



## Visitor Programs and Events – Summer 2013

### New York (*Jamaica Bay*)

#### Partners for Our Parks



#### Arrowhead & Maple Leaf Join Hands

Last summer, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar signed an agreement between the National Park Service and the City of New York Department of Parks and Recreation – spelling out ways the two agencies will cooperatively manage 10,000 acres of federal and city-owned parks in and around Jamaica Bay to promote visitation, education programs, scientific research and recreational opportunities. By allowing the two entities to work on each other's property, combine resources and undertake joint planning, this innovative new partnership will serve to better connect urban communities to the natural beauty and history of Gateway National Recreation Area and adjacent city park lands.

Both the Urban Park Rangers of NYC and National Park Rangers have collaborated to bring programs that bridge the boundaries to and create programs jointly. We want to increase the number of programs offered over a wider area of park land so that visitors will be better served. We know you mostly don't care who sponsors or presents programs, and we know the NYC urban park rangers are just as cool as NPS rangers, so Let's Go, Get Moving Outside, and Experience Your America.

This guide includes programs that are jointly sponsored: Look for 🍷 .

Have a safe, active wonderful summer, and visit your parks!

#### There's an app for that...

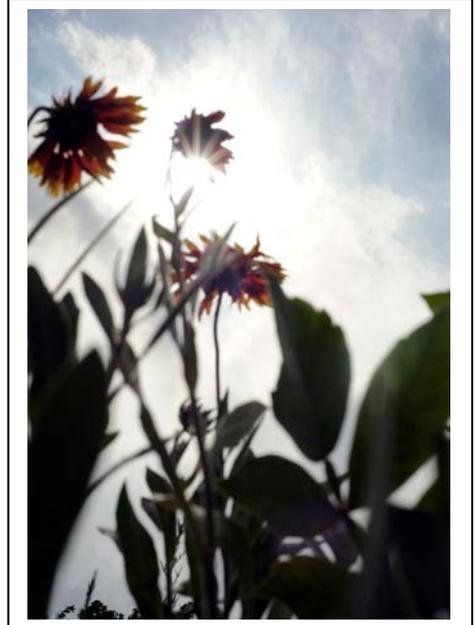
Yes, many of you know that of the 1.5 million apps (that's applications, or programs to use on a smart phone), scores--even hundreds may be used to assist you with your experiences of outdoor adventure and experiencing your America. We do not suggest that an app could ever be a satisfactory substitute for being outdoors and learning about nature, history and culture, but your apps can be used to document your discoveries and achievements, or find information and discover new parks and trails for exploration.

There are apps for health and fitness, so you may keep track of your hikes and walks, the total mileage and even the calories consumed. Use other apps to identify new trails and hikes, places to bike, kayak and canoe.

Some of you have already begun using an app for keeping your birding life list up to date. There are apps that identify birds, and also bugs, butterflies and other fauna. Take a picture with your phone's camera to keep your favorite finds. Plant identification apps are out there for all kinds of botany—wildflowers, leaves, trees--readily available for use as you trek the wilderness and see amazing flora.

And of course there are some apps for National Parks, including a really great one produced by NPS official partner, Eastern National, for Passport Stamps for National Parks, which you can use to find the location of all the Passport Stamp locations in the system; it's free. For other NPS junkies, there is the official partner National Park Foundation Photo Share app, also free, which permits you to post your fab pix for others to see.

We do not endorse or recommend any special apps, other than those offered by our official partners, but there are so many to choose from, ranging in price from free and up. Actually you do not need any of these to get outside, get moving, to discover your park and your health, and to Experience Your America, but if it takes an app to get you outside, go for it.



#### On our e-mailing list?

If you are not on our list and wish to be added to receive this publication and notices of special park events electronically, please send a message to: [Charles\\_Markis@nps.gov](mailto:Charles_Markis@nps.gov), And put 'program guide' in subject heading line.

#### 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!

## June

### Bike Around

#### Floyd Bennett Field♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Ranger Station

Sunday, June 2

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join a Park Ranger and enjoy the sites of Floyd Bennett Field on this trip. Travel at a moderate pace. Bring water, sunscreen, your own bike, helmet and dress for the ride. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (4 miles) Bus: Q35.

### Healthy Heart Beach Walk♥

Beach 106th Street & Boardwalk,  
Queens

Sunday, June 9

8 a.m. – 10 a.m. 🌳🌳

Travel with a Park Ranger for a morning walk mostly on the beach, heading west to Jacob Riis Park. Wear comfortable shoes, bring water and sunscreen. Find out about upcoming programs and amenities in the Rockaways. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (3 miles)

### Bike to the

#### Salt Marsh Nature Center♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Ryan Visitors Center

Saturday, June 15

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 🌳🌳

Join a Park Ranger on a bike trip along the bike path and city streets to the Salt Marsh Nature Center on this 3.5 mile one way trip. Travel at a moderate pace. Bring your own bike, helmet and dress for the ride; bring water and sunscreen. Once at the Salt Marsh Nature Center take a guided tour of the building with the NYC Urban Park Rangers. You'll learn about the various animal exhibits and displays about Marine Park. You can enjoy walking the .8 mile nature trail loop on your own. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information, and to reserve. (3.5 miles)

### Summer Blooms, Bugs, and Birds

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, June 15

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy a walk around the refuge as we seek out some of the sights and sounds of summer. Butterflies, wildflowers, and a variety of birds will put in appearances. You may wish to bring water and sun and insect protection (1.0 miles) Bus: Q52, Q53.

### Kids Take the Lead: Is Dead Horse Bay Dead or Alive?

Floyd Bennett Field

Building 70, Ecology Village

Saturday, June 22

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Experience what it's like to camp at New York City's first municipal airport, compost, and strap on waders to see what lives under the waters of Dead Horse Bay. Bus: Q35.

