



## Visitor Programs and Events – Summer 2014

### New York *Jamaica Bay*

#### Gateway Photo Contest: Tell a Story with a Picture

Enter the Gateway Photography Contest held during the month of July. Pictures must be recent (within the current year) and must tell some part of Gateway's story relating to the park and its history.

The Interpretive themes for Gateway are:

- The Natural Wonders, Dynamics and Challenges of an Urban Estuary
- Two Centuries of National Defense
- Maritime Heritage
- Recreation and Education: Quality of Life for All Visitors

In addition to these main themes told by the park, other themes and stories are possible, including:

- Birds, mammals, sea life, critters and botany of Gateway: Nature against the backdrop of New York City metro area
- Visitors enjoying and exploring Gateway, especially demonstrating its cultural ethnic mix.
- Sustainable design, meteorology and geographic information with park context

*Please check the webpage for the complete Interpretive Themes.*

Points will be scored by pictures that tell a story and are readily apparent to be taken at the park, demonstrating one of the stories. The overall theme will be nature/people/ park images against the backdrop of New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

We will receive submissions during July; winners will be announced at the end of August. There will be an exhibit at the

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in September, which will feature the winners and the top contenders.

So while all those full frame shots of a bird on the beach, a prickly pear cactus in bloom are wonderful, more points will be scored by images that really show their context within the park and in the vicinity of the metropolitan area.

The contest entries will be judged by NPS and professional photographers. There will be modest cash prizes awarded and the winners and the top contenders will be included in the exhibit. The panel will pick the top ten or twelve best images, and then we will have Crowd Source Voting by way of Facebook, so the winners will be selected by popular vote.

Please use this letter of transmission when you email your entry to [Gateway\\_photo\\_contest@nps.gov](mailto:Gateway_photo_contest@nps.gov)

*Subject: Gateway Photo Contest Entry  
Text: To Gateway National Recreation Area*

*Please accept the attached photo for entry into the Gateway Photo Contest. I understand that by entering this photo that it will enter the Public Domain, and may be used by Gateway National Recreation Area and the NPS in promoting its programs. No photos will be sold, but may be used by the park and the NPS.*

*Submitted by  
Photo Title or Caption  
Name  
Address  
Phone number  
Verify email*

*Signed (please enter your full name)*

We are looking for pictures that tell a story and are readily apparent to have been taken at Gateway or nearby, that demonstrate people, nature, park images against the the backdrop of NY/NJ metropolitan area.

We are *not looking* for full frame shots depicting wildlife or botany that do not show the park context, nor are we looking for digitized extravagantly enhanced photos... please do not submit a picture of a horseshoe crab devouring the Empire State Building!

This is a competition... all entries will be judged by a panel made up of NPS and artist/photography experts who will select the top contenders. These top images will be posted on Facebook and the winners will be selected by popular vote.

The contest will be open from July 1, through July 31, 2014 and entries will be accepted during that month only. Adjudication and popular voting will occur during the month of August and the winners will be announced at the end of the month. The winning images and top contenders will be displayed at an exhibit at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge during September.

Prizes: First prize, \$100; second prize, \$50, third prize, \$25.

Please send in your fabulous pictures, and follow us on Facebook. We are looking to be blown away by your entries.

#### What's With The ♥?

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!

## Summer Lecture Series

The Science and Resiliency Institute's inaugural summer lecture series will highlight a range of speakers and their work as it pertains to the concept of *RESILIENCE and the Jamaica Bay Area*. It is an initiative that aims to bolster the Institute's presence in communities surrounding Jamaica Bay and to make tangible the Institute's efforts and goals. All programs will be at the Wildlife Refuge. Gretchen Ferenz of the Friends of Rockaway will be the presenter on June 28 and will present about Task 1 of the Rockefeller Project, involving the students, research assistants and themselves.

## June

### Star Gazing

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)  
Community Garden  
Brooklyn  
Friday, June 6  
8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Come gaze at the wonders of the night sky over Floyd Bennett Field with the Amateur Astronomers Association. Weather permitting; clear or partly clear skies, only. Bring bug repellent. Telescopes will be provided.

