

Outdoors

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Message From

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When I am not serving as director of Computer Resource Centers, 32 public technology labs in recreation centers, I spend much time outside gardening, hiking, and sometimes taking photos of the natural world.

I am perpetually amazed by what just a few minutes “in the woods” can do to transport me away from a day’s work. A step into Inwood Park, the Ramble in Central Park, or the Greenbelt on Staten Island changes everything. I usually have a camera or phone in hand, but most people are surprised when I say that I spend much more time in the outdoors “disconnected.”

We all love photos of small animals because these creatures—a squirrel with a nut, an adorable baby bird, give us the opportunity to experience the “other” of nature, in the comfort of our own homes, on our time.

I wonder if it doesn’t reveal some bit of our yearning to be closer to the sweetness, and also the extreme of nature. When the call of the wild rises, the smartphone takes us there. This is not bad, as long as we are also directly connected.

In 2016, it takes courage and a bit of selflessness to connect with the natural

world. You have to be present with sounds, smells, and movements in a wild place, in the moment you are in. We all have this instinct. To be sensitive on this level is still a human survival trait.

Lucky for us, our Rangers are here to help re-kindle this link (no, not a URL)!

We are creatures defined by our inventions—our technologies—whether it be fire or Firefox, copper or Chrome; we bring our tools along with us. Yet, how lucky we are to also have the ability to use our five senses and memories to keep us connected with nature and with each other on a visceral level.

My challenge to you: Join an Urban Park Ranger program and reconnect with nature with limited use of technology. If you cannot get out to the more remote places in the city, join a PhotoFit! series of park tours and nature photography workshops or a blogging class to share your nature journals online. Help your teens enroll in our upcoming RECYOUTH Summer Institute for multimedia.

When you return from your summer adventures, come in to our labs and let us help you tell your story.

Urban Park Ranger Facilities

For Nature Center, Visitors Center and Ranger Station hours, please call the specific location.

BRONX

Pelham Bay Ranger Station

Pelham Bay Park Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue. (718) 319-7258

Orchard Beach Nature Center

Pelham Bay Park Section 2 of Orchard Beach. (718) 885-3466

Van Cortlandt Nature Center

Van Cortlandt Park Enter the park at West 246th Street and Broadway. (718) 548-0912

BROOKLYN

Salt Marsh Nature Center

Marine Park East 33rd Street and Avenue U. (718) 421-2021

MANHATTAN

Belvedere Castle

Central Park 79th Street, mid-park. (212) 628-2345

QUEENS

Alley Pond Park Adventure Center

Alley Pond Park Enter at Winchester Boulevard, under the Grand Central Parkway. (718) 217-6034 or (718) 217-4685

Forest Park Ranger Station

Forest Park Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive. (718) 846.2731

Fort Totten Visitors Center

Fort Totten Park Enter the park at fort entrance, north of intersection of 212th Street and Cross Island Parkway and follow signs. (718) 352-1769

STATEN ISLAND

Blue Heron Nature Center

Blue Heron Park 222 Poillon Avenue, between Amboy Road and Hylan Boulevard. (718) 967-3542

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Mayor de Blasio expands free ‘Movies Under The Stars’ outdoor film series to more parks throughout the five boroughs

Over 300 films will be screened during the 2016 season.

For the first time ever, the City’s outdoor film screening series “Movies Under the Stars” will bring 300 films to parks in all five boroughs, including many parks that have never hosted movie nights before.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, Media and Entertainment Commissioner Julie Menin and NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, announced the major expansion, which will double the number of free film screenings to New Yorkers throughout the five boroughs.

Throughout the summer months, parks in the five boroughs will host screenings of classic films like *Casablanca*, *Moonstruck*, and *The Blues Brothers*, as well as new favorites, like *Star Wars–The Force Awakens*, *Inside Out*, and *Brooklyn*. The announcement comes as *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* is scheduled to screen at East Williamsburg’s Cooper Park, a park receiving programming for the first time.

“‘Movies Under the Stars’ gives New Yorkers in every borough the opportunity to engage with film in a collective and meaningful

way,” said Mayor Bill de Blasio.

“Our administration is committed to increasing access to family-friendly cultural opportunities, and this partnership is a perfect example of this work. I encourage all New Yorkers to take advantage of this fun and free summer program.”

