Welcome to Outdoors in New York City

The winter months may bring cold and snowy days, but they also give us the chance to explore a side of New York City we only get to enjoy for a few months each year.

Join the Urban Park Rangers during this season as we lead you through a vast array of outdoor activities. Our wildlife viewing programs highlight some of our city’s rarely seen wildlife such as owls, eagles, and seals. Outdoor Skills programs are designed for participants to learn different techniques for surviving outdoors. Kids Week programs lead young New Yorkers into to the outdoors during mid-winter recess. The Urban Park Rangers also honor the contributions made by many historical figures to our city and our parks during Black History Month and Women’s History Month.

We encourage you to lace up your boots, grab your mittens and hat, and head to your nearest park! New York City parks are open year-round, and we are ready to welcome you. Let the Urban Park Rangers brighten even the grayest of days.

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 Ranger Programs

From winter birding to survival workshops, the Urban Park Rangers are hosting fun outdoor activities all winter long. For a complete detailed listing of programs and to register, visit nyc.gov/parks/rangers.

BRONX
Saturday, Jan. 11 // The Bartow-Pell Mansion Winter Hike
Pelham Bay Park // Noon
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Sunday, Jan. 12 // Winter Relaxation Hike
Van Cortlandt Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at Mosholu Avenue and Broadway

Sunday, Jan. 19 // Seal Exploration
Pelham Bay Park // 1:00 p.m.
Orchard Beach Nature Center,
Section 2 of Orchard Beach

Saturday, Jan. 25 // Astronomy: The Winter Sky
Van Cortlandt Park // 6:00 p.m.
Van Cortlandt Nature Center,
West 246th Street and Broadway

Sunday, Jan. 26 // Birding: Owls
Pelham Bay Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Sunday, Feb. 2 // Nature Exploration: John Muir Trail
Van Cortlandt Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at Mosholu Avenue and Broadway

Saturday, Feb. 8 // Birding: Winter Residents
Van Cortlandt Park // 11:00 a.m.
Van Cortlandt Nature Center,
West 246th Street and Broadway

Sunday Feb. 9 // Astronomy: The Snow Moon
Pelham Bay Park // 7:00 p.m.
Pelham Bay Park Nature Center,
Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue

Saturday, Feb. 15 // The Old Croton Aqueduct Hike
Van Cortlandt Park // 1:00 p.m.
Van Cortlandt Nature Center,
West 246th Street and Broadway

Saturday, Feb. 22 // Birding: Bald Eagle Watch
Riverdale Park // 11:00 a.m.
Spaulding Lane and Palisade Avenue

Sunday, Feb. 23 // Black History Month: Poetry Hike
Pelham Bay Park // 1:00 p.m.
Pelham Bay Park Nature Center,
Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue

Saturday, Feb. 29 // The Pelham Bay Super Hike
Pelham Bay Park // 10:00 a.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Saturday, March 7 // Women’s History Month:
Cass Gallagher
Van Cortlandt Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at Mosholu Avenue and Broadway

Sunday, March 8 // Bronx History: Williamsbridge Oval and Valentine Varian House
Williamsbridge Oval // 1:00 p.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Saturday, March 14 // Seal Exploration
Pelham Bay Park // 10:00 a.m.
Orchard Beach Nature Center,
Section 2 of Orchard Beach

Sunday, March 15 // Women’s History Month:
Anne Hutchinson
Pelham Bay Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at Pelham and Split Rock Golf Course, 870 Shore Road.

Saturday, March 21 // Early Spring Gardening
Van Cortlandt Park // 1:00 p.m.
Van Cortlandt Nature Center,
West 246th Street and Broadway

Saturday, March 28 // Nature Exploration:
Seton Falls Park
Seton Falls Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at Baychester Avenue and East 233rd Street.
Sunday, March 29 // Outdoor Skills: Camp Cooking
Van Cortlandt Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meeting location TBA. Registration begins on Wednesday, March 18.