### Camp Gateway

#### Walk Up and Paddle♥

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)  
Seaplane Ramp  
Saturday, June 7  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

### Canarsie

#### Walk-up and Paddle♥

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)  
Saturday, June 7  
1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

### Junior Ranger: Take a Hike♥

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge,  
[Queens](#)

Saturday, June 7

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Join a ranger on National Trails Day to learn about hiking safety and the 10 Essentials! Learn about all the gear you will need to have a fun and successful hike, and then head out on the trail. Dress for the weather and wear walking shoes. Hike is weather dependent. (2 miles)

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Seaplane Ramp  
Sunday, June 8  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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### Riis Landing

#### Walk-up and Paddle♥

Riis Landing, [Queens](#)  
Sunday, June 8  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

### Full Strawberry Moon

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge,  
[Queens](#)

Friday, June 13  
8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Enjoy the night as a ranger guides you along the West Pond Trail under the full moon light. Program will be canceled if the sky is overcast. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Bring a flashlight. *2 miles*

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### Horseshoe Crab Walk

Broad Channel American Park  
Cross Bay Blvd. bet. W. 20 Rd.  
and Beach Channel, [Queens](#)  
Sunday, June 15  
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join a ranger to witness the mating ritual of these living fossils. This is also a great opportunity to view shore birds as they feed on the horseshoe crab eggs.

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### Let's Go Biking!♥

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)  
Saturday, June 21  
11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Bike to the Beach! We'll ride along multi-use paths to explore land and sea in Jamaica Bay! Single-speed bicycles and helmets provided.

Riders must be at least 5' tall.

Reservations required:

[www.nps.gov/gate/your-park-your-health.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gate/your-park-your-health.htm)

### Let's Go Kayaking!♥

Canarsie Pier Beach, [Brooklyn](#)  
Tuesday, June 24  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Be the captain of your own boat! Learn basic paddling skills and practice in the calm waters of Jamaica Bay. 30 minute sessions. Kayaks and life vests provided.

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Sunday, June 29  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

**Explore the Back Woods at Fort Tilden♥**  
Fort Tilden, Bldg. 1, **Queens**  
Sunday, June 29  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Explore the woods with American Littoral Society naturalist Mickey Maxwell Cohen to search for woodland birds, shade-loving wildflowers and little-known historic fortifications of World War II.

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## July

**Four Sparrow Marsh Paddle♥**  
Floyd Bennett Field, **Brooklyn**  
Mill Basin Kayak Launch  
Wednesday, July 2  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
See the sights on this beginner's paddle to the cloistered Four Sparrow Marsh. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. *2 miles*

**Deadhorse Bay Paddle♥**  
Gateway Marina, **Brooklyn**  
Thursday, July 3  
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. *2 miles*

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Wednesday, July 2  
2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

**Beach Campfire**  
Jacob Riis Park, **Queens**  
Boardwalk and Beach 169 Street  
Thursday, July 3  
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Join us for a National Park Service tradition, and kick off the Independence Day weekend with a beach campfire! Bring fixings for s'mores, and take part in the sing -

along! We might even spy fireworks. Bring a chair, or blanket.

**Ruffle Bar Excursion♥**  
Floyd Bennett Field, **Brooklyn**  
Seaplane Ramp  
Wednesday, July 2  
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Paddle around this large island in Jamaica Bay on this trip. Learn about the history of the island and the plants and animals that thrive there. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (5 miles)

**Kayak Skills Session**  
Riis Landing, **Queens**  
Friday, July 4  
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills each week. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate.

**Let's Go Biking! ♥**  
Floyd Bennett Field, **Brooklyn**  
Saturday, July 5  
11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Bike to the Beach! We'll ride along multi-use paths to explore land and sea in Jamaica Bay! Single-speed bicycles and helmets provided. Riders must be at least 5' tall. Reservations required:  
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**World War II Nose Art**  
Floyd Bennett Field, **Brooklyn**  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Tuesday, July 8  
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
World War II pilots painted graffiti like designs on the nose of their planes. Children join us for a visit to the Ryan Visitor Center to learn about nose art and design a nose art picture of your own.