### Explore the Back Woods of Fort Tilden♥

Fort Tilden, Building 1, Queens

Saturday, June 22

10 a.m. – 12 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. (2 miles) Bus: Q22, Q35.

### Kids Take the Lead: Migration and Climate Change

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, June 23

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Grab a pair of binoculars and scope out all the different birds that stop along the ponds of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge - and maybe even see Coley, Gateway's globe-trekking osprey! Bus: Q52, Q53.

### Jamaica Bay Sunset Ecology Cruise

Meet at Pier 4, Emmons Ave., in  
Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn

Sunday, June 23

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Presented by NYC Audubon & Gateway NRA. Enjoy a three-hour narrated cruise aboard the 100-foot boat "Golden Sunshine." Visit backwater marshes near JFK Airport, and learn about the 13,000-acre Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Includes wine & cheese, fruit, snacks. To register, contact Don Riepe at (917) 371 – 8577 or donriep@gmail.com. Limited to 140 people. \$55

### Full Strawberry Moon♥

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, June 23

8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Enjoy the night as a ranger guides you along the West Pond Trail on a full moon night. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Bring a flashlight. (1.5 miles) Bus: Q52, Q53.

### Terrapins and Horseshoe Crabs♥

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, June 29

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join NYC Audubon for a hike to look for nesting diamondback terrapins as well as mating horseshoe crabs. Leader: Don Riepe. Call (718) 318 – 4340 to reserve. (2 miles) Bus: Q52, Q53.

### Let's Go

#### CAMPING !

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Saturday, June, 29 –

Sunday, June 30

Reservations Required:

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

Tents and trees provided! Enjoy an evening under the stars with friends and family. Fun and adventure for all ages!

*Did you know that there are apps that will make your smartphone function as a pedometer?*

*Floyd Bennett Garden Association  
Summer Programs (Free)*

**Sun Painted Flag,**  
Sat. Jun. 8, 2pm; Champions Gazebo

**Please Eat the Daisies**  
Sun. Jun. 9, 2pm; Champions  
Gazebo

**Planning Fall Garden**  
Sat. June 22, 2 pm. Bldg. 69

**Using Herbs**  
Sun. Jun. 30. 2pm, North Gazebo

See more info below, or go to  
[www.fbga.net](http://www.fbga.net) or 718-338-3799.  
[FBGAgardens@aol.com](mailto:FBGAgardens@aol.com). Bus: Q35.

## July

### Let's Go

#### **KAYAKING ! ♥**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Tuesday, July 2

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

#### **Camp Gateway**

##### **Walk Up and Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Wednesday, July 3

12 p.m. – 2 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. Bus: Q35.

#### **Ruffle Bar Excursion♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp,

Wednesday, July 3

5 p.m. – 8 p.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)  
Bus: Q35.

#### **Beach Campfire**

Jacob Riis Park, Queens

Boardwalk and Beach 169 Street

Wednesday, 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  
shows on Long Island, or in New  
Jersey. Bring a chair, or blanket.  
Bus: Q22, Q35.

#### **Riis Landing**

##### **Walk-up and Paddle♥**

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday, July 4

12 p.m. – 3 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. Bus: Q22,  
Q35.

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And put 'program guide' in subject  
heading line.

#### **Rockaway Cove Paddle♥**

Riis Landing, Queens

Thursday, July 4

5:30 p.m. – 8 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)  
Bus: Q22, Q35.

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Friday, July 5

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy this beginner's paddle on the  
incoming tide, along the shores of  
Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the  
Mill Basin Launch 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 for more  
information, and to make a  
reservation. (.75 miles) Bus: Q35.

#### **Let's Go**

##### **CAMPING !**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Saturday, July 6 – Sunday, July 7

Reservations Required:

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

Tents and trees provided! Enjoy an  
evening under the stars with friends  
and family. Fun and adventure for  
all ages! Bus: Q35.

#### **Healthy Heart Beach Walk♥**

Jacob Riis Park, Queens

Boardwalk Clock

Sunday, July 7

8 a.m. – 10 a.m. 🌞🌳

Travel with a Park Ranger for a 3  
mile morning walk on the beach,  
heading east to 106ths Street. Wear  
comfortable shoes, bring water and  
sunscreen. Find out about  
upcoming programs and amenities  
in the Rockaways. Reservations are  
required; call (718) 338 – 3799. Bus:  
Q22, Q35.

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)  
Wednesday, July 10  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy this beginner's paddle on the outgoing tide, along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the Seaplane Ramp 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. (.75 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Four Sparrow Marsh Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)  
Thursday, July 11  
9:30 p.m. – 12 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) Bus: Q35.

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)  
Thursday, July 11  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

See above. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (.75 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Four Sparrow Marsh Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)  
Friday, July 12  
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.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) Bus: Q35.

### **Kayak Skills Session♥**

Riis Landing, Queens  
Friday, July 12  
1 p.m. – 4 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. Bus – Q22 and Q35.

### **Creepy Crawlies**

**Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge**  
Saturday, July 13  
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The itty bitsy spider is fun to learn about, and the insects are too! Hear all about creepy crawlies during this interactive family-friendly program which includes a short walk. You may wish to bring water and sun and insect protection. Bus: Q52, Q53.

### **Let's Go**

#### **BIKING !!♥**

Jamaica Bay,  
Brooklyn & Queens  
Saturday, July 13  
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Reservations Required:

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

Bike to the beach! Follow a bicycle path from Floyd Bennett Field to Plumb Beach, then cross the bay to Riis where you can cool off with a dip in the Atlantic! Bicycles and helmets provided. Bus: Q35.