BROOKLYN
Saturday, Jan. 11 // Outdoor Skills: Survival During the American Revolution
Fort Greene Park // 1:00 p.m.
Fort Greene Visitors Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

Sunday, Jan. 12 // Birding: Winter Birds
Canarsie Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at Park House 88th Street and Seaview Avenue.

Sunday, Jan. 19 // Winter Mythology: Stories Around the Campfire
Fort Greene Park // 6:00 p.m.
Fort Greene Visitors Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

Saturday, Jan. 25 // Outdoor Skills: Navigation and Orienteering
Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.
Salt Marsh Nature Center, East 33rd Street and Avenue U

Sunday, Jan. 26 // Winter Tree ID
Prospect Park // 11:00 a.m.
Prospect Park Audubon Center, East Drive and Lincoln Road

Saturday, Feb. 8 // Birding: Winter Waterfowl
Manhattan Beach // 10:00 a.m
Oriental Boulevard and Falmouth Street entrance

Saturday, Feb. 15 // Nature Photography: Winter Landscapes
Sunset Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at Seventh Avenue and 43rd Street.

Saturday, Feb. 22 // Black History Month: Brooklyn and the Underground Railroad
Brooklyn Bridge Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Saturday, March 1 // Nature’s Workshop: Terrariums
Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Sunday, March 15 // Women’s History Month: Gravesend Cemetery Tour
Gravesend Cemetery // 11:00 a.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, March 4th.

Saturday, March 21 // Nature’s Workshop: Creating Music from Nature
Fort Greene Park // 1:00 p.m.
Fort Greene Visitors Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

Sunday, March 22 // Historic New York: Nature and Design of Prospect Park
Prospect Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet under the Arch in Grand Army Plaza.

Saturday, March 28 // Wildlife Viewing: City Squirrels
Fort Greene Park // 1:00 p.m.
Fort Greene Visitors Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park
MANHATTAN

Saturday, Jan. 11 // Birding: Bald Eagle Watch
Inwood Hill Park // 9:00 a.m.
Payson Playground, Dyckman Street and Henshaw Street

Sunday, Jan. 12 // Winter Wonderland Hike
Fort Tryon Park // 1:00 p.m.
Fort Washington Avenue and Margaret Corbin Circle

Sunday, Jan. 19 // Outdoor Skills: Animal Tracking
Central Park // 1:00 p.m.
West 81st Street and Central Park West

Sunday, Jan. 26 // Birding: Winter Waterfowl
Central Park // 1:00 p.m.
West 90th Street and Central Park West

Saturday, Feb. 1 // Conservation 101: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and More
Inwood Hill Park // 11:00 a.m.
Payson Playground, Dyckman Street and Henshaw Street

Saturday, Feb. 8 // Birding: Bald Eagle Watch
Inwood Hill Park // 9:00 a.m.
Payson Playground, Dyckman Street and Henshaw Street

Sunday, Feb. 9 // Geology: Highbridge Rocks!
Highbridge Park // 1:00 p.m.
West 164th Street and Edgecombe Avenue

Saturday, Feb. 15 // Birding: Birds Along Broadway
Riverside Park // 11:00 a.m.
West 142nd Street and Riverside Drive

Sunday, Feb. 16 // Historic New York:
Mount Morris Fire Watchtower
Marcus Garvey Park // 1:00 p.m.
West 122nd Street and Mount Morris Park West

Saturday, Feb. 22 // Black History Month:
Seneca Village
Central Park // 1:00 p.m.
West 81st Street and Central Park West

Sunday, Feb. 23 // Outdoor Skills: Fire Making
Inwood Hill Park // 1:00 p.m.
West 218th Street and Indian Road

Saturday, Feb. 29 // Historic New York:
Washington Square
Washington Square Park // 1:00 p.m.
Washington Square Arch, Fifth Avenue and Washington Square North

Saturday, March 7 // Nature Exploration Hike
Central Park // 1:00 p.m.
West 100th Street and Central Park West

Sunday, March 8 // Astronomy: The Worm Moon
Inwood Hill Park // 7:00 p.m.
West 218th Street and Indian Road

