

Outdoors

IN NEW YORK CITY

April/May/June 2019



NYC Parks



Welcome to Outdoors in New York City

As the long nights of winter give way to the thawing streams of spring, there are countless opportunities for us to reconnect with the outdoor environment around us. It can be easy to lose touch with the natural world during the cold winter months. However, under the skilled stewardship of our Urban Park Rangers, it's incredibly easy to renew our relationship with the outdoors without leaving the five boroughs.

This spring, we invite you to help us celebrate our 40th Anniversary by joining us on a Weekend Adventure for families, outdoor enthusiasts, history buffs, and more. Our Urban Park Rangers will connect children to the Natural world during Kids Week. We encourage all New Yorkers to participate and become citizen scientists during the City Nature Challenge on April 27 and 28. Lace up your hiking boots and celebrate National Trails Day on June 1 with a Ranger as your guide.

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. They can also guide you and your family in the tradition of setting up a tent for a night of camping under the stars. Lastly, we encourage you to attend our annual Urban Wildlife Festival at Highbridge Park on May 4 to learn more about the animals that call our parks home. We hope to see you in the park this spring!

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

Urban Park Rangers Kids Week

April 22–26, 2019

School's out! Take the kids to the park to enjoy a variety of nature programs. **Get outside and get excited!**

BRONX

Monday, April 22

Earth Day Exploration

Pelham Bay Park // 1:00 p.m.
Pelham Bay Nature Center
Bruckner Boulevard and
Wilkinson Avenue

Tuesday, April 23

Ranger Games

Van Cortlandt Park // 11:00 a.m.
Van Cortlandt Nature Center
West 246th Street and Broadway

Wednesday, April 24

Orienteering for Kids

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

Thursday, April 25

Coastal Exploration

Pelham Bay Park // 11:00 a.m.
Orchard Beach Nature Center,
Section 2 Orchard Beach

Friday, April 26

Insect Exploration

Van Cortlandt Park // 1:00 p.m.
Van Cortlandt Nature Center
West 246th Street and Broadway

BROOKLYN

Monday, April 22

Insect Exploration

Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.
Salt Marsh Nature Center
East 33rd Street and Avenue U

Tuesday, April 23

Sea Shore Exploration

Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.
Salt Marsh Nature Center
East 33rd Street and Avenue U

Tuesday, April 23

Fort Greene History and Colonial Games

Fort Greene Park // 1:00 p.m.
Fort Greene Visitors Center
Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

Wednesday, April 24

Wilderness Survival

Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.
Salt Marsh Nature Center
East 33rd Street and Avenue U

Thursday, April 25

Nature Art

Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.
Salt Marsh Nature Center
East 33rd Street and Avenue U

Thursday, April 25

Campfire Activities

Fort Greene Park // 1:00 p.m.
Fort Greene Visitors Center
Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

Friday, April 26

Scavenger Hunt

Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.
Salt Marsh Nature Center
East 33rd Street and Avenue U

MANHATTAN

Monday, April 22

Geology Rocks!

Inwood Hill Park // 1:00 p.m.
Payson Playground,
Dyckman Street and Henshaw Street

Tuesday, April 23

Nature Exploration Hike

Central Park // 1:00 p.m.
Dana Discovery Center, West 110th
Street and Lenox Avenue

Wednesday, April 24

Birds of Prey

Inwood Hill Park // 1:00 p.m.
Payson Playground,
Dyckman Street and Henshaw Street

Thursday, April 25

Bug Hunt

Central Park // 1:00 p.m.
Dana Discovery Center, West
110th Street and Lenox Avenue

Friday, April 26

All About Owls

Inwood Hill Park // 1:00 p.m.
Payson Playground,
Dyckman Street and Henshaw Street

QUEENS

Monday, April 22

Celebrate Earth Day

Alley Pond Park // 1:00 p.m.
Alley Pond Park Adventure Center,
Winchester Boulevard and
Grand Central Parkway