### **Let's Go Kayaking! ♥**

Canarsie Pier Beach, [Brooklyn](#)

Tuesday July 8

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Be the captain of your own boat! Learn basic paddling skills and practice in the calm waters of Jamaica Bay. 30 minute sessions. Kayaks and life vests provided.

### **Bergen Beach Kayak Excursion♥**

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)

Wednesday, July 9

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy paddling along the scenic north shore of Jamaica Bay. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (5 miles)

### **Deadhorse Bay Paddle♥**

Gateway Marina, [Brooklyn](#)

Thursday, July 10

8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (2miles)

### **Yellow Bar Excursion♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesdays, July 9

12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Paddle to this saltmarsh at low tide and see the plants and animals that thrive there. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. 5 miles

### **Organized Group Paddling♥**

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)

Friday, July 11

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Bring your office, camp, church, school or other organized group to enjoy an afternoon of paddling. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799.

### **Sunset Eco-Cruises**

Riis Landing [Queens](#)

Tuesday, July 15, 6-8 PM

Join a ranger on a sunset cruise past bird nesting islands and verdant marshes. Expect water birds and the famous Jamaica Bay sunset.

718-474-0555 Reservations are necessary for this popular program [Americanprincesscruises.com](http://Americanprincesscruises.com) ;

\$20.00 per Adult \$15.00 children ages 5- 12 children under 5 FREE American Princess Cruises are located at Riis Landing Boarding at 5:30 PM.

### **Deadhorse Bay Paddle♥**

Gateway Marina, [Brooklyn](#)

Wednesday, July 16

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (2miles)

### **Gerritsen Creek**

#### **Kayak Excursion♥**

Gateway Marina, [Brooklyn](#)

Thursday, July 17

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy an energetic excursion up Gerritsen Creek and back. See the estuary and then cool off at the Salt Marsh Nature Center while learning about the animal exhibits and habitat with the NYC Urban Park Rangers. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (4.5 miles)

### **Fresh Creek**

#### **Kayak Excursion♥**

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)

Friday, July 18

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Explore the wild on this excursion along Fresh Creek. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (4.0 miles)

### **Kayak Skills Session♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Seaplane Ramp

Friday, July 18

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills each week. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required.

### **Summer Lecture Series**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, July 19, 1 P.M.

Speaker to be announced.

### **Let's Go Kayaking! ♥**

Canarsie Pier Beach, [Brooklyn](#)

Tuesday July 22

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Learn basic paddling skills and practice in the calm waters of Jamaica Bay. 30 minute sessions. Kayaks and life vests provided.

### **Frank Charles Park Kayak Walk-up and Shoreline Seining with the Urban Park Rangers♥**

Frank Charles Memorial Park, [Queens](#)

Wednesday, July 23

12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Paddle on the water at this walk-up program and then find out what is in the water on this guided program. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

### **Ruffle Bar Excursion♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesday, July 23

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Paddle around this large island Jamaica Bay on this trip. Learn about the history of the island and the plants and animals that thrive there. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. 5 miles

### **Camp Gateway**

#### **Walk Up and Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Seaplane Ramp

Thursday, July 24

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

### **Rockaway Cove Paddle♥**

Riis Landing, [Queens](#)

Thursday, July 24

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Rockaway Point and back – this trip, follows the scenic bay shore of Rockaway peninsula along the cove toward Rockaway Point.

Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. 2 miles

### **Epic Ride♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Aviator Sports

Saturday, July 26

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Epic Ride celebrates the Brooklyn waterfront and greenway on a 40-mile bike ride from Greenpoint to Rockaway Beach. Alternate Start location begins at Aviator Sports on Floyd Bennett Field. Register at <http://www.brooklyngreenway.org/>. (14 miles)

### **Floyd Bennett Field**

#### **Family Bike Ride♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Aviator Sports

Saturday, July 26

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Families can try out a “mini-epic” bicycle ride with a Park Ranger on a loop across Floyd Bennett Field and back along the Jamaica Bay Greenway. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (2 miles)

### **Exploring Dead Horse Bay♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Main Entrance Ranger Station

Sunday, July 27

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Hike the trails and shoreline of Dead Horse Bay with Mickey Maxwell Cohen, American Littoral Society naturalist, author of *Discovering the Trails of Dead Horse Bay*. Explore the nature and fascinating history of this little known area. Wear sturdy footwear.