### **Let's Go**

#### **KAYAKING !♥**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn  
Tuesday, July 16  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

### **Nim and the War Effort**

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center, Golden Age Discovery Zone  
Wednesday, July 17  
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Recycling is not a new idea. During World War II, children on the home front helped the war effort by salvaging scrap. Children aged eight to nine, join us for a fun afternoon listening to a story about a young girl helping the war effort and participate in activities to learn about World War II. Bus: Q35.

### **Ruffle Bar Excursion♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Seaplane Ramp  
Wednesday, July 17  
1 p.m. – 4 p.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) Bus: Q35.

### **Gerritsen Creek**

#### **Kayak Excursion♥**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn,  
Thursday, July 18  
12 p.m. – 5 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 Marine Park displays with the NYC Urban Park Rangers. You'll even have the opportunity to go seining along the shore before kayaking back. Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (4.5 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Camp Gateway**

#### **Walk Up and Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Seaplane Ramp  
Wednesday,  
Friday, July 19

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. Bus: Q35.

### **Kayak Skills Session♥**

Riis Landing, Queens

Friday, July 19

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Receive instruction in kayaking. Children over 11 and adults are welcomed to participate in this program. No reservation required. Bus: Q22, Q35.

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

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch (Remote Control Flying Field)

Wednesday, July 24

1p.m. – 3 p.m. See above.

Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information and to reserve. (.75 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Four Sparrow Marsh Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch

(Remote Control Flying Field)

Thursday, July 25

9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 🌳🌳

Reservations required; call 718-338-3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (2 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Junior Ranger Canoe Hike♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Mill Basin Kayak Launch

(Remote Control Flying Field)

Thursday, July 25

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Get your feet wet on this beginner's paddle on the outgoing tide along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the Seaplane Ramp and then enjoy a guided walk back to the start. Open to all, ages 6 and up with an adult. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information and to reserve. (.75 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Ruffle Bar Excursion♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Friday, July 26

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information, and to make a reservation. (5 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Hike the Trails of the North Forty Natural Area**

Floyd Bennett Field

Main Entrance Ranger Station

Saturday, July 27

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join American Littoral Society naturalist, Mickey Maxwell Cohen and discover the birds, wildflowers. Participants will carpool to the program site at Floyd Bennett Field. Bring along drinking water, sun and insect protection and suitable footwear. Binoculars and a hand lens will be helpful. (2 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **NYC Audubon Shorebird and Butterfly Hike♥**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, July 27

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Meet at the Refuge visitor center for a hike to the East Pond to view migrating shorebirds. Along the way we'll look for butterflies as well. Leader: Don Riepe. Call (718) 318 – 4340 to reserve. (1.5 miles) Bus: Q52, Q53.

### **Epic Ride♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Aviator Sports

Saturday, July 27

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 🌳🌳

The Epic Ride celebrates the Brooklyn waterfront and greenway on a 14-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) Bus: Q35.

### **Floyd Bennett Field**

#### **“Mini – epic” Bike Ride♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Aviator Sports

Saturday, July 27

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 for more information, and to make a reservation. (2 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Jamaica Bay Origami**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, July 28

1p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Did you know that origami came from the Japanese words “Oru” meaning “to fold” and “Kami” meaning “paper?” Learn more about this relaxing art and create some animals found in and around Jamaica Bay. Bus: Q52, Q53.

### **Let's Go**

#### **KAYAKING ! ♥**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Tuesday, July 30

5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

## **August**

### **Gerritsen Creek**

#### **Kayak Excursion♥**

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn

Thursday, August 1

12 p.m. – 5 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 Marine Park displays with the NYC Urban Park Rangers. You'll even have the opportunity to go seining along the shore before kayaking back. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information and to make a reservation. (4.5 miles) Bus: Q35.

### **Kayak Skills Session♥**

Riis Landing, Queens

Friday, August 2

1 p.m. – 4 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. Bus: Q22, Q35.

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Rockaway, Queens

Sunday, August 4

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### **JoCo Salt Marsh Excursion from Bayswater Park♥**

Bayswater Park, Queens,

Wednesday, August 7

8 a.m. – 11 a.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; call (718)338 – 3799. (4.5 mile)

## **Camp Gateway**

### **Walk Up and Paddle♥**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Wednesday, August 7

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open all, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservation required. Bus: Q35.

### **Bayswater**

#### **Walk-up and Paddle♥**

Bayswater Park, Queens

Thursday, August 8

3 p.m. – 7 p.m. 🌳🌳

Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservations required. As you wait to launch, you can also enjoy exploring the beach ecology of the bay shore with the NYC Urban Park Rangers on site. Reservations required; call (718)338 – 3799.

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Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Seaplane Ramp

Friday, August 9

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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### **CAMPING !**

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Saturday, August 10 –

Sunday, August 11

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### **Canarsie Pol Excursion♥**

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn

Wednesday, August 14

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Paddle around this large island in Jamaica Bay. Learn about the history of the islands of Jamaica Bay. Reservations required; call (718)338 – 3799. (5 miles)

### **Idlewild Park Paddle♥**

Idlewild Park, Queens

Thursday, August 15

2 p.m. – 4 p.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 for more information and to make a reservation. (2 miles)

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## Let's Go BIKING !♥

Jamaica Bay, Brooklyn & Queens  
Saturday, August 17  
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
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## Four Sparrow Marsh Paddle♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Mill Basin Kayak Launch  
Wednesday, August 21  
8 a.m. – 10 a.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. (2miles) Bus: Q35.

## Fun Paddle and Walk in the Park♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Mill Basin Kayak Launch  
(Remote Control Flying Field)  
Wednesday, August 21  
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
Enjoy this beginner's paddle on the outgoing tide, along the shores of Floyd Bennett Field. Land at the Seaplane Ramp 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. (.75 miles) Bus: Q35.