Saturday, March 14 // Women's History Month:
Historic Women of Central Park
Central Park // 11:00 a.m.
Grand Army Plaza, Fifth Avenue and East 59th Street

Sunday, March 22 // Birding: Spring Migrants
Bryant Park // 10:00 a.m.
West 41st Street and Sixth Avenue

Saturday, March 28 // Northern Manhattan Parks Super Hike
Inwood Hill Park // 1:00 p.m.
West 218th Street and Indian Road

Sunday, March 29 // Nature Photography Hike
Central Park // 11:00 a.m.
Conservatory Gardens, East 106th Street and Fifth Avenue
QUEENS

Saturday, Jan. 11  //  Astronomy: The Night Sky
Fort Totten Park // 6:00 p.m.
Fort Totten Visitors Center, Totten Road and Cross Island Parkway. Follow signs to the Visitor Center.

Sunday, Jan. 12  //  Outdoor Skills: Wilderness Survival
Forest Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at the Buddy Monument, Myrtle Avenue and Park Lane South

Sunday, Jan. 19  //  Birding: Owls
Alley Pond Park // 11:00 a.m.
Enter at Winchester Boulevard under the Grand Central Parkway and proceed to the Alley Pond Park Adventure Course.

Saturday, Jan. 25  //  Nature Scavenger Hunt
Juniper Valley Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet in the parking lot at Juniper Boulevard North and 80th Street.

Sunday, Jan. 26  //  Birding: Winter Waterfowl
Baisley Pond Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at Baisley Boulevard and 155th Street

Saturday, Feb. 1  //  Black History Month:
Black History in Parks
Roy Wilkins Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at Roy Wilkins Recreation Center.
Enter at Baisley Boulevard and 177th Street.

Sunday, Feb. 2  //  Nature's Workshop:
Creating with Nature
Captain Tilly Park // 10:00 a.m.
Meet at Chapin Parkway and Gothic Drive.

Saturday, Feb. 8  //  Winter Wonderland Hike
Astoria Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at Hoyt Avenue North and 19th Street.

Sunday, Feb. 9  //  Astronomy: The Snow Moon
Alley Pond Park // 6:00 p.m.
Enter at Winchester Boulevard under the Grand Central Parkway and proceed to the Alley Pond Park Adventure Course.

Sunday, Feb. 16  //  Winter Tree ID: Evergreens
Flushing Meadows Corona Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at the Unisphere.

Saturday, Feb. 22  //  Forest Park Super Hike
Forest Park // 10:00 a.m.
Meeting location TBA. Lottery registration begins on Wednesday, Feb 12.

Sunday, Feb. 23  //  Outdoor Skills: Animal Tracking
Crocheron Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at 35th Avenue by Golden Pond.

Sunday, March 1  //  Nature Art: Scenery Sketches
Queensbridge Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at Queensbridge Park Greenway and Vernon Boulevard.

Saturday, March 7  //  Women's History Month:
Historic Women in Queens
Athens Square Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at 30th Avenue and 30th Street.

Sunday, March 8  //  Historic New York:
Fort Totten Tunnel Tour
Fort Totten Park // 11:00 a.m.
Fort Totten Visitors Center, Totten Road and Cross Island Parkway. Enter park and follow signs to the Visitor Center.

Sunday, March 15  //  Rockaway Park Bike Tour
Rockaway Beach // 11:00 a.m.
Meet on the Boardwalk at Beach 94th Street.

Saturday, March 21  //  Nature Exploration:
Signs of Spring
Kissena Park // 11:00 a.m.
Meet at Rose Avenue and Oak Avenue.

Sunday, March 22  //  Nature's Workshop:
Poetry in the Park
Forest Park // 10:00 a.m.
Meet at the Buddy Monument, Myrtle Avenue and Park Lane South.