### **Fun Paddle and Walk in the Park♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)

Wednesday, July 30

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy this beginner’s paddle on the outgoing tide, along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the take-out and then enjoy a guided walk back to the start. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799.

### **Deadhorse Bay Paddle♥**

Gateway Marina, [Brooklyn](#)

Thursday, July 31

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Experience Deadhorse Bay from the water, on this pleasant paddle across to Plumb Beach. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call (718) 338– 3799. (2 miles)

## **August**

### **Organized Group Paddling♥**

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)

Friday, August 1

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Bring your office, camp, church, school or other organized group to enjoy a morning of paddling. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799.

### **Kayak Skills Session**

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)

Friday, August 1

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program.

### **Let's Go Biking! ♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Saturday August 2

11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Tuesday August 5

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Be the captain of your own boat! Learn basic paddling skills and practice in the calm waters of Jamaica Bay. 30 minute sessions. Kayaks and life vests provided.

*Want to be on our email list to receive notifications and the program guide? Send a message with 'program guide' in the subject line to [Charles\\_markis@nps.gov](mailto:Charles_markis@nps.gov) to be added to our list.*

### **Bayswater Park Kayak Walk-up and Seining with the Urban Park Rangers♥**

Bayswater Park, [Queens](#)

August 6, Wednesday

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before, and discover what life thrives in the bay with the Urban Rangers. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

### **Rockaway Cove Paddle♥**

Riis Landing, [Queens](#)

Thursday, August 7

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rockaway Point and back – this trip, follows the scenic bay shore of Rockaway peninsula along the cove toward Rockaway Point.

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### **On The Home Front – WAVES**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Ryan Visitor Center

Thursday, August 7

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Join us for a lecture and power point program about the WAVES who took over jobs from men at Floyd Bennett Field during World War II.

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## Seaweeds, Seashells and More♥

Fort Tilden, [Queens](#)

Building 1

Sunday, August 10

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Hike the seashore at low tide with American Littoral Society naturalist, Mickey Maxwell Cohen, author of *Adventures at the Beach*, to look for marine life, coastal birds, and seaside plants. Binoculars, and a magnifying glass will be helpful.

## Joco Marsh Excursion♥

Bayswater Park, [Queens](#)

Wednesday, August 13

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy an energetic excursion from Bayswater Park through JoCo Creek. Immerse yourself in the estuary and visit this lovely salt marsh. NYC Urban Park Rangers will also be accompanying this paddle. Reservations required; (718) 338 – 3799. (4.5 mile)

## Junior Ranger Paddle♥

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesday, August 13

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Junior Rangers will paddle along the shore of Floyd Bennett Field and observe wildlife in action. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; (718) 338 – 3799.

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## Idlewild Park Paddle♥

Idlewild Park, [Queens](#)

Wednesday, August 20

11 a.m. – 1p.m.

Explore the salt marsh near the head of Jamaica Bay on this idyllic beginner paddle. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Birding activity will also be provided by NYC Park Rangers on shore. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (2 miles)

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## 9th Annual

### Shorebird Festival

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge,

[Queens](#)

Saturday, August 23

7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This event is a partnership program between the American Littoral Society, NYC Audubon, and Gateway National Recreation Area. Join NYC Audubon members and other birders at the annual festival during peak shorebird migration time in NYC. Meet at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge visitor center at 7am ( for early birders) to hike around the East Pond during the high tide when birds are in greatest numbers along the controlled shorelines. Others can join in at any time during the day. The event is free and open to the public.