## Bayswater

### Walk-up and Paddle♥

Bayswater Park, Queens  
Thursday, August 22  
3 p.m. – 7 p.m. 🌿🌿  
Kayak tryouts for those who have never done it before. Open to the public, ages 6 and up with an adult. No reservations required. As you wait to launch, you can also enjoy exploring the beach ecology of the bay shore with the NYC Urban Park Rangers on site. Reservations required; call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information and to make a reservation.

## Camp Gateway

### Walk Up and Paddle♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Seaplane Ramp  
Friday, August 23  
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. Bus: Q35.

### Kayak Skills Session♥

Riis Landing, Queens  
Friday, August 23  
1 p.m. – 4 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. Bus: Q22, Q35.

## Seaweeds, Seashells and More♥

Fort Tilden, Building 1  
Saturday, August 24  
10 a.m. – 12 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. (2miles) Bus: Q22, Q35.

## 8th Annual Shorebird Festival

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
August 24  
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Our annual program for birders in the tri-state area. Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge is internationally known as an important shorebird migration stopover hotspot. This all-day workshop will focus on identification, ecology and enjoyment of this special group of birds. Leaders; Kevin Karlson, Don Riepe, Lloyd Spitalnik and several other expert guides. To reserve call the refuge at (718) 318 – 4340 or e-mail: [donriepe@gmail.com](mailto:donriepe@gmail.com) Bus: Q52, Q53.

*Are you recording your life bird list on your smartphone?*

## Jamaica Bay Origami

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
Saturday, August 24  
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Did you know that origami came from the Japanese words “Oru” meaning “to fold” and “Kami” meaning “paper”? Learn more about this relaxing art and create some animals found in and around Jamaica Bay. Bus: Q52, Q53.

## Camp Gateway Walk Up and Paddle♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Seaplane Ramp  
Wednesday, August 28  
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. Bus: Q35.

## Idlewild Park Paddle♥

Idlewild Park, Queens  
Thursday, August 29  
2 p.m. – 4 p.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)

## Kayak Skills Session♥

Riis Landing, Queens  
Friday, August 30  
1p.m. – 4 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 reservations required. Bus – Q22 and Q35.

## Beach Campfire

Jacob Riis Park, Queens  
Boardwalk and Beach 169 Street  
Friday, August 30  
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. Bus – Q22 and Q35.

## Continuing Programs

### A Walk in the Park♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Mondays, Wednesdays and  
Fridays

May 6 – June 28

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Enjoy a heart healthy roundtrip walk along the Hangar Row Historic District from the historic airport terminal at the Ryan Visitor Center to the Ranger Station and back. Meet at 10 am return by 11 am. No reservations required. Groups welcome. (1.25 miles) Bus: Q35.

### Awesome Osprey

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
Queens

Daily

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays  
Stop by to observe our South Marsh osprey pair as they prepare to raise a family. Hear the remarkable stories of their annual long-distance migrations and their recovery in the US. Spotting scope provided for up-close views of these majestic birds of prey. Bus: Q 52, Q53.

### Camp Gateway

#### Ranger Adventure♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Wiley Post Group Campfire Ring  
Saturdays and Sundays,  
June 1 – September 1

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Join a Park Ranger for a nature walk, interactive games and exploration on this fun program for children from 6 to 12 years old. Programs vary. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. (1 mile) Bus: Q35.

### Campfire Safety Program

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Wiley Post Campground  
Group Campfire Ring  
Saturdays

June 1 – August 31

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Learn best practices for enjoying a campfire safely. No reservations required. Groups welcome. Bus: Q35.

### Camp Gateway

#### Walk Up and Paddle♥

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Seaplane Ramp  
Saturdays and Sundays

July 6 – 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. No reservation required. Bus: Q35.

### Canarsie

#### Walk-up and Paddle♥

Canarsie Pier, Brooklyn  
Saturdays

July 6 – August 31

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. No reservation required.

### Family Sailing

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn  
Fridays

July 12 – August 23

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Families enjoy sailing and the environment of Dead Horse Bay. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. Bus: Q35.

### Fly Casting

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Quarters “A” Field  
5 consecutive Sundays

May 19 – June 16

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Learn the art of Fly Casting. Reservations required, call (917) 620 – 8411 for more information or to make a reservation. Bus: Q35.

### H.A.R.P.

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Hangar B

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Hangar Tours

Thursdays – 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. Bus: Q35.

### Individual Sailing

#### Instruction

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn  
Thursdays

June 27 – August 29

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Each class consists of three consecutive sessions where participants learn the basic skills of sailing. There is a \$50 fee for this program. Reservations are required; call (718) 338 – 3799. Bus: Q35.

### Family Camping in the Urban Outback

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn  
Ecology Village Campgrounds  
July 6 – 7

July 20 – 21

August 3 – 4

August 17 – 18

August 31 – September 1

September 14 – 15

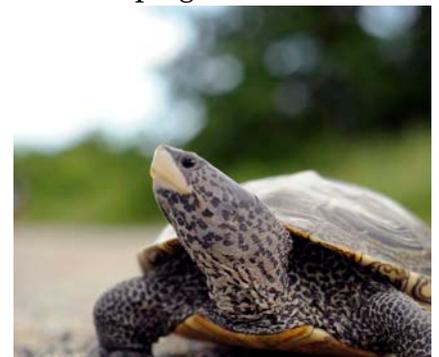
September 28 – 29

Check in Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Check out Sundays, 12 p.m.

Learn to pitch a tent, build a fire, and cook out like a pioneer. Make some s’mores, tell some stories, and sleep under the stars. Enjoy kayaking, marine nature study, and hiking with National Park Service rangers. Bring the whole family: parents, kids, grandparents! The program is free, but reservations are required, and space is limited. For information and reservations, please call (718) 338 – 3338 extension 274, or (718) 338 – 4306.

