

Outdoors

IN NEW YORK CITY

July/August/September 2018



NYC Parks

Welcome to Outdoors in New York City

Summer time in New York City is the perfect time to engage in fun outdoor adventures in our parks. Each weekend the Urban Park Rangers offer exciting programs in a park near you. These programs enable adults and families to experience the natural world in new and unexpected ways. The variety of these activities is as vast as the parks themselves.

Whether by land or through waters, the Urban Park Rangers guide you to new opportunities to learn a skill, start a new hobby, bond with your family and connect with the natural world of New York City parks. Canoeing, camping, fishing, archery, and exploration hikes are just some of the ways you can spend your time in New York City this summer.

Be sure not to miss Raptor Fest, our annual event showcasing birds of prey such as owls, hawks, eagles, and falcons.

Urban Park Ranger Facilities

Please call specific locations for hours.

BRONX

Pelham Bay Ranger Station // (718) 319-7258

Pelham Bay Park // Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue

Van Cortlandt Nature Center // (718) 548-0912

Van Cortlandt Park // West 246th Street and Broadway

BROOKLYN

Salt Marsh Nature Center // (718) 421-2021

Marine Park // East 33rd Street and Avenue U

MANHATTAN

Payson Center // (212) 304-2277

Inwood Hill Park // Payson Avenue and Dyckman Street

QUEENS

Alley Pond Park Adventure Center

(718) 217-6034 // (718) 217-4685

Alley Pond Park // Enter at Winchester Boulevard, under the Grand Central Parkway

Forest Park Ranger Station // (718) 846-2731

Forest Park // Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive

Fort Totten Visitors Center // (718) 352-1769

Fort Totten Park // Enter the park at fort entrance, north of intersection of 212th Street and Cross Island Parkway and follow signs

STATEN ISLAND

Blue Heron Nature Center // (718) 967-3542

Blue Heron Park // 222 Poillon Ave. between Amboy Road and Hylan Boulevard

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. The Urban Park Rangers celebrate the tradition of camping and we look forward to welcoming your family.

BRONX

Sunday, July 15 // Family Camping

Van Cortlandt Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 4.

Saturday, Aug. 4 // Family Camping

Pelham Bay Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 25.

Friday, Aug. 17 // Family Camping

Van Cortlandt Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

BROOKLYN

Sunday, July 22 // Family Camping

Marine Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 11.

Saturday, Aug. 11 // Family Camping

Prospect Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Saturday, Sept. 29 // Family Camping

Marine Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

MANHATTAN

Friday, July 20 // Family Camping

Inwood Hill Park // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 11.

Saturday, Aug. 18 // Family Camping

Central Park // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Saturday, Sept. 8 // Family Camping

Inwood Hill Park // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

QUEENS

Saturday, July 28 // Family Camping

Alley Pond Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 18.

Friday, Aug. 17 // Family Camping

Alley Pond Park // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Saturday, Sept. 8 // Family Camping

Fort Totten Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins Wednesday, Aug. 29.

STATEN ISLAND

Friday, July 13 // Family Camping

Conference House Park // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 4.

Saturday, Aug. 18 // Family Camping

Blue Heron Park // 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Friday, Sept. 7 // Family Camping

Blue Heron Park // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Urban Park Ranger Programs

For a complete detailed listing of programs and to register, visit nyc.gov/parks/rangers.

BRONX

Saturday, July 7 // Basic Canoeing

Van Cortlandt Park // 11:00 a.m.

Enter the park at Bailey Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South. Meet at Golf House. Ages 8 and up.

Sunday, July 8 // Freshwater Fishing

Crotona Park // 1:00 p.m.

Crotona Nature Center, Charlotte Street and Crotona Park East. Ages 8 and up.

Saturday, July 14 // Island Hopping by Canoe (Intermediate)

Pelham Bay Park // 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 4.

Saturday, July 21 // Survival Series: Navigation and Signaling

Van Cortlandt Park // 11:00 a.m.

Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th Street and Broadway

Sunday, July 22 // Orchard Beach Lagoon Birding Excursion (Intermediate)

Pelham Bay Park // 9:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 11.

Saturday, July 28 // Astronomy

Van Cortlandt Park // 8:00 p.m.

Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th Street and Broadway

Saturday, Aug. 11 // Basic Canoeing

Crotona Park // 11:00 a.m.

Crotona Nature Center, Charlotte Street and Crotona Park East. Ages 8 and up.