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Wednesday, August 27  
12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Enjoy this beginner's paddle on the outgoing tide, along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the take-out and then enjoy a guided walk back to the start. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (4 miles)

### **Spring Creek Excursion♥**

North Channel Bridge, [Queens](#)  
Thursday, August 28  
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Cross open bay to explore this wild creek and salt marsh on an energetic paddle. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (6 miles)

### **Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)  
Seaplane Ramp  
Thursday, August 28  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

### **Organized Group Paddling♥**

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)  
Friday, August 29  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Bring your office, camp, church, school or other organized group to enjoy a morning of paddling. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799.

### **Kayak Skills Session**

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)  
Friday, August 29  
1p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Receive instruction and practice kayak strokes and skills. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program.

### **Beach Campfire**

Jacob Riis Park, [Queens](#)  
Bay 14, Boardwalk & Beach 169 St.  
Friday, August 29  
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Join us for a National Park Service tradition, and kick off the Labor Day weekend with a beach campfire! Bring fixings for s'mores, and take part in the sing - along! Bring a chair, or blanket.

## **Continuing Programs**

### **Awesome Osprey**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, [Queens](#)  
Daily  
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Stop by to observe our South Marsh osprey pair as they prepare to raise a family. Hear the remarkable stories of their annual migration, and their recovery in the US. Spotting scope provided for up-close views of these majestic birds of prey.

### **Let's Move Outside Junior Ranger [Queens](#)**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
June, July, August  
Let's Move Outside Jr. Rangers is a fitness initiative designed to get kids and their families to take advantage of America's outdoor with active recreation and learning in National Parks. Kids are invited to get a healthy start to a future by participating in a self-guided hike with their family at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Jr. Rangers who participate will earn a Jr. Ranger Badge while championing their motto: "explore, learn, protect"

### **Be a Bird Detective**

Saturdays, Sundays Holidays  
10-10:30 a. m. [Queens](#)  
Don't know about birds? Come and learn how to use binoculars, and checklist to see why Jamaica Bay is a special place for birds. Binoculars and field guide provided, but bring your own if you have them. Program is weather dependent.

### **Camp Gateway Ranger Adventure**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)  
Wiley Post Group Campfire Ring  
Saturday and Sunday,  
June 1 – August 31  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Join a Park Ranger for a Nature Walk and exploration on this fun program for children from 6 to 12 years old. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (1 mile)

### **Campfire Safety Program**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)  
Wiley Post Group Campfire Ring  
Saturday  
May 31 - August 30  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Learn best practices for enjoying a campfire safely. No reservation required, groups welcome.

### **Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)  
Seaplane Ramp  
Saturday and Sunday  
July 5 - August 31  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

### **Canarsie**

#### **Walk-up and Paddle♥**

Canarsie Pier, [Brooklyn](#)  
Saturday  
July 5 – August 30  
1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

## Continuing Programs (Continued)

### Family Sailing

Gateway Marina, [Brooklyn](#)

Friday

July 11 – August 22

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Families enjoy sailing and the environment of Dead Horse Bay. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799.

### H.A.R.P.

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Hangar B

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Hangar Tours

Thursday and Sundays

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Come and visit the volunteers of the Historic Aircraft Restoration Program, as they restore aircraft associated with Floyd Bennett Field's rich aviation history.

### Individual Sailing Instruction

Gateway Marina, [Brooklyn](#)

Thursdays

June 26 – August 28

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Each class consists of three consecutive sessions where participants learn the basic skills of small boat sailing. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799.

### Riis Landing

#### Walk-up and Paddle♥

Riis Landing, [Queens](#)

Sunday

July 6 – Aug 31

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult.

### Youth Group Sailing

Gateway Marina, [Brooklyn](#)

Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday

July 8 – August 28

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Groups will learn about sailing and the environment of Dead Horse Bay. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799.

## Your Park, Your Health Summer Programs♥

### Let's Go Biking!

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Saturday, June 21

Saturday, July 5

Saturday August 2

11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Bike to the Beach! We'll ride along multi-use paths to explore land and sea in Jamaica Bay! Single-speed bicycles and helmets provided.

Riders must be at least 5' tall.