*There are apps that can be used to find campgrounds, and you can even make reservations online for your next camping adventure.*



## Continuing Programs (Continued)

### Riis Landing Walk-up and Paddle♥

Riis Landing, Queens  
Sundays

July 7 – September 1

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. No reservation required. Bus: Q22, Q35.

### Youth Group Sailing

Gateway Marina, Brooklyn  
Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday

July 9 – August 29

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 for more information, and to make a reservation. Bus: Q35.

## Floyd Bennett Garden Association

This schedule is subject to change. Check by calling (718) 338 – 3799, checking the FBGA website [www.fbga.net](http://www.fbga.net), or the bulletin board at Floyd Bennett Community Garden. Bus: Q35.

### Sun Painted Flag

Champions of Courage Gazebo  
Saturday, June 8

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Learn to use natural materials to create a one of a kind flag, using sun-sensitive paints. Minimum age, 10 years old. Please bring leaves, pine cones, ferns and any other items you would like imprinted on your project. In the event of rain or strong winds, this workshop will be rescheduled for June 29.

Registration required in advance – workshop size is limited. Call (718) 338 – 3799 or, e – mail [FBGAgardens@aol.com](mailto:FBGAgardens@aol.com)

### Please Eat the Daisies

Champions of Courage Gazebo  
Sunday, June 9

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Take a garden walk to discover edible wildflowers, greens and berries, then prepare and dine on a delicious and colorful wild salad. Learn to love weeds!

### Planning Your Fall Garden

Building 69 Conference Room  
Saturday, June 22

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Your garden can produce for you well into December, and beyond! Join us to learn what you can plant as the summer crops fade. We will also discuss methods for extend the season such as row covers and cold frames.

### Using Herbs

Community Garden  
North Gazebo

Sunday, June 30

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Find out the many ways to use the herbs that you've grown. This workshop will cover cooking with herbs, natural insect repellents that can be made with herbs and medicinal uses of common herbs.

## 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/>

### 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)

**Your Park, Your Health offers special introductory programs. These are perfect for new people who want to get involved in activities out of doors: Programs are free.**

**Look for these entries:**

**Let's Go**

**BIKING !♥**

**Let's go**

**CAMPING**

**Let's Go**

**KAYAKING !♥**

# New York (Staten Island) Summer Programs

## Fort Tompkins Tour

Fort Wadsworth, Building 120

Staten Island

Sunday, June 16

10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Bring Dad to Fort Tompkins on Father's Day. Explore a Third System fort.

Learn about the soldiers who lived and worked in the fort protecting New York Harbor. Bus: S51, S53

## Fort Kids Take the Lead: Sentinels of Our Shores

Fort Wadsworth, Building 120

Staten Island

Saturday, June 22

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Kids, did you come with your class for *Sentinels of our Shore*? Do you want to show your parents and friends what you learned? *Kids Take the Lead* is your chance to tell us why so many forts were built around New York harbor. Show them how you defend New York by firing air-powered cannons. Meet by the cannon outside building 120 New York Ave. Bus: S51 and S53

## Lantern Tour at Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth, Building 120

Staten Island

Thursday, June 27

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join us to explore historic Fort Tompkins by candlelight. Please make your reservations early for this popular tour by calling (718) 338 – 3799. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

Bus: S51, S53

Arts, with public funding by the New York State Council on the Arts. If it rains program will move indoors. Bring a lawn chair! Bus: S51, S53

## Let's Go CAMPING!♥

Fort Wadsworth in Staten Island

Saturday, August 20 – Sunday, August 21

Reservations Required:

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

Tents and trees provided! Enjoy an evening under the stars with friends and family. Fun and adventure for all ages!

Bus: S51,

## Staten Island OutLOUD Presents

### Declaration of Independence; Bill of Rights Reading

*Fort Wadsworth Overlook, Staten Island*

Sunday, June 30, 3PM

OutLOUD presents the annual reading of these founding documents. Bring a lawnchair. We will move indoors in the event of rain. This event made possible in part by an Encore Award from Staten Island Arts, with funding from the New York State Council on the Arts.

### Moby Dick

*Fort Wadsworth Overlook, Staten Island*

Saturday, July 27, 2013

6:30pm

Bring a lawn chair!

Staten Island OutLOUD's annual spoken-word performance of Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* is an Island tradition. Maritime music by the Staten Island Philharmonic Orchestra. Special guests: Prof. Ed Fiorelli & Prof. Rolando Jorif. For more information see [www.statenislandoutloud.org](http://www.statenislandoutloud.org). This event made possible in part by a 2013 Encore Award from Staten Island Arts, with public funding by the New York State Council on the Arts. Bring a lawn chair! Bus: S51, S53

*Did you know that Herman Melville was a frequent visitor to Fort Wadsworth? The forts and the view from the overlook were popular summer destinations for New Yorkers wanting to see the harbor and catch a breeze off the ocean.*

## Independence Day at Fort Wadsworth

Staten Island

Thursday, July 4

Bus: S51, S81

### Tour Fort Tompkins

Meet at Building 120

2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

150 years ago New Yorkers learned about the battles of Vicksburg and Gettysburg on Independence Day. Learn how this news impacted the soldiers who lived and worked in the fort protecting New York harbor.

### Lantern Tour at Fort Wadsworth

Meet at Building 120

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join us to explore historic Fort Tompkins by candlelight. Please make your reservations early for this popular tour by calling (718) 338-3799. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

**Fireworks in Manhattan may be viewed from the Overlook at 9 p.m.**



## Continuing Programs:

### Fort Tompkins Tours

Fort Wadsworth, Building 120

Staten Island

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in July and August

10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America's Civil War by exploring at 3<sup>rd</sup> System fort. Learn about the soldiers who lived and worked in the fort protecting New York Harbor.