Tuesday, April 23

Insect Exploration

Forest Park // 1:00 p.m.
Forest Park Visitor Center,
Woodhaven Boulevard and
Forest Park Drive

Wednesday, April 24

Nature Puppet Show

Fort Totten Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at Fort Totten Visitors' Center

Thursday, April 25

Ranger Games

Juniper Valley Park // 1:00 p.m.
Juniper Boulevard and 78th Street

Friday, April 26

Birding for Kids

Flushing Meadows Corona Park // 1:00 p.m.
Mauro Playground at Park Drive East
and 73rd Terrace

STATEN ISLAND

Monday, April 22

Recycling Crafts

Blue Heron Park // 1:00 p.m.
Blue Heron Nature Center
222 Poillon Ave.

Tuesday, April 23

Beach Scavenger Hunt

Midland Beach // 1:00 p.m.
Lincoln Avenue and Father
Capodanno Boulevard

Wednesday, April 24

All About Owls

Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex // 1:00 p.m.
Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex,
625 Father Capodanno Blvd.

Thursday, April 25

Archery

Willowbrook Park // 1:00 p.m.
Parking lot near restrooms
at the Eton Place entrance

Friday, April 26

Living with White Tailed Deer

Greenbelt Nature Center // 1:00 p.m.
700 Rockland Ave.

Urban Park Ranger Programs

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

BRONX

Saturday, April 6 // Explorer's Club: Birding for Kids

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

Van Cortlandt Nature Center,
West 246th Street and Broadway

**Sunday, April 14 // Historic New York:
Old Croton Aqueduct**

Van Cortlandt Park // 1:00 p.m.

Van Cortlandt Park East and 242nd Street

**Saturday, April 20 // Explorer's Club:
Celestial Navigation**

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

Van Cortlandt Nature Center,
West 246th Street and Broadway

**Saturday, April 27 // City Nature Challenge:
Exploration Hike**

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

Orchard Beach Nature Center,
Section 2 Orchard Beach

Sunday, April 28 // Freshwater Fishing

Crotona Park // 1:00 p.m.

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

**Sunday, May 5 // Explorer's Club:
Introduction to Pollinators**

Van Cortlandt Park // Noon

Van Cortlandt Nature Center,
West 246th Street and Broadway

**Sunday, May 19 // "Over the Hill"
Hilltop Hike: Vault Hill and Beyond**

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

Van Cortlandt Nature Center,
West 246th Street and Broadway

Friday, May 24 // Family Camping

Van Cortlandt Park // 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, June 2 // Basic Canoeing

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

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

Saturday, June 15 // Basic Canoeing

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

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

Sunday, June 16 // Explorer's Club: Shelter Building

Pelham Bay Park // 1:00 p.m.

Pelham Bay Nature Center,
Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue

Saturday, June 22 // Family Camping

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

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

BROOKLYN

Sunday, April 7 // Survival Series:

Backpacking Preparation

Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 13 // Freshwater Fishing

Prospect Park // 11:00 a.m.

Prospect Park Audubon Center,
East Drive and Lincoln Road. Ages 8 and up.

Sunday, April 14 // Survival Series:

Build Your Own Fire Starting Kit

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

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

Saturday, April 20 // Basic Canoeing

Prospect Park // 11:00 a.m.

Prospect Park Audubon Center,
East Drive and Lincoln Road. Ages 8 and up.



**Saturday, April 27 // City Nature Challenge:
Spring Blossoms**

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

**Saturday, May 11 // Survival Series:
Water Collection and Filtration**

Marine Park // 11:00 a.m.
Salt Marsh Nature Center,
East 33rd Street and Avenue U

**Saturday, May 18 // Family Camping and
Nature Meditation**

Marine Park // 6:00 p.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, May 8.

**Sunday, May 26 // Survival Series:
Bow Drills and Friction Fires**

Marine Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, May 15.

Sunday, June 9 // Basic Canoeing

Prospect Park // 11:00 a.m.
Prospect Park Audubon Center, East Drive
and Lincoln Road. For ages 8 and up.