Reservations required:

[www.nps.gov/gate/your-park-your-health.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gate/your-park-your-health.htm)

### Let's Go Kayaking!

Canarsie Pier Beach, [Brooklyn](#)

Tuesday, June 24

Tuesday July 8

Tuesday July 22

Tuesday August 5

Tuesday, August 19

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Be the captain of your own boat! Learn basic paddling skills and practice in the calm waters of Jamaica Bay. 30 minute sessions.

Kayaks and life vests provided.

### Let's Go Camping, Brooklyn!

Floyd Bennett Field, [Brooklyn](#)

Saturday, July 19 –

Sunday, July 20

Saturday, August 16 –

Sunday, August 17

Saturday, 4 p.m. – Sunday, 11 a.m.

Tents and trees provided! Enjoy an evening under the stars with friends old and new. Fun and adventure for all ages! Reservations required:

[www.nps.gov/gate/your-park-your-health.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gate/your-park-your-health.htm)

## Gateway Partners

### American Littoral Society

Study and conservation of marine and coastal environment.

[www.alsnyc.org](http://www.alsnyc.org)

(718) 318 – 9344

### Floyd Bennett

#### Garden Association

Have a "Green Thumb?" Learn at public gardening workshops. Find out about the Floyd Bennett

Garden Association:

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

Gateway National Recreation Area,  
or on Twitter: @GatewayNPS  
City of New York

### Department of Parks and Recreation

Sharing resources and staff for programming and preservation of park lands in New York City.

[www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) or call 311.

### Rockaway

#### Artists Alliance

260 Beach 116 Street

Rockaway Beach, NY 11694

[www.rockawayartistsalliance.com](http://www.rockawayartistsalliance.com)

(718)474-0861

[e-mail:rockart116@aol.com](mailto:rockart116@aol.com)

### Rockaway

#### Theatre Company

Have a night at the theater in Fort Tilden. See the 2013

Calendar:

[rockawaytheatrecompany.org](http://rockawaytheatrecompany.org)



## Visitor Programs and Events – Summer 2014

### New York -- *Staten Island Listings*

#### June

##### **Horseshoe Crab Walk**

Great Kills Park,  
Beach Center – Parking Lot G  
Thursday, June 12  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Join in this search at Crook's Point  
for the mysterious horseshoe crab  
while this ancient species comes  
ashore to spawn. Wear appropriate  
shoes, reservations required. Call  
(718) 354-4655.

##### **Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth**

Thursday June 12, 7:00- 9:00 PM  
Explore the historic sites of Fort by  
night. Bring a flashlight or lantern.  
Meet at the Fort Wadsworth Visitor  
Center parking lot, New York  
Avenue @ 6:45. Tours limited to 30  
people. Please call 718-338-3799 for  
reservations.

##### **Full Strawberry Moon Lantern Tour**

Friday, June 13 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
Explore Historic Fort Wadsworth  
with a ranger by the light of the  
moon. Bring a flashlight and wear  
sturdy walking shoes. Meet at the  
Visitor Center parking lot, New  
York Avenue.

##### **The U.S. Army Birthday**

Saturday, June 14 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Fort Wadsworth Scenic Overlook  
Learn some of the connections  
between the National Park Service  
and the US Army, from the late  
1800s to the present, and the NY  
Harbor defense system.

##### **Amateur Astronomers Association of New York**

Great Kills Park, Parking Lot A  
Saturday, June 21  
8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
The Staten Island Chapter of the  
Amateur Astronomer's Association  
hosts public stargazing. Inclement  
weather will cancel this program.

##### **Fort Wadsworth Camp Hudson**

Thursday, June 26-27  
1:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Enjoy kayaking (at Great Kills Park),  
marine nature study and hiking with  
National Park Rangers. Learn to pitch a  
tent, build a fire, cook and make  
smares over a fire pit. This program is  
free. All equipment will be provided -  
just bring your own food, insect  
repellent, and ice. Space is limited. Call  
(718) 354-4655 for more information  
and reservations.

##### **Seine and Search**

Fort Wadsworth,  
Campground  
Thursday, June 26  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Experience the Native American  
fishing technique known as seining  
while discovering the animals that live  
along the shore. Equipment provided.