“We are happy to once again present outdoor movies to New Yorkers across the five boroughs and we want them to enjoy this experience to the fullest,” said NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver. “Each year we try to add more films and include more locations so that everyone has an opportunity to come out and catch a movie in a park. This year, ‘Movies Under the Stars’ will show a total of 300 films. We encourage friends, families, residents, and neighbors of every community to take advantage of this moment.”

More than 60 percent of the 2016 Movies Under the Stars events will take place in parks throughout New York City that have never received programming before.

Parks hosting films for the first time include:

- Edward Byrne Park and Harvey Park in Queens;
- Cooper Park, Linden Park, McGolrick Park, Kelly Park, and John Paul Jones Park in Brooklyn;
- West Bronx Ball Field, Sachkerah Playground, Van Cortlandt Park, Middletown Park, Crotona Park and Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx;
- Carl Schurz Park, East River Park Bandshell, Vincent F. Albano Jr. Playground and Howard Bennett Playground in Manhattan;
- Bloomingdale Park and Wolfe’s Pond Park in Staten Island

“Movies Under the Stars” is the annual summer movie series presented by The City of New York. Through this program, New Yorkers are encouraged to pack a picnic, grab a blanket, and enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park. Movies are hosted in all five boroughs and begin at dusk.

Visit nyc.gov/MoviesUnderTheStars for the most up-to-date schedule of screenings and locations.

Ranger's Choice

NYC Parks' bright and talented Urban Park Rangers are what make our Weekend Adventure programs so amazing. This summer we are featuring some of our top picks for outdoor adventure—from stunning wildlife viewing to behind-the-scenes access, these programs are not to be missed. Space is limited on all Ranger's Choice programs and registration is required. Please visit nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register to register. Selected parties will be notified of meeting locations and other details.

BRONX

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Ranger's Choice: Island Hopping / Orchard Beach 10:00 a.m. Spend a day exploring the islands that surround the Orchard Beach Estuary by canoe. Experienced paddlers only. Register on Wednesday, July 6.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Ranger's Choice: Hawk Watch / Pelham Bay Park 1:00 p.m. The old Pelham Bay landfill remains closed to the public, making it a great place to watch migrating birds of prey. Join a small group of fellow birders as we go in search of these avian hunters. Register on Thursday, August 25.

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Ranger's Choice: Hike and Paddle Gerritsen Creek / Marine Park 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a vigorous hike through the sandy paths of Marine Park then launch a canoe from Gerritsen Beach and paddle back to the Salt Marsh Nature Center with us. Register on Tuesday, August 9.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Ranger's Choice: Birding Road Trip / 10:00 a.m. In honor of 100 years of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Urban Park Rangers will offer this expedition to a variety of Brooklyn Parks in search of early fall migrants. Register on September 14.

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Ranger's Choice: Randall's Island Salt Marsh Excursion (Advanced) / Randall's Island Park 8:30 a.m. Explore the natural salt marshes and Forever Wild areas that surround Randall's Island. Prior canoeing experience is required. Register on Wednesday, June 22.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Ranger's Choice: Little Red Lighthouse Lantern Tour / Fort Washington Park 8:00 p.m. The Jeffrey's Hook lighthouse, erected in 1880 and moved to its current site in 1921, has become widely known as the children's literary landmark *The Little Red Lighthouse*. Join us as we explore this unique landmark at night. Register on Wednesday, July 27.

QUEENS

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Plover Day! / Rockaway Beach 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. / B86th Street and the Boardwalk Join us to celebrate 20 years of endangered species protection! Discover one of New York City's endangered species: the Piping Plover! Family-friendly games, crafts, and educational activities raise awareness of this amazing shorebird.

QUEENS continued

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Ranger's Choice: Flushing Freedom Mile / Daniel Carter Beard Mall 1:00 p.m. This walk highlights historic sites in Flushing, dating back as early as the late 1600s. Flushing was home to a famous inventor, a passageway of the Underground Railroad, and has one of the city's few landmarked trees. Our tour route takes you on a journey through past, present, and future. Register on Wednesday, July 6.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Ranger's Choice: Idlewild Birding by Canoe Excursion (Advanced) / Idlewild Park 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a peaceful paddle in the wetlands of Jamaica Bay and view the incredible birds of this habitat. Register on Wednesday, July 20.

