



Jamaica Bay Visitor Programs

Spring 2008

March

Model Airplane Glow Fuel

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Tuesday, March 11
7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join the Pennsylvania Ave Radio Control Society for a discussion of the properties of glow fuels. Learn which types are suitable for your model aircraft.

Ham Radios

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Wednesday, March 12
7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join the Kings County Amateur Radio Club to find out how ham radio antennas work and get information on obtaining your ham radio license.

The Night Sky

Floyd Bennett Field
Radio Control Flying Field
Friday, March 14
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Come gaze at the wonders of the night sky over Floyd Bennett Field with the Amateur Astronomers Association. Clear or partly clear skies only. Telescopes will be provided.

The Flying Irishman: Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Saturday, March 15
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

A park ranger leads this lecture and slide program on one of aviation's most colorful characters.



Photo by Don Riepe

Jamaica Bay's beaches and shorelines are great places for "Kids in Parks" to learn about protecting the environment. Both will be celebrated during National Park Week, April 19 – 27.

Spring Greens!

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, March 16
10 a.m. – noon

It's a family affair to join a ranger on a walk to seek out signs of spring and catch sight of the spring greening. Reservations required.

Radio Control Airplanes

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Thursday, March 20
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Come join the Radio Control Society of Marine Park for an introduction to model airplanes and get tips on assembly and flying.

Tour the Tip at Breezy Point

Jacob Riis Park
Bath House
Sunday, March 23
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mickey Maxwell Cohen of the American Littoral Society leads this three mile nature walk around the wild, western tip of the Rockaway Peninsula. Participants must carpool from Jacob Riis Park to Breezy Point. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Reservations required.

April

Spring Hike at Fort Tilden

Fort Tilden
Visitor Contact Station
Saturday, April 5
10 a.m. – noon

Hike the beach with Mickey Maxwell Cohen, of the American Littoral Society, and discover the birds, crabs, seaweed, and even World War II fortifications. Bring binoculars and a hand lens. Reservations required.

NYC Audubon

Early Spring Bird Walk
Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, April 6
10 a.m. – noon

Seek out spring birds on this gentle hike around the ponds and through the gardens. Bring binoculars. Reservations required.

Model Aircraft Engines

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Tuesday, April 8
7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join the Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society to discuss the differences between turbine engines and gas piston engines for your model aircraft.

**Gateway NRA
Jamaica Bay Unit
Floyd Bennett Field
Building 69
Brooklyn, NY 11234
(718) 338 – 3338**

For Reservations:

Canarsie Pier
(718) 763 - 2202

Education Program Office
(718) 338 - 4306

Floyd Bennett Field
(718) 338 - 3799

Fort Tilden
(718) 318 - 4300

Jacob Riis Park
(718) 318 - 4300

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
(718) 318 - 4340

Plumb Beach
(718) 338 - 3799

Research Learning Center –
Jamaica Bay Institute
(718) 338 - 3338 ext. 222

Visitor Program Office
(718) 338 - 3338 ext. 224

**For information on programs at
other units of Gateway NRA,
contact:**

Staten Island Unit, New York
(718) 354 - 4500

Sandy Hook Unit, New Jersey
(732) 872 - 5970

www.nps.gov/gate

**Gateway NRA
Office of Communications and
Public Affairs**
(718) 354 - 4606

Programs are subject to change
due to weather or other concerns.
Please call the park before
attending.

Ham Radio Communication I

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Wednesday, April 9
7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join the Kings County Radio Club
for an introduction to emergency
radio communications.

Star Spangled Skies

Floyd Bennett Field
Radio Control Flying Field
Friday, April 11
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Join the Amateur Astronomers
Association and discover the celestial
wonders found in the early spring
skies. Clear or partly clear skies only.
Telescopes will be provided.

Flight of the NC-4

Fort Tilden
Visitor Contact Station
Saturday, April 12
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Join the celebration of the 89th
Anniversary of the flight of the NC –
4. Leaving from the Rockaway Naval
Air Station, now Jacob Riis Park, the
NC – 4 was the first airplane to cross
the Atlantic. Reservations required.

What Moves Birds?

