findings in an Old Bay

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Wednesdays in October
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Learn about the ongoing research projects happening right now in Jamaica Bay. Learn what the scientist discover before it is even in print!

Ryan Visitor Center Re-opening and "Winnie Mae"

Unveiling

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12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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Gateway – Jamaica Bay Partner Programs

Visit our partner's websites, to find out what programs they're offering this fall!

Floyd Bennett Garden Association

Have a "Green Thumb?" Learn to garden at public gardening workshops. Find out about the Floyd Bennett Garden Association:

<http://www.fbga.net/>

Rockaway Artist Alliance

Enjoy artist exhibitions and events. See the 2011 Calendar:

http://www.rockawayartistsalliance.org/exh_Calendar11.html

Rockaway Theatre Company

Have a night at the theater in Fort Tilden. See the 2011 Calendar:

<http://rockawaytheatrecompany.o>

Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise

Sunday, September 25

4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Join us for a special 3-hour narrated tour of Jamaica Bay aboard the *Golden Sunshine* out of Sheepshead Bay. Learn about the history & ecology of the bay and see migrating hawks, peregrine falcons, osprey, herons, egrets, ibis, shorebirds and waterfowl. Leaders: Mickey Cohen, Don Riepe. Cost: \$45 includes narrated tour, wine & cheese, fruit, snacks. For more information call the American Littoral Society (718) 318-9344 or e-mail: donriep@gmail.com. This program is an American Littoral Society and Gateway NRA partnership.

September

Stars by the Shore

Fort Tilden

Building 1

Saturday, September 3,

8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Join the Amateur Astronomers Association on Saturday nights in Gateway NRA. Look for the moon, Saturn and Jupiter. Learn about the Summer Triangle and Double Star Albireo. Telescopes will be provided but more binoculars or telescopes are always welcome. Rain Date: Sunday, September 4, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. Weather permitting, clear or partly clear skies only. For more information, contact Richard Rosenberg, president@aaa.org.

Bike to the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge ♥

Canarsie Pier

Saturday, September 10

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join a Park Ranger on a bike trip along the bike path and city streets to the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge on this 7 mile round trip. Travel at a moderate pace and bring lunch. Dress for the ride, bring water and sunscreen. Space is limited; call (718) 338 – 3799 for reservations. (7 miles)

Turtle Talk: There's More than Just Terrapins at

Jamaica Bay

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, September 10

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sure, everyone sees terrapins on the trails at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, but there are other turtles there too. West Pond has snappers and painted turtles and sliders, and box turtles roam the fields and forest. Come hear the stories these turtles have to tell, and learn about new research projects on these species.

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“Vin Fiz” Bookend Reading

Floyd Bennett Field, Hangar B

Saturday, September 17

11a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visitors young and old will enjoy book readings about Cal Rodger's Record Breaking First Transcontinental Flight from Brooklyn to California on its hundredth anniversary. This event is co – sponsored with the Brooklyn Borough President's Office. For more information, call (718) 338 – 3799.

Bike Tour: Fort Tilden ♥

Floyd Bennett Field

Ranger Station

Sunday, September 18

9a.m. – 11 a.m.

Join a Park Ranger for a bike ride to Fort Tilden's Battery Harris, and return. Space is limited; call (718) 338 – 3799 for reservations. (6 miles)

Beach Plums & Goldenrod at Plumb Beach ♥

Plumb Beach Roundhouse

Sunday, September 18

12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

The shifting dunes, classic salt marsh, and extensive mud flats of Plumb Beach are dynamic, ever-changing habitats for myriad seashore species. During September, hundreds of native Beach Plums are in full fruit and provide an opportunity for some tasty sampling. Explore this fascinating area with American Littoral Society naturalist, Mickey Maxwell Cohen. This is an American Littoral Society / Gateway NRA Partnership Program. (3 miles)

Walking Tour: Ft. Tilden ♥

Meet at Ft. Tilden Flagpole

Saturday, September 24

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join a park ranger for this walking tour along Shore Rd., and through the back fort, to discover the hidden history of this former coastal defense post. (2 miles)

Photography and the Art of Seeing

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, September 24

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Join photographer Johann Schumacher for a Photo Workshop. Investigate the visual vocabulary of design, light, color, composition, gesture, pattern and rhythm. Then head outdoors to explore the West pond and find your personal vision. Are you traveling to the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge by subway? Meet a park ranger at the IND “A” Subway, Broad Channel Station at 1:30 p.m. and walk together.

Early Autumn Beach Walk ♥

Congressman Joseph P.
Addabbo Bridge
West Parking Lot
Sunday, September 25
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The beach is a dynamic habitat that provides enjoyment for humans and a home for wildlife in every season. Join a park ranger for a guided nature walk and enjoy the beach in autumn. Meet local plants and animals up close and see how they are preparing for the change of season.

October

Stars by the Shore

Fort Tilden
Building 1
Saturday, October 1
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Join the Amateur Astronomers Association on Saturday nights in Gateway NRA. Look for the moon, Saturn, Venus and Jupiter. Learn about the Andromeda Galaxy. Telescopes will be provided but more binoculars or telescopes are always welcome. Rain Date: Sunday, October 2, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. For more information contact Richard Rosenberg, president@aaa.org

NYC Audubon Raptor Migration Walk ♥

Fort Tilden, Bldg. 1
Sunday, October 9
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Hike along the beach, dune and wooded areas. Visit the Hawk Watch platform for great views of birds and NY Harbor. (1.5 miles)

Seining the Gulf Stream

Floyd Bennett Field
Main Entrance Ranger Station
Parking Area
Saturday, October 15
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

October often brings the warm water of the Gulf Stream into Jamaica Bay, and along with it, interesting, southern marine creatures. Seine and sample the bay's living treasures with American Littoral Society naturalist, Mickey Maxwell Cohen. Carpool to the program site at the historic seaplane ramp. We'll supply the nets and waders in a variety of sizes.