##### **Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth**

Thursday, June 26 7:00-9:00 PM  
Explore the historic sites of the Fort by  
night. Bring a flashlight or lantern.  
Meet at the Fort Wadsworth Visitor  
Center, New York Avenue @ 6:45.  
Tours limited to 30 people. Please call  
718-338-3799 for reservations.

##### **Overnight Family and Youth Camping**

Fort Wadsworth Camp Hudson  
Friday, June 27-28  
1:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Enjoy kayaking (at Great Kills  
Park), marine nature study and  
hiking with National Park Rangers.  
Learn to pitch a tent, build a fire,  
cook and make smores over a fire  
pit. This program is free. All  
equipment will be provided - just  
bring your own food, insect  
repellent, and ice. Space is limited.  
Call (718) 354-4655 for more  
information and reservations.

##### **Goat feeding and talk**

Fort Wadsworth Overlook  
Sunday, June 29  
**Continuing program see listings.**  
11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.  
Meet at the Overlook, then walk  
along to the bottom at Battery  
Weed, where we will feed the goats  
and visitors wishing to go into their  
pen area, will be supplied with  
gloves (under 18 yrs. of age must be  
accompanied by an adult)-  
cancelled during inclement  
weather, call 718 354-4655 for  
further details.

#### July

##### **History Tour Fort Wadsworth, Overlook**

Tuesday, July 1  
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Join us for a 1.5-hour hike at Fort  
Wadsworth as we explore both the  
natural areas and the remnants of the  
former harbor defense system.  
Inclement weather will cancel the  
program. Reservations required. Call  
(718) 354-4655.

**Amateur Astronomers Association of New York**  
Great Kills Park, Parking Lot A  
Saturday, July 5  
8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
The Staten Island Chapter of the Amateur Astronomer's Association hosts public stargazing. Inclement weather will cancel this program.

**Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth**  
Thursday, July 10, 7:00- 9:00 PM  
Explore the historic sites of the Fort by night. Bring a flashlight or lantern. Meet at the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center parking lot, New York Avenue @ 6:45. Tours limited to 30 people. Please call 718-338-3799 for reservations.

**Let's Go Camping, Staten Island!**  
Fort Wadsworth,  
Saturday, July 12 –  
Sunday, July 13  
Saturday, 4 p.m. – Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Tents and trees provided! Enjoy an evening under the stars with friends old and new. Fun and adventure for all ages! Reservations required: [www.nps.gov/gate/your-park-your-health.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gate/your-park-your-health.htm)

**Full Buck Moon Lantern Tour**  
Saturday, July 12 8:00-10:00 p.m.  
Explore historic Fort Wadsworth with a ranger by the light of the moon. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy walking shoes. Meet at the visitor center parking lot, New York Avenue.

**Overnight Family and Youth Camping**  
Fort Wadsworth Camp Hudson  
Monday, July 21-22

(rain date: Tuesday, July 22)  
1:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Enjoy kayaking (at Great Kills Park), marine nature study and hiking with National Park Rangers. Learn to pitch a tent, build a fire, cook and make smores over a fire pit. This program is free. All equipment will be provided - just bring your own food, insect repellent, and ice. Space is limited. Call (718) 354-4655 for more information and reservations

**Seine and Search**  
Fort Wadsworth, Campground  
Monday, July 21  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Experience the Native American fishing technique known as seining while discovering the animals that live along the shore. All equipment will be provided.

**Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth**  
Thursday, July 24 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Explore the historic sites of Fort Wadsworth by night. Bring a flashlight or lantern. Meet at Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center parking lot on New York Avenue @ 6:45. Tours limited to 30 people. Please call 718-338-3799 for reservations.

**Overnight Family and Youth Camping**  
Fort Wadsworth Camp Hudson  
Thursday, July 24-25  
1:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.  
Enjoy kayaking (at Great Kills Park), marine nature study and hiking with National Park Rangers. Learn to pitch a tent, build a fire, cook and make smores over a fire pit. This program is free. All equipment will be provided - just bring your own food, insect repellent, and ice. Space is limited. Call (718) 354-4655 for more information and reservations.