STATEN ISLAND

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Ranger's Choice: Archery / Willowbrook Park 1:00 p.m. A beginner's introduction to the sport of archery. Recommended for ages 8 and older. Register on Wednesday, June 23.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Ranger's Choice: Archery / Willowbrook Park 1:00 p.m. A beginner's introduction to the sport of archery. Recommended for ages 8 and older. Register on Wednesday, August 31.

Canoeing

Few experiences compare with being on the open water in New York City. The rhythm of the waves, the sun on your face, and the exhilaration of slicing through the water all add up to an experience you'll never forget. Our trained Urban Park Rangers will lead you on canoe adventures that range from the gentle waters of protected lakes to the challenging open waters of rivers and bays.

Skill Levels

Basic: Great for all skill levels, including children 8 years and older.

Intermediate: Some experience preferred.

Advanced: Experience required.

Participation in a mandatory safety review led by a trained Ranger is required. Recommended for children 8 years and older.

BRONX

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Paddling 101 (Basic) / Van Cortlandt Park 11:00 a.m. Learn to paddle with the Rangers and then use your new skills to explore the shores and learn about life at the lake. Register on Wednesday, June 29.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Orchard Beach Lagoon Birding Excursion (Intermediate) / Pelham Bay Park 12:00 p.m. Explore the Orchard Beach Lagoon, including Bartow Creek, as we look for birds that live in this estuarine habitat of the Long Island Sound. Register on Thursday, July 14.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Basic Canoeing / Crotona Park 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. / Crotona Nature Center, Charlotte Street and Crotona Park East

BROOKLYN

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Basic Canoeing / Prospect Park 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. / Prospect Park Audubon Center, East Drive and Lincoln Road

SATURDAY, JULY 16

White Island Birding Excursion (Advanced) / Marine Park 1:00 p.m. A birding-by-canoe expedition! Explore the waters of Gerritsen Creek and paddle by this special island where only wildflowers and wild birds reside. Register on Wednesday, July 6.

SUNDAY AUGUST 7

Intermediate Canoeing / Marine Park 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. / Burnett Street and Avenue U

MANHATTAN

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Basic Canoeing / Inwood Hill Park 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. / Enter at 218th Street and Indian Road

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Basic Canoeing / Central Park 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. / Harlem Meer, 110th Street and Lenox Avenue

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Hudson River Canoe Adventure (Advanced) / West Harlem Piers Park 2:00 p.m. / Meet at 125th street and Hudson River
Take a journey up the Hudson River by canoe to see a side of New York City that few get the chance to see. Prior canoeing experience is required. Register on Wednesday, August 17.

QUEENS

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Canoeing Willow Lake (Intermediate) / Flushing Meadows Corona Park 11:00 a.m. / Meet on the southeast side of Meadow Lake, west of the Van Wyck Expressway

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Canoeing (Intermediate) / Bayswater Park 2:00 p.m. / B35th Street and Beach Channel Drive

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Basic Canoeing / Clove Lakes Park 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. / Martling Avenue and Brooks Pond Place

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Basic Canoeing / Willowbrook Park 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. / Eton Place and Richmond Avenue

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Basic Canoeing / Clove Lakes Park 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. / Martling Avenue and Brooks Pond Place

Family Camping

We camp to create lasting memories, connect with the natural world, and bond with our families. Camping affords us the opportunity to unplug from the diversions of everyday life and to laugh and play with our families. Programs take place in all five boroughs, but space is limited and families are chosen by lottery. To enter your family in the lottery, visit nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register on the dates listed below. Selected parties will be notified of meeting locations and other details.

BRONX

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Family Camping / Pelham Bay Park
7:00 p.m. To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, June 22.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Family Camping / Van Cortlandt Park
7:00 p.m. To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, July 6.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Family Camping / Pelham Bay Park
6:00 p.m. To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, July 27.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Family Camping / Van Cortlandt Park
7:00 p.m. To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, August 10.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Family Camping / Pelham Bay Park
6:00 p.m. To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, August 31.

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Family Camping / Marine Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, June 29.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Family Camping / Marine Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Tuesday, July 12.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Family Camping / Prospect Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, August 3.

BROOKLYN continued

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Family Camping / Marine Park 7:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Tuesday, August 16.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Family Camping / Prospect Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, September 7.

MANHATTAN

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Family Camping / Central Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, July 6.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Family Camping / Inwood Hill Park 7:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Tuesday, July 19.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Family Camping / Central Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, August 10.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Family Camping / Inwood Hill Park 7:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, August 24.