The Famous Flyers of Floyd Bennett Field

Floyd Bennett Field
Hangar B
Sunday, October 16
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join a park ranger to see the historic airplanes in Hangar B, and find out about some of the famous pilots associated with them.

Lantern Tour of Hangar B

Floyd Bennett Field
Hangar B
Saturday, October 29
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join a Park Ranger and learn about the famous and the infamous people, planes and historic moments in aviation history. Space is limited; call (718) 338 – 3799 for reservations.

November

Bike Around Floyd Bennett Field ♥

Floyd Bennett Field
Ranger Station
Saturday, November 5
10 a.m. – 1p.m.

Join a Park Ranger and enjoy the sites of Floyd Bennett Field on this 4 mile trip. Travel at a moderate pace and break for lunch at Hangar B. Dress for the ride, bring water and sunscreen. Space is limited; call (718) 338 – 3799 for reservations. (4 miles)

Stars by the Shore

Fort Tilden, building 1
Saturday, November 5,
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Join the Amateur Astronomers Association on Saturday nights in Gateway NRA. Look for the moon, Venus, Mercury and Jupiter. Learn about Pleiades, Hyades and the Alpha Persei Star Clusters. Telescopes will be provided but more binoculars or telescopes are always welcome. Rain Date: Sunday, November 6, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Daylight Savings Ends). For more information contact Richard Rosenberg, president@aaa.org

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Hike the Trails of the North Forty Natural Area ♥

Floyd Bennett Field
Main Entrance Ranger Station
Saturday, November 12
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join American Littoral Society naturalist, Mickey Maxwell Cohen and discover the birds, wildflowers, autumn fruits and foliage in this developing coastal woodland. Participants will carpool to the program site at Floyd Bennett Field. (3 miles)

Wild Waterfowl and Hawks, Too ♥

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, November 13
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The early waterfowl are back from their Arctic breeding grounds and hawks soar over the refuge lands. Walk the West Pond Trail with naturalist Ron Bourque and practice spotting, identifying, and observing these birds. (2 miles)

NYC Audubon Winter Waterfowl Workshop

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Visitor Center
Saturday, November 19
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

View a slide presentation on waterfowl identification then hike around the West Pond with naturalist Don Riepe to look for snow geese, brant geese, bufflehead, and many species of wintering ducks. (1.7 miles)

Rockaway Artist Alliance

RAA presents its annual free interactive Fright Fest in Studio 7. On Saturday, October 29 through Monday, October 31, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the public will be welcomed into “Toyland” at their own risk. Our Artists, musicians and volunteers spend countless hours devising a netherworld of freakish entertainment for all ages to celebrate Halloween.

The Rockaway Artists Alliance (RAA) invites all artists to call upon their wide artistic vision, talent and imagination to join in *Artsplash 2011*, a vibrant juried exhibition of original works, is a major showcase for the visual and performing arts. This exhibition is open to all media. Deadline to enter *Artsplash 2011*: August, 5.

Inksplash 2011 is a juried exhibition of original print works by master printmakers in a changing world, including intaglio, monoprint, and original experimental technique. Deadline to enter *Inksplash 2011*: September 9, 2011

For more information and to enter either *Artsplash 2011* or *Inksplash 2011* click the download the prospectus and entry forms. Forms are also available at studio 6 & 7 galleries in Gateway National Recreation Area, Fort Tilden, NY.

For our final show of the year, RAA invites all members to help shape *Gifted 2011* and showcase the very best from our artists. Gifted, a members-only juried exhibition is open to all media including drawing, mixed media, photography, painting, watercolor, cartoon, video, textile work, poetry and literature, sculpture, dance, music, performance and more. This is a perfect exhibition for a dazzling December dash of talent, imagination and artistic skill. *Gifted* runs from November 19 to December 18.

Jamaica Bay Continuing Programs:

Fabric Aircraft

Floyd Bennett Field
Hangar B
Saturdays
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join a Volunteer in Park and learn how to fabric an aircraft, the “old fashioned way,” using needle and thread.

Group Tours of the Historic Aircraft Restoration Project

Floyd Bennett Field
Hangar B
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1p.m.
Learn about the historic aircraft at Hangar B on a guided tour. Reservations are required. Call (718) 338 – 3799.

Historic Aircraft Restoration Project

Floyd Bennett Field
Hangar B
Tuesdays, Thursdays,
Saturdays
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Observe park volunteers as they restore vintage aircraft from Floyd Bennett Field’s past.

Kayak Fishing with a Ranger ♥

Floyd Bennett Field
Seaplane Ramp
Tuesdays
September 6, 13, 20, and 27
6 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
Bring your fishing gear and dress to get wet. Kayaks, personal floatation devices, and paddles will be provided. Space is limited; call (718) 338 – 3799 for reservations.

Observing the Night Sky

Floyd Bennett Field
Radio Controlled Flying Field
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Fridays
September 16, October 7 and November 4
Weather permitting, clear or partly clear skies only. Join the Amateur Astronomer Association and learn about the night sky. Dress for the weather. Telescopes provided.

Sunrise Paddle ♥

Floyd Bennett Field
Seaplane Ramp
Thursdays
September 8, 15, and 22
6 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
Join a Park Ranger before going to work for this short energetic paddle. Kayaks, personal floatation devices, and paddles will be provided. Space is limited; call (718) 338 – 3799 for reservations. (3 miles)