Bus: S51, S53

### Fort Wadsworth Overlook

Staten Island

Friday, Saturdays and Sundays in

July and August

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursdays and Fridays in July and August

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For two centuries, the Staten Island fort overlooked the Verrazano Narrows, guarding New York Harbor from invasion by sea. Stop by to chat with a park ranger to learn more about coastal defense and enjoy the vista. Bus: S51, S53

### Lantern Tours at Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth, Building 120

Staten Island

Thursdays, June 27 – August 22

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join us to explore historic Fort Tompkins by candlelight. Please make your reservations early for this popular tour by calling (718) 338 – 3799. Bring a flashlight. Bus: S51, S53

### Mont Sec House

112 A Mont Sec Ave.

Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island

Saturdays in July and August

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

See how officers and their families lived in Fort Wadsworth by exploring their home, led by park ranger.

Bus: S51, S53

### Battery Weed

Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island

Sundays in July and August

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you have seen Battery Weed from the Verrazano Bridge, now you can see it up close. Drop in to explore and ask questions about the artillery crew of soldiers who lived and worked in the fort protecting New York Harbor during the Civil War.

Bus: S51, S53

### Fort Wadsworth Goat Feeding and Talk Followed by a Fort Hike

Fort Wadsworth, Overlook

Staten Island

June

Tuesday, June 25; 11-12

Sunday, June 30, 11-12

July

Tuesday, July 2; 11-12

Sundays, July, 7, 14; 21 11-12

Aug.

Tuesday, Aug. 13; 11-12

Sundays, Aug. 4, 11, 18; 11-12

Hike will loop around Batteries Weed, Hudson, past the goats, discovering edible greens and recording discoveries. Weather permitting, reservations, call 718-354-4655.



### Kayaking at Great Kills Park

Beach Center, Parking Lot G

Open to all levels, Age 12 and over, equipment provided, call 718-354-4574 for information.

June

Tuesdays

June, 11, 18, 25 3-4:30

Sundays

June 16, 23, 30; 3-4:30

July

Tuesdays

July, 2, 9, 16, 23; 3-4:30

Sundays

July 7, 14, 21; 3-4:30

Tuesdays

Aug. 6, 13; 3-4:30

#### On our e-mailing list?

If you are not on our list and wish to be added to receive this publication and notices of special park events electronically, please send a message to:

[Charles\\_Markis@nps.gov](mailto:Charles_Markis@nps.gov),

And put 'program guide' in subject heading line.

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# New Jersey (*Sandy Hook*) -- Summer 2013

## Sandy Hook Lighthouse and Keepers Quarters/ Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Visitor Center Hours:

Daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Lighthouse Tours: Daily, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tours are first-come, first-served.

Visitors must be 48 inches tall to climb the tower. Sign up in the 1883 Keeper's Quarters for lighthouse tours, and see exhibits on New Jersey lighthouses, the rotating art exhibit, and visit the gift shop.

Grounds and video in adjacent barn are always open. Groups must make advance reservations. Call (732) 872-5970 for more information.

## Battery Potter

Saturdays in June, July and August  
1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Explore and tour Sandy Hook's oldest gun battery, and the first concrete gun battery ever built, completed in 1895.

## Mortar Battery

Sundays in June, July, and August  
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The 1890 Sandy Hook Mortar Battery was among the first Endicott-style concrete gun batteries built on Sandy Hook as part of New York Harbor defense against attack from the sea.

## Bring water...

Not all of our beach centers are fully operational so it is a good idea to bring drinking water when you come, along with your bug spray and sunscreen. In addition there are portable toilets in some areas.

## Nike Missile Radar Site

Horseshoe Cove,

Parking Lot L

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturdays, June 1 & 22, July 13 & 20,  
August 3 & 10

Sundays, June 9 & 30, July 28, August  
18 & 25

Guided tours of the Integrated Fire Control (IFC) will allow you to see the inner workings of the facility where the supersonic nuclear armed Nike Hercules missiles were controlled and guided using Cold War era computers and radars.

While taking a guided tour of this one-time TOP SECRET missile site, you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the veterans who actually worked on the Nike Air Defense System. ♥1/4 mile



## SANDY HOOK BEACH CONCERT INFORMATION:

Enjoy the popular and free summer concert series, which will take place at LOT E every Wednesday at 6 p.m. throughout the summer, courtesy of the Sandy Hook Foundation.

Remember: beach parking fees are in effect until 5 p.m.

Weather permitting, the summer 2013 schedule is as follows:

## SANDY HOOK BEACH CONCERTS 2013: Wednesdays

June 12:

**Pat Guadagno and the  
Candle Brothers**

June 19:

**British Invasion Tribute**

June 26:

**Tim McLoone and the  
Shirlies**

July 3:

No Concert (Happy 4th)

July 10:

**Brian Kirk and the Jirks**

July 17:

**Bethanne Clayton**

July 24:

**The Haven**

July 31:

**The Shots**

August 7:

**Quincy Mumford and the  
Reason Why**

August 14: Rain Date (TBD)

August 21:

**JoBonnano and the  
Godsons of Soul**

## CONTINUING WEEKDAY PARK OFFERINGS

Tuesday

### **Bunker of the Week**

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in July and August  
Look at the Bunker of the Week section for meeting place and name of destination.

Tuesday

### **Junior Ranger: For kids**

**ages 7- 12.** See Junior Ranger section below for rotating schedule of programs.

Tuesday and Friday

### **Crustacean of the Day**

Beach Area E

2 p.m. - 4 p.m., June - August  
Park rangers reveal fun facts and provide a hands-on crustacean pool to share with beachgoers of all ages. Drop in at Beach Area E to observe and handle creatures native to Sandy Hook Bay.