**Seine and Search**  
Fort Wadsworth Campground  
Friday, July 25  
2:00 p.m.-3:00 pm  
Experience the Native American fishing technique known as seining while discovering the animals that live along the shore. All equipment will be provided.

## August

### Special Event: Fort Wadsworth Social History

Fort Wadsworth Overlook  
Sunday, August 3  
2:00 p.m. -Dusk  
Enjoy Living History, and various stations at the overlook (Dutch History; Free Flamenco and Tango dance lessons; Author table; Amphibians and Reptile Tanks; Botanist Station; fishing; Food Court; Goat Talks; Fort Tours; Hydrogen Space Alpha Solar Telescope-Astronomy; En Plein Air painting or Art Murals...and more. Call 718 354-4655 for information.

**Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth**  
Thursday, August 7, 7:00-9:00PM  
Explore the historic sites of Fort Wadsworth by night. Bring a flashlight or lantern. Meet at Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center parking lot, New York Avenue. @ 6:45. Tours limited to 30 people. Please call 718-338-3799 for reservations.

**Full Sturgeon Moon Lantern Tour**  
Sunday August 10, 8:00-10:00PM  
Explore historic Fort Wadsworth with a ranger by the light of the moon. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy walking shoes. Meet at the visitor center parking lot on New York Avenue.

## **Overnight Family and Youth Camping**

Fort Wadsworth Camp Hudson  
Wednesday, August 27-28  
1:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.

Enjoy kayaking (at Great Kills Park), marine nature study and hiking with National Park Rangers. Learn to pitch a tent, build a fire, cook and make smores over a fire pit.

This program is free. All equipment will be provided - just bring your own food, insect repellent, and ice. Space is limited. Call (718) 354-4655 for more information and reservations.

## **Seine and Search**

Fort Wadsworth Campground  
Wednesday, August 27  
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Experience the Native American fishing technique known as seining while discovering the animals that live along the shore. All equipment will be provided.

## **Overnight Family and Youth Camping**

Fort Wadsworth Camp Hudson  
Saturday, August 30-31  
1:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.

Enjoy kayaking (at Great Kills Park), marine nature study and hiking with National Park Rangers. Learn to pitch a tent, build a fire, cook and make smores over a fire pit.

This program is free. All equipment will be provided - just bring your own food, insect repellent, and ice. Space is limited. Call (718) 354-4655 for more information and reservations.

## **Amateur Astronomers Association of New York**

Great Kills Park,  
Saturday, August 30  
8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

The Staten Island Chapter of the Amateur Astronomer's Association hosts public stargazing. Inclement weather will cancel this program.

## **Seine and Search**

Fort Wadsworth Campground  
Wednesday, August 30  
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Experience the Native American fishing technique known as seining while discovering the animals that live along the shore. All equipment will be provided.

## **Continuing Programs**

### **Discover Fort Tompkins**

Friday-Sunday July and August  
2:00-3:00PM

Explore the little known areas of this historic Structure with a park ranger. Learn about coastal fortifications and get a glimpse of life in the 1800's. Wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the visitor center parking area, New York Avenue.

### **Battery Weed Open House**

Saturdays and Sundays, July and August 10 am-12 noon

Join a Ranger to explore the parade ground, lower casemates, and canon of Battery Weed. Learn about the history, architecture, and it's importance in the defense of New York harbor.

### **Goat feeding and talk**

Fort Wadsworth Overlook  
Sunday, June 29

Wednesday, July 2

Sunday, July 6

Sunday, July 13

Sunday July 20

Wednesday, August 6

Sunday, August 10

Wednesday, August 13

Sunday, August 17

Wednesday, August 20

Sunday, August 24

11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Meet at the Overlook, then walk along to the bottom at Battery Weed, where we will feed the goats and visitors wishing to go into their pen area, will be supplied with gloves (under 18 yrs. of age must be accompanied by an adult)-cancelled during inclement weather, call 718 354-4655 for further details.