Fort Tilden
Visitor Contact Station
Sunday, April 13
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Available food, a mate, temperatures,
wind, and internal clocks all affect
birds. Come observe these forces in
action during this birding walk with
park volunteer Ron Bourque. Bring
binoculars. Reservations required.

Radio Controlled Flying

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Thursday, April 17
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Radio Control Society of Marine
Park will discuss flight preparation
and demonstrate radio controlled
flying using a simulator.

National Park Week

“Kids in Parks”

April 19 – 27

Hike Floyd Bennett Field

Floyd Bennett Field
Entrance Parking Lot
Saturday, April 19
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Spring into National Park Week with
a four mile ranger-guided hike
around historic Floyd Bennett Field.
Wear comfortable shoes, bring lunch
and water. Reservations required.

**Bike Tour of Jacob Riis Park
and Fort Tilden**

Jacob Riis Park
Bath House
Saturday, April 19
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join us for a bike ride along the
boardwalk at Riis Park and through
Fort Tilden to learn the history of
these two sites. Bike and helmet
required. Reservations required.

**Sunset, Moonrise
and Woodcocks**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, April 19
7:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

The celebration of National Parks
continues with an evening visit to
your local national park, Gateway
National Recreation Area. A ranger
will lead you down the West Pond
Trail for the sunset and back with the
Pink Moon. The program ends with
a chance to witness the spring dance
of the American Woodcock. Dress
for the weather. Reservations
required.

**In This Building,
Every Day is Earth Day!**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, April 20
10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

What makes a building “green?” You
will discover that it isn’t the color on
this ranger-led tour of the visitor
contact station. We will examine the
building inside and outside.

The Art of Nature

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, April 20

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join children's book illustrator and artist Patricia Wynne to learn how to do quick drawings of wildlife, pick up ideas for a journal and tips on publishing your work. Bring a pencil and sketchpad. The program will include a book signing. Reservations required.

Earth Day Clean Up

Frank Charles Park

Tuesday, April 22

10 a.m. – noon

Make the Earth a cleaner place by lending a hand in cleaning the shorelines at Frank Charles Park. Reservations required. Call (718) 318 – 4300.

Plumb Beach

Clean up and Planting

Plumb Beach

Round House

Friday, April 25

Saturday, April 26

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Celebrate Arbor Day, Earth Day, and National Park Week by helping to clean up Plumb Beach and plant native shrubs in this fragile coastal environment. Join the National Park Service, NYCDEP, the American Littoral Society and others for this hands-on event for all ages. Groups are welcome. Wear appropriate clothes and shoes. Call (718) 318-9344.

Junior Flyers

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Saturday, April 26

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Children can continue the National Park Week celebration with this program about the magic of flight. Reservations required.

Planting with Sprouts

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, April 27

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Young sprouts (4 years and up), with their families, will explore plant parts from roots to buds, and then help with a planting project at the refuge. Reservations required.

The AKC & You

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Monday, April 28

7 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

The Kings County Kennel Club will provide information on how to register your dog with the American Kennel Club and discuss facts about dog shows and performance events.

May

Breezy Point Beach Birds

Fort Tilden

Visitor Contact Station

Saturday, May 3

9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Terns and plovers are here and nesting and feeding. Explore the nature of these beach birds with park volunteer Ron Bourque. Participants will carpool from Fort Tilden to Breezy Point. Bring binoculars. Reservations required.

The Wonder of Migrants:

From Tundra to Tropics

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, May 4

10 a.m. – noon

Birds migrating from the tropics to the tundra stop at Jamaica Bay. This ranger – led International Migratory Bird Day offering begins inside to get your bearings, then heads outside in search of migrants. Bring binoculars. Reservations required.

Stargazing at

Floyd Bennett Field

Floyd Bennett Field

Radio Control Flying Field

Friday, May 9

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Gaze at the night sky over Floyd Bennett Field with the Amateur Astronomers Association. Clear or partly clear skies only. Telescopes will be provided.

The Glory of Beach Plum

Blossoms at Plumb Beach

Plumb Beach

Round House

Saturday, May 10

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Join Mickey Maxwell Cohen of the American Littoral Society to explore this area of hundreds of beach plum blooms, shifting dunes, classic saltmarsh, and a dynamic environment. Bring binoculars and insect protection. Reservations required.

