



INTRODUCING NORTHERN MANHATTAN PARKS CHILDREN'S NATURALIST PROGRAMS

Northern Manhattan Parks is pleased to offer a series of naturalist programs designed especially for children ages 4 - 12. Children will have fun with hands-on exploration of the natural world found in their local park. Topics include Birds, Trees, Seeds, Insects, Geology, and Native Americans.

An adult must accompany children. Programs are free but space is limited and registration is required. Program availability varies by park. **Please call or email Linda for more information. Phone: (212) 795-1388; Email: Linda.Huntington@parks.nyc.gov**

Dates	Bennett Park	Anne Loftus Playground, Ft. Tryon Park	Highbridge Park	Inwood Hill Park
April 5 10:30 AM				NATIVE AMERICANS
April 5 2:00 PM			SEEDS	
April 12 10:30 AM	SEEDS			
April 12 2:00 PM		GEOLOGY		
May 10 10:30 AM				TREES
May 10 2:00 PM			INSECTS	
May 17 10:30 AM	INSECTS			
May 17 2:00 PM		BIRDS		

BIRDS

What one thing do birds have that no other animals have? Find out the answer to that question and many others as we explore the world of our feathered friends. After we examine bird artifacts, we'll do a little bird watching in our park.

SEEDS

What are seeds and why are they so important to plants and animals? How do seeds spread? As we ponder these and other questions, we'll look at many different types of seeds. Afterwards, we'll hike around our park in search of the seeds found there.

INSECTS

Learn a lot about all kinds of insects including butterflies! How many legs does an insect have? What makes their eyes so special? Look at plastic specimens and then take a walk to find some real ones to examine.

NATIVE AMERICANS

200 years ago, Native Americans lived in Inwood Hill Park. Find out how they lived. What kind of houses did they build? How did they find food? What were their clothes like? Did the kids play games like you do? We'll learn about all those

things and see real Indian artifacts. We'll hike into the woods and see some of the areas where Native Americans might have lived.

TREES

Why are trees so important to us? There are so many kinds and we use trees for so many different things. We will discuss some of these uses and also learn why trees are important to birds and animals. Then we'll take a walk and see how many different kinds of trees we can find!

GEOLOGY

Rocks Rock! There are 3 main types of rocks. We will learn about these 3 kinds and how they are formed. Samples will be shown of local rocks and of very special crystals from other parts of the world. Then we will take a hike and see the huge rocks that make Fort Tryon Park very special.

RAIN POLICY

Only heavy rains cancel the Children's Naturalist Programs. If it is drizzling, the programs will not be cancelled.

We have assigned two makeup rain dates.

Rain Dates: Saturday May 3 and May 31 with morning and afternoon sessions.