Friday, June 14 // Family Camping

Prospect Park // 7:00 p.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, June 5.

Sunday, June 23 // "Over the Hill"

Hilltop Hike: Lookout Hill

Prospect Park // 11:00 a.m.
Prospect Park Audubon Center,
East Drive and Lincoln Road.

MANHATTAN

**Saturday, April 6 // The NYC History Club: Hidden
Streams and Wetlands of Mannahatta: Collect Pond**

Collect Pond Park // 11:00 a.m.
Lafayette Street and Franklin Street

**Saturday, April 13 // Little Red Lighthouse
Lantern Tour**

Fort Washington Park // 7:00 p.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, April 3.

**Saturday, April 20 // The NYC Naturalist Club:
Spring Bird Walk**

Inwood Hill Park // 10:00 a.m.
Isham Street and Seaman Avenue

**Sunday, April 28 // City Nature Challenge:
Biodiversity Blitz!**

Inwood Hill Park // 11:00 a.m.
Payson Playground, Dyckman Street
and Henshaw Street

**Saturday, May 11 // The NYC Naturalist Club:
Hawk Watch**

Tompkins Square Park // 11:00 a.m.
Avenue A and St. Mark's Place

Sunday, May 19 // Basic Canoeing

Central Park // 11:00 a.m.
Harlem Meer, 110th Street and
Lenox Avenue. Ages 8 and up.

Saturday, May 25 // Twilight Canoeing

Central Park // 7:00 p.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, May 15.

Friday, June 7 // Family Camping

Inwood Hill Park // 7:00 p.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, May 29.

Sunday, June 9 // Saltwater Fishing

Inwood Hill Park // 1:00 p.m.
Dyckman Pier, Dyckman Street and
Hudson River. Ages 8 and up.

**Sunday, June 16 // “Over the Hill”
Hilltop Hike: Fort Tryon
Fort Tryon Park // 10:00 a.m.**
Anne Loftus Playground,
Dyckman Street and Seaman Avenue

**Saturday, June 22 // Family Camping
Inwood Hill Park // 6:00 p.m.**
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, June 12.

QUEENS

**Saturday, April 6 // Park of the Month: Kissena Park
Kissena Park // 1:00 p.m.**
Meet at Rose Avenue and Oak Avenue

**Sunday, April 14 // “Over the Hill”
Hilltop Hike: Highland Park
Highland Park // 11:00 a.m.**
Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street

**Saturday, April 20 // Earth Day Crafts and Games
Cunningham Park // 1:00 p.m.**
Meet at playground at Aberdeen Road
and 193rd Street.

**Saturday, April 27 // City Nature Challenge:
Biodiversity Hike
Alley Pond Park // 1:00 p.m.**
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, April 17.

**Sunday, May 5 // Park of the Month:
Captain Tilly Park
Captain Tilly Park // 11:00 a.m.**
Meet at Gothic Drive and Chapin Parkway

**Sunday, May 12 // Birding: Shore Birds
Bayswater Park // 11:00 a.m.**
Meet at comfort station near Beach
Channel Drive and Bay 32nd Street.

**Friday, May 24 // Family Camping and Astronomy
Fort Totten Park // 7:00 p.m.**
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, May 15.

**Sunday, May 26 // Freshwater Fishing
Baisley Pond Park // 10:00 a.m.**
Meet in the parking lot at Baisley Boulevard
and 155th Street. Ages 8 and up.

**Saturday, June 8 // Family Camping
Alley Pond Park // 6:00 p.m.**
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, May 29.



**Saturday June 15 // Park of the Month:
Astoria Park and the General Slocum
Astoria Park // 1:00 p.m.**
Meet in parking lot at Hoyt Avenue
North and 19 Street.

**Sunday, June 23 // Basic Canoeing
Alley Pond Park // 11:00 a.m.**
Oakland Lake, Cloverdale Boulevard
and 46th Avenue. Ages 8 and up.