QUEENS

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Family Camping / Fort Totten 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, June 22.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Family Camping / Alley Pond Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, July 13.

QUEENS continued

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Family Camping / Fort Totten Park 7:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Tuesday, July 26.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Family Camping / Alley Pond Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, August 17.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Family Camping / Fort Totten Park 7:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Tuesday, August 30.

STATEN ISLAND

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Family Camping / Willowbrook Park
7:00 p.m. To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, June 29.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Family Camping / Blue Heron Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, July 6.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Family Camping / Blue Heron Park 6:00 p.m.
To enter your family in the lottery, register on Tuesday, July 19.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Family Camping / Wolfe's Pond Park
6:00 p.m. To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, July 27.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

Family Camping / Conference House Park
7:00 p.m. To enter your family in the lottery, register on Tuesday, August 2.

Fishing

Catch-and-release fishing is a great way to get outdoors and discover nature just a few blocks from home. Our experienced Rangers teach the ethics of fishing and the ecology of our waterways on every fishing program. You can try to hook a pumpkinseed sunfish, carp, or chain pickerel. Whether you choose to grab a simple bamboo pole at a quiet lake, or join more advanced saltwater or fly fishing programs, we have a program that fits your skill level.

BRONX

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Freshwater Fishing / Crotona Park 1:00 p.m. / Crotona Nature Center, Charlotte Street and Crotona Park East

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Freshwater Fishing / Van Cortlandt Park 11:00 a.m. / Van Cortlandt Park South and the Major Deegan, meet near the golf house.

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Fishing and Crabbing / Kaiser Park 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. / Neptune Avenue and Bayview Avenue

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Seining / Marine Park 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. / Burnett Street and Avenue U

MANHATTAN

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Saltwater Fishing / Harlem River Drive Greenway Park 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. / Enter the park from pedestrian ramp at 135th Street

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Saltwater Fishing / West Harlem Piers Park 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. / Enter at 125th Street and the Hudson River

QUEENS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Seining / Fort Totten Park 11:00 a.m. / Meet at Front Gate, Cross Island Parkway and Totten Road

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Freshwater Fishing / Kissena Park 1:00 p.m. / 164th Street and Oak Avenue

STATEN ISLAND

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Freshwater Fishing / Clove Lakes Park 10:00 a.m. / Parking lot at Park Drive and Clove Road

STATEN ISLAND continued

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Seining / Seaside Wildlife Nature Park 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. / Cleveland Avenue and Mansion Avenue



Credit: Malcolm Pinckney | NYC Parks

Hiking and Orienteering

Hiking is the ultimate way to enjoy the outdoors and a fun way to reduce stress. Regardless of the intensity level, it is a great way to burn calories and stay fit. Our Urban Park Ranger hiking guides will introduce you to the hidden gems of New York City and places often off-limits to the general public. On our hikes, you can gain orienteering skills, explore our city's rich history, or just take an hour to unplug from the world.

BRONX

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Nature Exploration: John Muir Trail (Vigorous) / Van Cortlandt Park 1:00 p.m. / Mosholu Avenue and Broadway

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Night Hike (Light) / Van Cortlandt Park 7:00 p.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th Street and Broadway

BROOKLYN

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Orienteering and Compasses / Fort Greene Park 1:00 p.m. / Fort Greene Visitor's Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Tree Trail Walk / Fort Greene Park 1:00 p.m. / Fort Greene Visitor's Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Medicinal Plants (Light) / Prospect Park 11:00 a.m. / Picnic House, Fifth Street and West Drive

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Northern Manhattan Parks Hike (Vigorous) / Morningside Park 11:00 a.m. / 110th Street and Morningside Drive Meander through parks in northern Manhattan on this one-way hike from Morningside Park to Jackie Robinson Park.

MANHATTAN continued

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Thomas Jefferson Park to Randall's Island (Moderate) / Thomas Jefferson Park 11:00 a.m. / 112th Street and 1st Avenue Enjoy the urban wildlife and landscaping of Thomas Jefferson Park. Then journey along the greenway to Randall's Island to explore the salt marshes and waterside views of the city.