Sunday, Aug. 19 // Survival Series: Forest First Aid

Pelham Bay Park // 11:00 a.m.

Pelham Bay Nature Center, Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue

Saturday, Aug. 25 // Historic New York: Orchard Beach

Pelham Bay Park // 11:00 a.m.

Orchard Beach Nature Center, Section 2 Orchard Beach

Sunday, Sept. 9 // Historic New York: Old Croton Aqueduct

Highbridge Park (Bronx) // 11:00 a.m.

University Avenue and West 170th Street



Raptor Fest

Saturday, Sept. 15

Noon-3:00 p.m.

Van Cortlandt Park

Stadium Ballfields, Van Cortlandt Park South and Broadway

Experience the thrill of viewing New York's birds of prey live and up close. This family friendly event is free to the public and will include live flight demonstrations, a raptor viewing area, and education/activity tables.

BROOKLYN

**Saturday, July 7 // Nature's Workshop:
Primitive Tools**

Fort Greene Park // 1:00 p.m.

Fort Greene Visitor's Center, Myrtle Avenue
and Washington Park

**Saturday, July 14 // Birding:
Osprey Watch**

Marine Park // 10:00 a.m.

Salt Marsh Nature Center, East 33rd Street
and Avenue U

**Sunday, July 15 // City of Water Day:
Canoeing, Kayaking, and Seashore Activities**

Marine Park // 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Burnett Street and Avenue U

Saturday, July 21 // Gather Around the Campfire

McCarren Park // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, July 11.

Sunday July 29 // Intermediate Canoeing

Paedergat Basin // 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, July 18.

**Saturday, Aug. 4 // Astronomy:
The Solar System**

Owl's Head Park // 8:00 p.m.

Meet at the Park House, Colonial Road and 68th Street

**Saturday, Aug. 18 // Historic New York:
Colonial Life**

Fort Greene Park // 1:00 p.m.

Fort Greene Visitor's Center, Myrtle Avenue
and Washington Park

Sunday, Aug. 19 // Medicinal Plants Hike

Prospect Park // 11:00 a.m.

Prospect Park Audubon Center, East Drive and
Lincoln Road

**Saturday, Aug. 25 // White Island Sunset
Canoe Trip (Advanced)**

Marine Park // 5:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

**Sunday, Sept. 9 // Arts and Literature of
Brooklyn Bridge**

Brooklyn Bridge Park // 1:00 p.m.

Pier One, Furman Street and Old Fulton Street

**Sunday, Sept. 16 // Nature Discovery:
Pond Life**

Green-Wood Cemetery // 11:00 a.m.

Entrance, 5th Avenue and 25th Street

**Sunday, Sept. 23 // Historic New York:
Gerritsen Grist Mill and Farmhouse**

Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.

Salt Marsh Nature Center, East 33rd Street
and Avenue U

MANHATTAN

Sunday, July 8 // Historic New York:

Little Red Lighthouse

Fort Washington Park // 1:00 p.m.

Enter the park from the pedestrian bridge at
West 181st Street and Riverside Drive.

**Saturday, July 14 // The New York City Naturalist Club:
Evening Hawk Watch**

Tompkins Square Park // 5:00 p.m.

St. Marks Place and Avenue A

Sunday, July 15 // Basic Canoeing

Central Park // Noon

Harlem Meer, West 110th Street and Lenox Avenue

Sunday, July 29 // Historic New York:

The High Bridge

Highbridge Park // 11:00 a.m.

West 165th Street and Edgecombe Avenue





Sunday, Aug. 5 // Freshwater Fishing

Central Park // Noon

Harlem Meer, West 110th Street and Lenox Avenue

Sunday, Aug. 12 // The New York City

Naturalist Club: Nature Exploration

Inwood Hill Park // 11:00 a.m.

Isham Street and Seaman Avenue

Saturday, Aug. 25 // Twilight Canoe Adventure

Central Park // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Sunday, Sept. 16 // Rangers Choice:

Fishing on the Hudson River

Inwood Hill Park // 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Sunday, Sept. 23 // Hike to the Hamilton House

Morningside Park // 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Sunday, Sept. 30 // The New York City

Naturalist Club: Nature Exploration

Fort Tryon Park // 1:00 p.m.

Anne Loftus Playground, Dyckman Street and Seaman Avenue

QUEENS

Sunday, July 8 // Basic Canoeing

Alley Pond Park // 11:00 a.m.