Wednesday

### **Junior Jr. Ranger: For kids**

**4-6** years old. See Junior Jr. Ranger section for rotating schedule of programs.

## **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!

## **Special Park and Cooperator Programs**

### **Hurricane Sandy: Before and After, a Digital Photo Exhibit**

#### **Lighthouse Keepers Quarters June- August**

A digital photo exhibit featuring the effects of Hurricane Sandy on the park will be displayed on the large screen monitor in the Light House Keeper's Quarters. The exhibit of sixty images compares large scale satellite images from before the hurricane and photos taken afterward by National Park Service (NPS) employees so that the public can assess the damage to the park.

The large format photos reveal the storm's destruction in great detail. Some of the most dramatic images are aerial shots taken from helicopters used by the team to survey the park. Many of the photos of Sandy Hook were taken by Sandy Hook VIP Bob Hillmann including some pictures taken the day of the hurricane.

Just a few days after the storm, an NPS Incident Management Team began to assess, stabilize and remediate damaged areas of national parks in New York Harbor and Long Island. Over the course of nine weeks, more than 1,000 Federal workers from Alaska to Puerto Rico participated in the stabilization process. They documented damage, provided safety measures, moved sand, cleared roads, removed trees and began remediation as appropriate in the largest incident response in National Park Service history.

## **June**

### **Coastal Defense Day Battery Gunnison**

Saturday, June 1

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Army Ground Forces Association Volunteers in World War Two uniform bring Battery Gunnison/New Peck and its 6-inch guns to life as if it were June 1943. Participate in loading & pointing the guns and tracking ships by using artillery math in the plotting room.

### **Ocean Fun Day**

#### **New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium**

#### **Barracks 22, Fort Hancock**

Sunday, June 9

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This family-friendly event Ocean Fun Day is designed to increase knowledge, conservation and sustainable enjoyment of the Jersey Shore. New for this year's event is a focus on energy conservation and simple things the public can do to save energy every day. Battery Potter and the Mortar Battery, adjacent to the lighthouse, will be open for tours at 1 p.m.. The lighthouse will begin tours at 11 a.m.

### **Campfire on the Beach Lot E; Southern Chute**

Tuesday, June 18

7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sing silly Sandy Hook songs, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook.

Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! Free. Call 732-872-5970 for more information.

## Night Hike

Meet at Parking Lot C

Wednesday, June 19

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Explore various parts of Sandy Hook's ecosystem and history with this summer's series of night hikes. This night's one mile hike features bayside exploration during the high season for horseshoe crab sightings. Don't forget to wear good sand walking shoes and bug repellent. Free, call 732-872-5970 to make reservations. ♥ 1 mile.

## Monmouth County

### Audubon Society Bird Walk

Beach Area B

Thursday, June 20

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us for an evening bird walk along the beach to view nesting piping plovers, and along the bayside for terns, herons, and egrets. Bring binoculars, insect repellent, and wear comfortable shoes. Free. ♥ 2 miles.

## Summer Solstice Walk on

### Sandy Hook

Guardian Park

Friday, June 21

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Take a two mile stroll on the Hook on the longest day of the year. You can also bring a dinner, sit on the Society's front porch and enjoy the sunset beforehand. A special tour inside a gun battery may be included. Cost: Free, call (732) 291-0055 to reserve. ♥ 2 miles

*Search for apps for your phone for health and fitness, so you may keep track of your hikes and walks, the total mileage and even the calories consumed. Use other apps to identify new trails and hikes, places to bike, kayak and canoe.*

## Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Monday, June 24

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Ferry Landing

Bicycle with a ranger on a guided tour highlighting the batteries, historic structures and beaches of Sandy Hook. Bring a bike helmet and call (732) 872-5970 for reservations. ♥ 3 miles.

## Family Night - A Seining Adventure with American

Littoral Society

Thursday, June 27

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Building No. 18

After a short talk on the Society's front porch, head over to Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook Bay for a seining adventure. Participants are invited to help pull the 40 foot seine net through the bay, and learn about the fish and other critters caught in the net. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. \$10 per Member Family; \$25 per Non-Member Family. Call 732-291-0055 to reserve.

## JULY

## Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Ferry Landing

Monday, July 8

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bicycle with a ranger on a guided tour highlighting the batteries, historic structures and beaches of Sandy Hook. Bring a helmet and call (732) 872-5970 to make reservations. ♥ 3 miles.

*There are some apps for National Parks, including a really great one produced by NPS official partner, Eastern National, for Passport Stamps for National Parks, which you can use to find the location of all the Passport Stamp locations in the system; it's free. For other NPS junkies, there is the official partner National Park Foundation Photo Share app, also free, which permits you to post your fab pix for others to see.*

## Family Night - A Seining Adventure with American Littoral Society

Building No. 18

Thursday, July 11 & July 25

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

After a short talk on the Society's front porch, head over to Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook Bay for a seining adventure. Participants are invited to help pull the 40 foot seine net through the bay, and learn about the fish and other critters caught in the net. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. \$10 per Member Family; \$25 per Non-Member Family. Call 732-291-0055 to reserve.

## Campfire on the Beach

Parking Lot E, southern chute

Friday, July 19

7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sing silly Sandy Hook songs, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! Free. Call 732-872-5970 for more information.

## Monmouth County

### Audubon Society Bird Walk

Parking Lot K (north end)

Thursday, July 25

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Walk out Fisherman's Trail to the ocean and view the osprey, piping plover, nesting common and least tern. Bring binoculars, insect repellent, and wear comfortable shoes. Free. ♥ 2 miles

## Stars of Sandy Hook

Lighthouse Keepers Quarters,  
and car caravan to Beach Lot E  
Saturday, July 27  
8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Join a ranger and learn how to read a star chart and how to find the most brilliant stars of the night by “Star Hopping.” After this presentation several telescopes will be set up in beach parking lot E to view the Stars of Sandy Hook. Call (732) 872-5970 to make reservations.