It's About the Birds!

With the Family

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, May 11

10 a.m. – noon

Bring the family (ages 8 and up) along for a little bird watching. Join a park ranger for short indoor presentation about local birds we might see, and then get out into the field to look for the birds. Bring binoculars. Reservations required.

Nicad vs. Nimh

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Tuesday, May 13

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

What kinds of batteries are best for your model aircraft transmitter and receiver? Join the Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society for a discussion on both types.

Ham Radio Communication II

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Wednesday, May 14

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join the Kings County Radio Club for a demonstration of how to set up for emergency communications.

Radio Controlled Aircraft

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Thursday, May 15

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Come learn about the different styles and models of radio controlled aircraft.

Beach Clean Up

Canarsie Pier
Ranger Station
Saturday, May 17
10 a.m. – noon

We need your help to keep our beaches clean!! Please join us as we clear debris from the shoreline. Wear old shoes and bring gloves and drinking water.

Spring Leaves and Flowers

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, May 17
10 a.m. – noon

It's time for spring leaves to be greening and spring flowers beginning. Join a park volunteer on this walk to discover spring plants at the refuge. Reservations required.

Hike the Back Fort

Fort Tilden
Fort Tilden Chapel
Saturday, May 17
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join a park ranger for a hike through Fort Tilden's variety of habitats, including visiting a maritime forest and a fresh water pond. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

Spring Migration Wander

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, May 18
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Join park volunteer Ron Bourque to wander the refuge with the warblers and other spring migrants. Bring binoculars. Reservations required.

Bike Tour of Jacob Riis Park and Fort Tilden

Jacob Riis Park
Bath House
Sunday, May 18
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join us for a bike ride along the boardwalk at Riis Park and through Fort Tilden to learn the history of these two sites. Bike and helmet required.

Full Flower Moon

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, May 18
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Observe the mating tumult of the horseshoe crab during the Full Flower Moon. Meet at the visitor contact station for an indoor presentation, then carpool to the program site at the North Channel Bridge. Wear appropriate footwear. Reservations required.

Beach Campfire

Jacob Riis Park
Bay 14 (Beach 169 St.)
Friday, May 23
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Kick off the Memorial Day weekend with a National Park Service tradition. Rangers and volunteers will give talks about the park's natural, historical and recreational treasures, in a beautiful beach setting. A sing along will follow. Bring a chair or blanket. Reservations required.

Historic Walking Tour of Jacob Riis Park

Jacob Riis Park
Bay 9 Flaggole
Saturday, May 24
10 a.m. – noon

Join a park ranger on a walking tour of historic Riis Park, and learn about its importance to recreation, from days gone by to the present.

Ocean Safety Tips

Jacob Riis Park
Bath House
Saturday, May 24
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us for a short lecture on how to protect yourself and your family in the ocean surf. These techniques could save your life.

Let's Go Fishing

Canarsie Pier
Ranger Station
Sunday, May 25
Noon – 2 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a relaxing afternoon fishing at the pier. Fishing rods will be provided or bring your own.

Ocean Safety Tips

Jacob Riis Park
Bath House
Sunday, May 25
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us for a short lecture on how to protect yourself and your family in the ocean surf. These techniques could save your life.

Rockaway Artist Alliance

Fort Tilden
Studio 6 and Studio 7
Saturdays, noon. – 5 p.m.
Sundays, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
All exhibits are free of charge. For information, call the RAA at (718) 474 0861 or visit:
www.rockawayartistsalliance.com

Structure

March 8 – March 30

Of Women

April 19 – May 18

Black and White Figures

April 19 – May 18

Rockaway Theater Company

The Rockaway Theater Company presents a selection of musicals, comedies and dramas at Fort Tilden's historic Post Theater. For additional information, including audition dates and to purchase tickets, call (718) 850-2450.

Annie

Friday and Saturday
May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 8 p.m.
May 4, 11, and 18 at 2 p.m.



Continuing Programs

Aviation at Floyd Bennett Field

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Saturdays

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

From Barnstormers to sub-hunters, find out about the “Golden Age” of Aviation and Floyd Bennett Field’s crucial role in World War II.