STATEN ISLAND

**Saturday, April 6 // Ecosystem Explorers:
Nocturnal Species
Willowbrook Park // 8:00 p.m.**
Meet at the restrooms near the parking lot
from Eton Place entrance.

**Saturday, April 13 // The Secret Life of Muskrats
Clove Lakes Park // 1:00 p.m.**
Parking lot from Clove Road and Park Drive

**Sunday, April 14 // Birding: Raptors
Brookfield Park // 11:00 a.m.**
Parking lot at Arthur Kill Road and Brookfield Avenue

**Sunday, April 21 // Sensory Perception Hike
Greenbelt Nature Center // 1:00 p.m.**
700 Rockland Ave.

**Saturday, April 27 // City Nature Challenge:
Exploration Hike**

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

Parking lot from Clove Road and Park Drive

**Sunday, May 5 // Ecosystem Explorers:
Maritime Forest**

Conference House Park // 11:00 a.m.

Visitor Center parking lot at Hylan Boulevard
and Satterlee Street

Sunday, May 12 // Mother Nature Hike

Allison Pond Park // 2:00 p.m.

Prospect Avenue and Brentwood Avenue

Friday, May 17 // Family Camping

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

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

Sunday, May 26 // "Over the Hill"

Hilltop Hike: Mount Moses

High Rock Park // 1:00 p.m.

Nevada Avenue parking lot

Saturday, June 8 // Family Camping

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

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

Saturday, June 15 // Archery

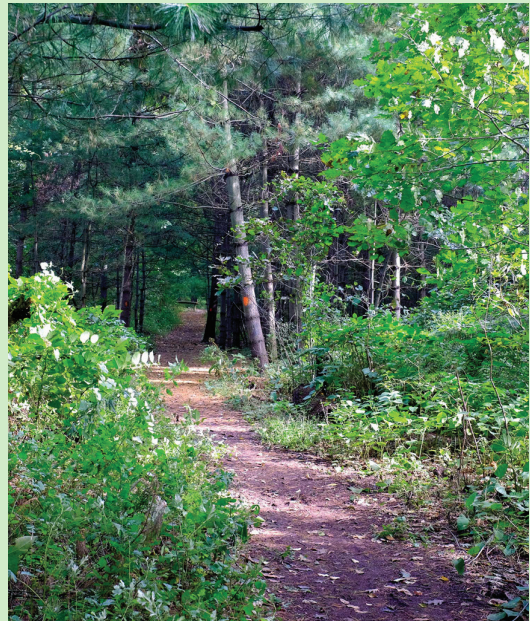
Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration
begins on Wednesday, June 5. Ages 8 and up.

Saturday, June 22 // Freshwater Fishing

Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.

Parking lot near restrooms at
the Eton Place entrance. Ages 8 and up.



National Trails Day

Saturday, June 1, 2019

NYC Parks features 300 miles of trails that will take you through some of the oldest forests in the city, and past 10,000 acres of wild and untouched natural areas, glacial potholes, and bedrock you can see and touch! Join the Urban Park Rangers and celebrate this day by hiking a trail in your borough.

BRONX

Van Cortlandt Park // 1:00 p.m.

Mosholu Avenue and Broadway

BROOKLYN

Canarsie Park // 1:00 p.m.

Meet at Park House,
88th Street and Seaview Avenue

MANHATTAN

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

Isham Street and Seaman Avenue

QUEENS

Forest Park // 11:00 a.m.

Meet at Buddy Monument at
Myrtle Avenue and Park Lane South

STATEN ISLAND

Conference House Park // 11:00 a.m.

Visitor Center parking lot at Hylan Boulevard
and Satterlee Street



Urban Wildlife Festival

Saturday, May 4

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Highbridge Park

West 172nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue

Kick off the Urban Park Rangers' 40th Anniversary by getting to know your wild neighbors, including squirrels, turtles, skunks, opossums, and coyotes—while participating in games and activities to build your awareness and understanding of the natural world.



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