

**National Park Service**  
**Gateway National Recreation Area - Jamaica Bay**  
**2015 Summer Boating Programs**



For all boating programs: dress to get wet, wear shoes that will not fall off, and bring water, sunscreen and a snack. Kayaks or canoes, personal floatation devices, paddles and instruction will be provided.

“Paddles” are usually shorter trips intended for beginners, and “excursions” are longer trips intended for those who have paddled the listed distance before. “Walk-ups” and “Skills Sessions” are intended for first time paddlers, or those who wish to improve their skills and practice.

**Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Saturday and Sunday

May 23 – September 6

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. No reservation required.

**Canarsie Walk-up and Paddle**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Saturday

May 23 – September 5

1:00 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. No reservation required.

**Riis Landing Walk-up and Paddle**

Riis Landing, Queens

Sunday

May 24 – September 6

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 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.

**Individual Sailing Instruction**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursdays

June 25 – August 27

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Each class consists of three consecutive sessions where participants learn the basic skills of sailing. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

### **Youth Group Sailing**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

July 8 – August 27

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Groups will learn about sailing and the environment of Dead Horse Bay. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

### **Family Sailing**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Friday

July 10 – August 28

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Families enjoy sailing and the environment of Dead Horse Bay. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation.

### **Pennsylvania Park Paddle**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Monday

June 15

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Participants will enjoy a pleasant paddle along Jamaica Bay's North shore from Canarsie Pier to Pennsylvania Park for a hike to the top. See the stunning panorama and then paddle back. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (1.5 miles.)

### **Ruffle Bar Excursion**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesday

July 1

9:00 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 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5 miles)

### **The Big Kayak Excursion Around Floyd Bennett Field**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch at RC Flying Field,

Wednesday

July 1

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy a 4 mile paddle around Floyd Bennett Field with a National Park Service Ranger and a 1.5 mile walk back to the start. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5.5 miles)

### **Four Sparrow Marsh Paddle**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch

Thursday

July 2

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 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 for more information and to make a reservation. (2miles)

### **Rockaway Cove Paddle**

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday

July 2

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 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 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

### **Find Your Park! Fun Paddle and Walk in the Park**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch

Friday

July 3

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a beginners paddle along the shore of Floyd Bennett Field and then have a pleasant walk back to the start. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

### **Point Breeze Paddle**

Floyd Bennett field, Brooklyn

Aviation Road Beach

Monday

July 6

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Get a new perspective of Jamaica Bay, on this early evening paddle. A National Park Ranger will lead the group under the Marine Parkway Bridge to the Eastern tip of Plumb Beach. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (3 miles.)

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

Frank Charles Memorial Park, Queens

Wednesday

July 8

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 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.

**Little Egg Excursion**

North Channel Bridge, Queens

Thursday

July 9

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Have an energetic paddle with a National Park Ranger and enjoy views of saltmarsh and wildlife. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (6.75 miles)

**The Big Kayak Excursion Around Floyd Bennett Field**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch at RC Flying Field,

Wednesday

July 15

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy a 4 mile paddle around Floyd Bennett Field with a National Park Service Ranger and a 1.5 mile walk back to the start. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5.5 miles)

**Joco Marsh Excursion**

Bayswater Park, Queens

Thursday

July 16

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy an 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; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (4.5 mile)

**Kayak Skills Session**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Thursday

July 16

1:30 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 in this program. No reservation required.

**Find Your Park! North Shore Paddle**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Saturday

July 18

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy a beginners paddle along the North shore of Jamaica Bay. Visit Canarsie Park on Paedergat Basin and then paddle back to Canarsie Pier. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2.5 miles)

### **Gerritsen Creek Excursion**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday,

July 23

11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Paddle up Gerritsen Creek and back. See the estuary and then cool off at the Salt Marsh Nature Center while learning about habitat with the NYC Urban Park Rangers. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (4.5 miles)

### **Find Your Park! Fresh Creek Paddle**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Thursday

July 30

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a beginners paddle along the North shore of Jamaica Bay to Fresh Creek and then paddle back to Canarsie Pier. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2.5 miles)

### **Rockaway Cove Paddle**

Rockaway Point Kayak Launch, Queens

Thursday

July 30

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

To Riis Landing and back - This trip follows the scenic bay shore of the Rockaway peninsula along the cove toward Riis Landing from Rockaway Point. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

### **Calvert Vaux Park Exploration and Walk-up and Paddle Program**

Calvert Vaux Park, Brooklyn

Wednesday

August 5

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Have an explore with the Urban Park Rangers and be sure to paddle at the walk-up program here at this new NYC park located behind Coney Island. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Thursday

August 6

9:00 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. No reservation required.

### **Bayswater Park Walk-up and Shoreline Ecology Exploration**

Bayswater Park, Queens

Thursday

August 6

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

First time kayakers can enjoy this walk-up kayaking program and also discover with the Urban Park Rangers what lives in Jamaica Bay. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required.

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Wednesday

August 12

1:00 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. No reservation required.

### **Deadhorse Bay Paddle**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday

August 13

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 for more information and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Thursday

August 13

1:00 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. No reservation required.

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Friday

August 14

1:00 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. No reservation required.

### **Idlewild Park Walk Up and Paddle**

Idlewild Park, Queens

Thursday

August 20

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Explore the salt marsh near the head of Jamaica Bay on this walk up and paddle program. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. Birding activity will also be provided by NYC Park Rangers on shore. No reservation required.

### **Bergen Beach Paddle**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch

Friday

August 21

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The soft shoreline along Bergen beach up to Paedergat Basin is a wild habitat along the edge of the bay. Have a paddle with a National Park Ranger and see this corner of the refuge. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (3 miles)

### **Junior Ranger Paddle**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesday

August 26

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 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; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation.

### **Find Your Park! Fun Paddle and Walk in the Park**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Wednesday

August 26

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a beginners paddle along the shore of Floyd Bennett Field and then have a pleasant walk back to the start. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

### **Yellow Bar Excursion**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp,

Thursday

August 27

9:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Paddle to this saltmarsh at mid-tide and see the plants and animals that thrive there. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5 miles)

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Thursday

August 27

1:30 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. No reservation required.

### **Find Your Park! Fun Paddle and Walk in the Park**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch

Friday

August 28

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a beginners paddle along the shore of Floyd Bennett Field and then have a pleasant walk back to the start. Reservations are required; call 718 338 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

### **Kayak Skills Session**

Riis Landing, Queens

Friday

August 28

1:30 p.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. No reservation required.

### **Canarsie Pol Excursion**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Wednesday

September 2

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Paddle around this large island in Jamaica Bay on this energetic trip. Learn about the history of the islands of Jamaica Bay. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (5 miles)

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Wednesday

September 2

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 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.



**White Island Excursion**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday

September 3

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Traverse Deadhorse Bay and up Gerritsen Creek to see the habitat restoration and the creatures that call White Island home. (4.25 miles)

**Kayak Skills Session**

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday

September 3

1:30 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 in this program. No reservation required.

**Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Friday

September 4

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. No reservation required.

**Deadhorse Bay Paddle**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Friday

September 4

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 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 for more information and to make a reservation. (2 miles)