Aviation for Kids

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Mondays – Fridays

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

School age children will learn about aviation from its beginning and understand how planes fly. Groups are welcome. Reservations required.

Brooklyn N-Trak

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center

Sundays from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Join Brooklyn N-Trak to learn about this unique form of model railroading.

Explore NYC’s First Control Tower

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Saturdays and Sundays

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Find out about the “Golden Age” of aviation and Floyd Bennett Field’s crucial role in World War II. Get a panoramic view from the control tower.

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.

Morning Walk

Jacob Riis Park
Bay 1

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Make a commitment to health! Enjoy a brisk walk on the boardwalk of Riis Beach with a park ranger. Wear sneakers and bring water.

P.A.R.C.S. Model Aircraft

Floyd Bennett Field
Radio Controlled Flying Field

Open Daily (Weather Permitting)

Join the Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society at their “mini-airport in an airport.”



Floyd Bennett Garden Association

The Floyd Bennett Garden Association offers community gardens and educational workshops to the public at Floyd Bennett Field. For more information call the FBGA at (718) 338-4255.

Garden Grid

Ryan Visitor Center
Saturday, March 1

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Tips to design a small space garden, even if you've already planted and forgotten to leave room for additional plants.

Express Yourself Sunday

Ryan Visitor Center
Sunday, March 9

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Create a sign that uniquely identifies your garden plot. Paint and materials will be provided. Registration is required in advance; workshop is limited to 20 people.

Call 718-535-7990 or email: FBGAgardens@aol.com.

Soil Preparation Basics

Ryan Visitor Center
Saturday, April 5

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Learn how to properly prepare your soil before planting.

How Do You Grow a Community Garden?

Ryan Visitor Center
Saturday, April 12

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Come and learn which plants will invade your neighbor’s garden, where to plant that tall plant, and why good fences make good neighbors.

The Salad Garden

Ryan Visitor Center
Sunday, April 27

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

You can grow fresh garden salad vegetables into the fall and beyond. Tips for growing all of the ingredients you need, and growing tips for increased yields and extending your growing season.

Companion Planting

Ryan Visitor Center
Saturday, May 3

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Come and learn the ins and outs of companion planting. Learn which plants help each other, which plants can repel bugs, and which plants do not get along.

Wild Edibles

Community Garden Gazebo
Sunday, May 18

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Identify and munch wildflowers and greens found in the garden during this garden walk. Collect, prepare and dine on a colorful wild salad.

Lasagna Gardening

Community Garden Gazebo
Saturday, May 31

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Make double duty out of your gardening bed. Learn about this ingenious method, and grow while creating compost.

Jamaica Bay Education Programs

America's National Parks provide tremendous opportunities to educate visitors of all ages about our natural and cultural history. Gateway's Jamaica Bay Unit is no exception. Through programs such as Ecology Village teachers and students can explore park sites by participating in a variety of ranger-guided programs and teacher-led field trips. For some programs advance participation in a teacher workshop is required prior to the class visit.

There are also distance learning opportunities available online through the Teaching with Historic Places program. Lesson plans are available for many park sites, including Floyd Bennett Field.

Professional development opportunities for teachers are also available at the National Parks of New York Harbor Education Center, located at Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island.

For more information, visit:

www.nps.gov/gate/fortteachers

Concessions

Gateway National Recreation Area's concessionaires offer a variety of recreational opportunities for our visitors. For information call the numbers listed below.

Aviator Sports and Recreation

Floyd Bennett Field
Hangars 5 – 8
(718) 758 – 9800
Sports and athletic complex.

Gateway Golf

Brooklyn Golf Center
(718) 253 – 6816
Driving range and lessons.

Jacob Riis Park Golf Course

(718) 474 – 1623
18 hole par 3 "pitch and putt" golf course.

Gateway Marina

Floyd Bennett Field
(718) 252 – 8761
Boating and boat docking facilities.

Jamaica Bay Riding Academy

Bergen Beach
(718) 351 – 8949
Horseback riding and lessons.

Call for Volunteers!

Gateway National Recreation Area is seeking people interested in joining the Volunteer-In-Parks program. Gateway offers volunteers a wide variety of opportunities for service. These include assisting with public and education programming, sailing and boating programs, visitor center operations, natural resource management, historic aircraft restoration, trail maintenance, and many other activities.