QUEENS

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Nature Exploration Hike (Moderate) / Forest Park 1:00 p.m. / Forest Park Ranger Station, Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive

QUEENS continued

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Nature Hike (Moderate) / Cunningham Park 11:00 a.m. / Parking lot on Union Turnpike and 197th Street

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Nature Exploration Hike (Moderate) / Freshkills 11:00 a.m. / Schmul Playground, Wild Avenue and Pearson Street

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Nature Photography Hike / Clove Lakes Park 11:00 a.m. / Park Drive and Clove Road



Credit: NYC Parks

History and Culture

Ice-age glaciers, Native Americans, Dutch traders, British Redcoats, and the Underground Railroad have all left their mark on New York City. Urban Park Rangers specialize in interpreting historic turning points, both natural and man-made, in our city's long history. All programs are historic walking tours unless otherwise noted. Certain popular programs have limited space and require registration.

BRONX

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Historic New York: Old Croton Aqueduct / Highbridge Park 11:00 a.m. / University Avenue and W. 170th Street Water is life! During New York's early years, clean water was paramount to the success of our great metropolis. The Croton Aqueduct brought the water we needed to combat the cholera epidemic of the 1880s. Hike across the High Bridge with the Urban Park Rangers and learn how New York City's oldest bridge (completed in 1848) actually brought water from the Bronx to Manhattan, and allowed our City to grow into the 20th century.

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Historic New York: Colonial Life / Fort Greene Park 1:00 p.m. / Fort Greene Visitor's Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

Fort Greene, Brooklyn, holds an important place in the history of the Colonies and the American Revolution. Learn about the traditions, dress, and games of the colonial people and Native Americans who lived in this area of Brooklyn centuries ago.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Gerritsen Grist Mill and Farmhouse / Marine Park 1:00 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center, East 33rd Street and Avenue U Wood pilings still remain more than 360 years after the original foundation of Gerritsen Mill was first laid down. Explore the area surrounding one of the first water-powered mills in North America and discover its value both past and present.

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Little Lighthouse / Fort Washington Park 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. / Enter the park at 181st Street and Plaza Lafayette The Jeffrey's Hook lighthouse, erected in 1880 and moved to its current site in 1921, has become widely known as the children's literary landmark *The Little Red Lighthouse*. Rediscover the history of this unique landmark. Open-house, first-come, first served.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Highbridge Park History / Highbridge Park 11:00 a.m. / 165th Street and Edgecomb Avenue Named after New York City's oldest bridge, Highbridge Park is home to an unusual geologic makeup and an early engineering marvel that greets visitors who stroll the pathways north and south. Let the Urban Park Rangers guide you through the park as these stories are told.

QUEENS

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Historic New York: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 1:00 p.m. / Fort Totten Visitor Center, Totten Road and Cross Island Parkway. Follow signs to Visitor Center

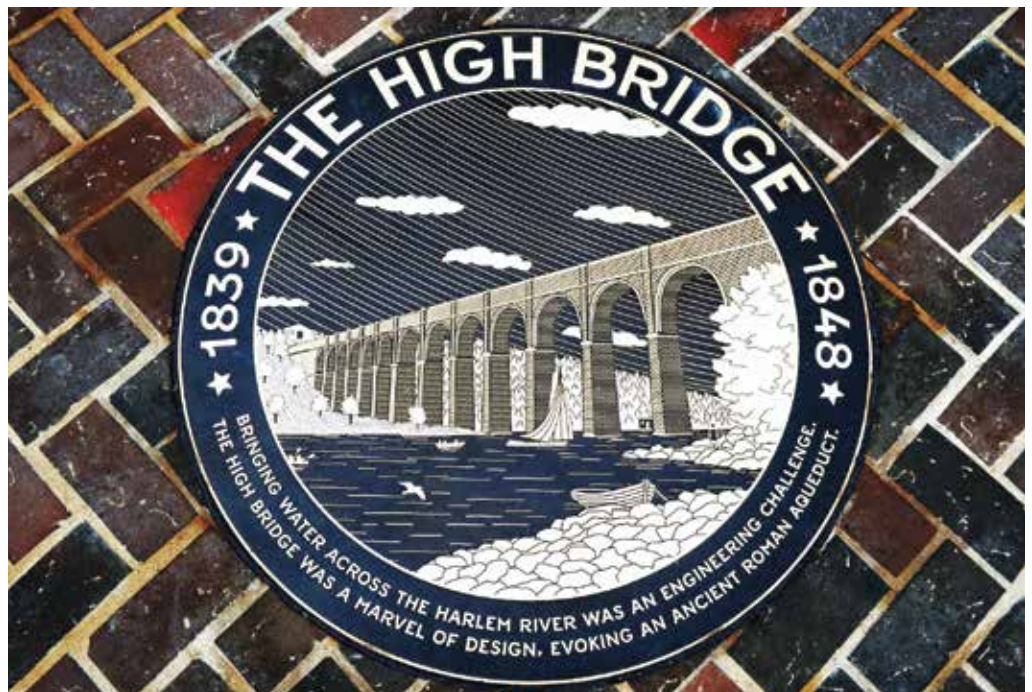
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Historic New York: The World's Fair / Flushing Meadows Corona Park 10:00 a.m. / Meet at the Unisphere