Oakland Lake, Cloverdale Boulevard and 46th Avenue

Saturday, July 14 // Historic New York:

Fort Totten

Fort Totten Park // 10:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins Wednesday, July 4.

Saturday, July 21 // Living with Urban Wildlife

Forest Park // 1:00 p.m.

Forest Park Ranger Station, Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive

Sunday, July 22 // Nature Exploration Hike

Highland Park // 11:00 a.m.

Meet in parking lot on Vermont Place

Saturday, Aug. 4 // Basic Canoeing

Baisley Pond Park // 11:00 a.m.

Enter at Baisley Boulevard and 155th Street

Saturday, Aug. 11 // Night Hike

Flushing Meadows Corona Park // 8:00 p.m.

Mauro Playground, Park Drive East and 73rd Terrace

Sunday, Aug. 19 // Forest Park Super Hike

Forest Park // 10:00 a.m.

Forest Park Ranger Station, Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive

Saturday, Aug. 25 // Astronomy:

Full Moon

Alley Pond Park // 8:00 p.m.

Enter at Winchester Boulevard under the Grand Central Parkway and proceed to the Alley Pond Adventure Course

Sunday, Sept. 16 // Birding: Fall Migrants

Alley Pond Park // 10:00 a.m.

Oakland Lake, Cloverdale Boulevard and 46th Avenue

Sunday, Sept. 23 // Gather Around the Campfire

Rockaway Beach // 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Sunday, Sept. 30 // Historic New York:

The World's Fair

Flushing Meadows Corona Park // 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 19.



STATEN ISLAND

Saturday, July 7 // Basic Canoeing

Clove Lakes Park // 11:00 a.m.

Martling Avenue and Brooks Pond Place

Sunday, July 8 // Historic New York:

Willowbrook Park

Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.

Comfort Station near the parking lot from Eton Place entrance of Richmond Avenue

Sunday, July 15 // Freshwater Fishing

Allison Pond Park // 11:00 a.m.

Prospect Avenue and Brentwood Avenue

Saturday, July 21 // Animal of the Month Club: Northern Harrier

Brookfield Park // 11:00 a.m.

Parking lot entrance at Arthur Kill Road and Brookfield Avenue

Sunday, July 22 // Archery

Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 11.

Sunday, July 29 // Animal of the Month:

Northern Harrier

Brookfield Park // 11:00 a.m.

Parking lot entrance at Arthur Kill Road and Brookfield Avenue

Saturday, Aug. 4 // Archery

Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, July 25.

Sunday, Aug. 12 // Solar Astronomy

Brookfield Park // 1:00 p.m.

Parking lot entrance at Arthur Kill Road and Brookfield Avenue



Sunday, Aug. 19 // Basic Canoeing

Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.

Parking lot at Eton Place entrance of Richmond Avenue

Saturday, Aug. 25 // Animal of the Month Club: Frogs

High Rock Park // 11:00 a.m.

Parking lot at the end of Nevada Avenue

Sunday, Aug. 26 // Birding

Brookfield Park // 11:00 a.m.

Parking lot entrance at Arthur Kill Road and Brookfield Avenue

Sunday, Sept. 2 // Freshwater Fishing

Clove Lakes Park // 11:00 a.m.

Parking lot at Park Drive and Clove Road

Saturday, Sept. 8 // Animal of the Month Club: Butterflies

Brookfield Park // 1:00 p.m.

Parking lot entrance at Arthur Kill Road and Brookfield Avenue

Saturday, Sept. 22 // Living with Deer

Brookfield Park // 11:00 a.m.

Parking lot entrance at Arthur Kill Road and Brookfield Avenue

Saturday, Sept. 29 // Basic Canoeing

Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.


Parking lot at Eton Place entrance of Richmond Avenue

Making Connections: Out and About in Your Park

Parks are a great place to explore and connect to the natural world. Trees, plants, birds, mammals and insects are just some of what you might see during your exploration. In addition to nature, parks are full of history, active recreation and plenty of opportunities to learn something new.

Use this page as a guide on your next visit to the park. You can find each clue inside of parks. For each clue, write down what you saw and what you know and learned about it. Can you complete three squares in a row and make a connection? You can also make your own clues if you'd like.

Have something you'd like to share? Tag us [@NYCParks](#) on Twitter and Instagram.

 Observations by _____ in _____ Park

A visiting bird	A nocturnal species	Six-legged creature
Fallen seeds from a tree	A colorful living thing	Your favorite park ranger
A statue or piece of history	Animals or people near lake or pond	Shelter (animal or people made)



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