Apply directly to the site where you are interested in volunteering or call our volunteer coordinator at: 718-354-4564.

Why do we ask for reservations?

The National Park Service asks for program reservations for a variety of reasons. While we do our best to accommodate everyone, group size on some programs may be limited due to capacity or to minimize impacts on the environment.

Additionally, some programs may be cancelled or changed due to issues beyond our control, including bad weather. When planning to attend a park program, please call ahead.

Coming this Summer...

Individual Sailing Instruction

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Thursdays
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

This program will provide beginner and intermediate sailing instruction. There will be a small fee to cover program cost. Space is limited; make a reservation after June 1.

Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise

Sheepshead Bay Pier 2
Sunday, June 1
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

A three hour ecology boat tour of Jamaica Bay with the American

Littoral Society. Learn about the ecology, history and wildlife of the bay. See peregrine falcon, osprey, egrets and more. Cost: \$45 includes narrated tour and onboard snacks. For reservations call: (718) 318-9344.

Youth Group Camping

Floyd Bennett Field
Ecology Village
Mondays through Thursdays
July 7 – August 28

Kids camp overnight in tents, prepare meals outdoors, practice teamwork and explore nature in the urban outback of Floyd Bennett Field. Call (718) 338-4306 for more information on leader training, fees and scheduling.

Youth Group Sailing

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
July and August
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Youth groups develop an appreciation for the marine environment while learning the basics of sailing. Program accommodates 25 participants per day. Space is limited, reservations required.



Photo by Jim Buttner

Site Map and Directions



Floyd Bennett Field

By Mass Transit: IRT #2 (also #5 at rush hours) subway to Flatbush Avenue. Transfer to Rockaway Park - bound Q-35 bus. Ask driver to let you off at the park entrance.

By Car: Belt parkway to Exit 11S; take Flatbush Avenue south to main entrance.

Fort Tilden and Jacob Riis Park

By Mass Transit: IRT #2 (also #5 at rush hours) subway to Flatbush Avenue. Transfer to Rockaway Park - bound Q-35 bus. Or take IND A subway to Rockaway Park, then transfer to Q-35 or Q-22 bus.

By Car: Belt parkway to Exit 11S; take Flatbush Avenue south across the Marine Parkway Bridge. Follow signs to either Fort Tilden or Jacob Riis Park. Or use the Cross Bay Bridge to Beach Channel Drive west.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

By Mass Transit: IND A subway to Broad Channel Station. Walk west on Noel Road to Cross Bay Boulevard. Turn right and walk about 3/4 of a mile to the Refuge Visitor Contact Station. Or take the Q-21 from Liberty Avenue (Queens) or 116th Street (Rockaway) to the Refuge entrance. Also, the Q-53 express bus from 61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Queens to the Refuge entrance.

By Car: Belt Parkway to Exit 17 S; take Cross Bay Boulevard south across the Congressman Joseph A. Addabbo (North Channel) Bridge. The Refuge entrance is approximately 1 1/2 miles past the bridge on the right. Or take the Cross Bay Bridge from Rockaway to Cross Bay Boulevard. Proceed north through Broad Channel. The Refuge entrance is approximately 1 1/2 miles from the bridge on the left.



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DO YOU NEED A PRINTED GUIDE?

Gateway is looking to serve our visitors in the most environmentally friendly way. Each year 100,000 copies of this Guide are printed using 5,000 pounds of paper. Many have suggested that we eliminate the printed version or find ways to reduce the number we print.

A complete calendar of visitor programs is available on our website: www.nps.gov/gate. This electronic calendar is frequently updated with program additions and cancellations.

We'd like to know what you think.

Please drop us an e-mail at:
gate_public_affairs@nps.gov

Or send a note to: Gateway Public Affairs Office
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The beach plums and white sands of Plumb Beach are dazzling on a sunny spring day.

Jamaica Bay truly comes alive in the spring. The beach plums bloom at Plumb Beach, the plovers and terns nest on the beaches of Breezy Point, and the horseshoe crabs make their return to the bay to lay their eggs.

The National Park Service and its partners offer a wide variety of programs throughout the season to help you discover the diversity of nature found in the most urbanized area in the country.