STATEN ISLAND

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Historic New York: Photography Pioneers / Alice Austen Park 11:00 a.m. / Hylan Boulevard and Edgewater Street Bring your camera and get inspiration from Alice Austen's amazing, historic photos.



Credit: NYC Parks

Astronomy and Night Sky Programs

Our Urban Park Rangers will be your guides to the solar system, discussing the science, history, and folklore of the universe. Astronomy programs feature the use of telescopes and binoculars to observe specific astronomical events. Many programs feature astronomy experts and all equipment is provided. Night Sky programs highlight the history and folklore of the solar system, using the naked eye to locate stars and planets.



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BRONX

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Astronomy / Van Cortlandt Park 8:00 p.m. /
Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th
Street and Broadway

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Astronomy / Owl's Head Park 8:00 p.m. /
Meet at the Park House, Colonial Road
and 68th Street

MANHATTAN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Perseids Meteor Shower / Inwood Hill Park
8:00 p.m. / Payson Center, Dyckman Street
at Payson Avenue

QUEENS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Neptune at Opposition / Rockaway Beach
8:00 p.m. / B116th Street and Boardwalk

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter / Wolfe's
Pond Park 8:00 p.m. / Comfort station west
of Cornelia Avenue and Chester Avenue

Wildlife Viewing

New York City is home to an amazing abundance of wildlife. Our Rangers will guide you to the best wildlife viewing spots in the urban jungle. We offer birding programs throughout the year and our Exploration Series focuses on unique wildlife viewing opportunities during particular seasons. To enhance your experience we encourage you to bring binoculars and field guides, or ask a Ranger to borrow a pair.

BRONX

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Kids' Tide Pool Exploration / Pelham Bay Park 11:00 a.m. / Orchard Beach Nature Center, Section 2 of Orchard Beach

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Living with Urban Coyotes / Pelham Bay Park 11:00 a.m. / Pelham Bay Nature Center, Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Birding: Fall Migrants / Van Cortlandt Park 9:00 a.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th Street and Broadway

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Seaside Wildlife Exploration / Canarsie Park 1:00 p.m. / Remsen Avenue and Seaview Avenue

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Birding / Fort Greene Park 10:00 a.m. / Fort Greene Visitor's Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Birding / Bush Terminal Park 11:00 a.m. / 43rd Street and 1st Avenue

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Birding / Central Park 10:00 a.m. / Belvedere Castle, 79th Street, mid-park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Living with Urban Coyotes / Inwood Hill Park 1:00 p.m. / Payson Center, Dyckman Street and Payson Avenue

QUEENS

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Birding: Ridgewood Reservoir / Highland Park 10:00 a.m. / Meet at main park entrance across from Vermont Place parking lot

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Living with Urban Coyotes / Forest Park 1:00 p.m. / Forest Park Ranger Station, Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Nocturnal Wildlife / Flushing Meadows-Corona Park 8 p.m. / Mauro Playground, Park Drive East and 73rd Terrace

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Birding: Fall Migrants / Alley Pond Park 9:00 a.m. / Alley Pond Park Adventure Center, Winchester Boulevard, under the Grand Central Parkway

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Nocturnal Wildlife / Blue Heron Park 8:00 p.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center, 222 Poillon Avenue, between Amboy Road and Hylan Boulevard

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Wildlife Viewing: Raptor Watch / Freshkills 11:00 a.m. / Schmul Playground, Wild Avenue and Pearson Street

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Living with White-tailed Deer / Blue Heron Park 11:00 a.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center, 222 Poillon Avenue, between Amboy Road and Hylan Boulevard



Credit: NYC Parks



Peregrine Falcon

Raptor Fest

Experience the thrill of viewing New York's premier predators, live and up close with the Urban Park Rangers at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Saturday, October 8
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Flushing Meadows Corona Park
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