## AUGUST

### Battery Gunnison/New Peck Restored

Saturday, August 3  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Army Ground Forces Association Volunteers in 1943 era Coast Artillery uniforms work on restoration of Battery Gunnison/New Peck and its two 6-inch guns. Visitors are invited to stop by to learn more about the battery’s role in protecting NY Harbor during September 1943, and AGFA’s restoration and preservation projects.

### Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Ferry Landing  
Monday, August 19  
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bicycle with a ranger on a guided tour highlighting the batteries, historic structures and beaches of Sandy Hook. Bring a helmet and call (732) 872-5970 to make reservations.  
♥ 3 miles.

### On our e-mailing list?

If you are not on our list and wish to be added to receive this publication and notices of special park events electronically, please send a message to: [Charles\\_Markis@nps.gov](mailto:Charles_Markis@nps.gov), And put ‘program guide’ in subject heading line.

### Campfire on the Beach

Parking Lot E (southern chute)

Thursday, August 8 & 29  
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sing silly Sandy Hook songs, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! Free. Call 732-872-5970 for more information.

### Family Night - A Seining Adventure

Building No. 18  
Thursday, August 15  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

After a short talk on the Society’s front porch, head over to Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook Bay for a seining adventure.

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### Monmouth County Audubon Society Bird Walk

Parking Lot K (north end)  
Thursday, August 15  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Join us for an evening bird walk to look for migrating shore birds. Bring binoculars, insect repellent, and wear comfortable shoes. Free. ♥ 2 miles.

### JUNIOR RANGER

#### PROGRAMS: Ages 7-12

The program is being offered Tuesdays between June 25 and August 20, 2013. Parents must accompany their children for the duration of the programs. All programs are free, but reservations are required. Call 732-872-5970 to make reservations.

#### Junior Ranger Horseshoe Crab

Parking Lot B

Tuesday, June 25  
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Find, see and feel living fossils from the age of dinosaurs that are still swimming along the shores today, and aid the survival of the horseshoe crab by hands-on participation in “Horseshoe Crab Rehab.”

#### Junior Ranger Piping Plover

North Beach Pavilion

Tuesday, July 9  
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Become a plover private investigator, and figure out what predators are threatening the survival of plover chicks; then, invent solutions to protect the chicks. A spotting scope will be available to observe these birds strutting their stuff on the beach.

*Some of you have already begun using an app for keeping your birding life list up to date. There are apps that identify birds, and also bugs, butterflies and other fauna. Take a picture with your phone’s camera to keep your favorite finds.*

## JUNIOR RANGER

### Junior Ranger Firefighter

Fire Station Number 2; Across the street from Sandy Hook Lighthouse

Tuesday, July 23

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Participants will learn hands-on how fires have been extinguished in the past, and how fires are fought now by National Park Service Firefighters at Sandy Hook. Learn about different historic and modern firefighting equipment, and learn how to put out imaginary fires with a real fire hose.

### Junior Ranger Marine Invader

Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center: Group caravan to Horseshoe Cove

Tuesday, July 30

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Participate in hands-on Citizen Scientist work by helping rangers find, catch, identify and track the Asian Shore Crab, and explore its potential impact on native crab species.

### Junior Ranger Lenni-Lenape Scavenger Hunt

North Beach Pavilion

Tuesday, August 13

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Learn about the local Lenni-Lenape Indian tribe and try your hand at some traditional Lenape craftsmanship and games.

### Junior Ranger Fisherman

Horseshoe Cove

Tuesday, August 20

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Participants will seine Sandy Hook Bay and learn about the native and non-native species thriving in this salt water habitat. Wear water shoes and clothes you don't mind getting wet, and bring sunscreen.

## JUNIOR JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS:

### For kids ages 4-6

Junior Jr. Ranger is a program designed for 4-6 year olds to learn about habitats and history on Sandy Hook. The program is being offered from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays between June 19 and August 14. Children will learn through hikes, walks, and demonstrations. Parents are required to accompany their children for the entire program. Space is limited, call 732-872-5970 to make reservations.

### June 19: **Splishy, Splashy, Squishy: Let's go seining!**

Horseshoe Cove.

### June 26: **Firefighting for "Little Squirts"; Junior Jr.**

### **Ranger Firefighter**

Fire Station Number 2 (across the street from the Sandy Hook Lighthouse).

## JUNIOR JUNIOR RANGER

July 10: **Surf, Sand, and Shells; Beach Habitats and Sandcasting.** Guardian Park Picnic Area

July 17: **Animal Tracking: Investigate animal signs and animal tracks.** Guardian Park Picnic Area

July 24: **Buggin' Out: Crafts for Kids.** Guardian Park Picnic Area

July 31: **Cool Animal Adaptations.** Guardian Park Picnic Area

August 14: **Last Seine of the Season.** Horseshoe Cove.

### **Bunker of the Week**

Every Tuesday in July and August 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tour a different battery every week with the park historian and learn about its significance in American Harbor Defense. Bring a flashlight, insect repellent and wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes.

July 2 - Battery Potter, meet at the Lighthouse.

July 9 - Battery Granger, meet at the Lighthouse.

July 16 - Mortar Battery, meet at the Lighthouse

July 23 - Nine Gun Battery, meet at K Lot

July 30 - Battery Mills, meet at Guardian Park

August 6 - Battery Arrowsmith, meet at Horseshoe Cove Parking Lot H

August 13 - Battery Peck, K Lot  
August 20 - Battery Gunnison, Gunnison Beach Plaza

August 27 - Battery Mills, meet at Guardian Park