Sunday, March 29  //  Nature Exploration
Hike and Meditation
Hermon MacNeil Park // 1:00 p.m.
Meet at 115th Street and Poppenhusen Avenue.
STATEN ISLAND

Saturday, Jan. 11 // Outdoor Skills: Orienteering
Silver Lake Park // 1:00 p.m.
Forest Avenue and Silver Lake Park Drive

Sunday, Jan. 12 // Birding: Winter Waterfowl
Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.
Comfort Station near Eton Place entrance

Saturday, Jan. 18 // Birding: Raptor Watch
Brookfield Park // 11:00 a.m.
Parking lot at Brookfield Avenue and Arthur Kill Road

Sunday, Jan. 19 // Winter Tree ID
Von Briesen Park // 1:00 p.m.
Bay Street and School Road entrance

Saturday, Jan. 25 // Astronomy: The Night Sky
Clove Lakes Park // 7:00 p.m.
Potter Avenue and Royal Oak Road

Sunday, Feb. 2 // Winter Hibernation Hike
Clove Lakes Park // 8:00 a.m.
Martling Avenue and Brooks Pond Place

Sunday, Feb. 9 // Seal Exploration
Lemon Creek Pier // 1:00 p.m.
Fishing pier at Sharrott Avenue and Hylan Boulevard

Saturday, Feb. 15 // Living with White-Tailed Deer
Greenbelt Nature Center // 1:00 p.m.
700 Rockland Ave.

Sunday, Feb. 16 // Nature Exploration Hike
Clove Lakes Park // 11:00 a.m.
Clove Road and Park Drive

Saturday, Feb. 22 // Black History Month:
Black History of Staten Island
Tappen Park // 11:00 a.m.
Bay Street and Canal Street

Saturday, Feb. 29 // Outdoor Skills: Fire Making
Willowbrook Park // 11:00 a.m.
Comfort Station near Eton Place entrance

Sunday, March 1 // Birding: Owls
High Rock Park // 4:00 p.m.
Parking lot at the end of Nevada Avenue

Saturday, March 7 // Nocturnal Nature Exploration Hike
Allison Pond Park // 7:00 p.m.
Prospect Avenue and Brentwood Avenue

Sunday, March 15 // Nature’s Workshop:
Natural Basket Weaving
Blue Heron Nature Center // 11:00 a.m.
Blue Heron Nature Center,
222 Poillon Ave.

Sunday, March 22 // Women’s History Month:
Women of the Lenape
Conference House Park // 1:00 p.m.
Visitors Center parking lot at Hylan Boulevard and Satterlee Street

Saturday, March 28 // Composting 101
Blue Heron Park // 11:00 a.m.
Blue Heron Nature Center,
222 Poillon Ave.
School's out, so take the kids to the park to enjoy a variety of nature programs. **Get outside and get excited!**

### BRONX

**Monday, Feb. 17**  
*Orienteering for Kids*  
Pelham Bay Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Pelham Bay Nature Center  
Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue  

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**  
*Survival Skills*  
Van Cortlandt Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Van Cortlandt Nature Center  
West 246th Street and Broadway  

**Wednesday, Feb. 19**  
*Ranger Games*  
Soundview Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Metcalf Playground, Metcalf Avenue and Seward Avenue  

**Thursday, Feb. 20**  
*Nature Exploration Hike for Kids*  
Pelham Bay Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Pelham Bay Nature Center  
Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue  

**Friday, Feb. 21**  
*Winter Scavenger Hunt*  
Van Cortlandt Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Van Cortlandt Nature Center  
West 246th Street and Broadway  

### BROOKLYN

**Monday, Feb. 17**  
*Find My Way: Maps and Compasses*  
Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Salt Marsh Nature Center  
East 33rd Street and Avenue U  

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**  
*Shelter Building*  
Marine Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Salt Marsh Nature Center  
East 33rd Street and Avenue U  

### MANHATTAN

**Monday, Feb. 17**  
*Geology Rocks!*  
Central Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Dana Discovery Center  
West 110th Street and Lenox Avenue  

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**  
*Birds of Prey*  
Inwood Hill Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Payson Playground  
Dyckman Street and Henshaw Street  

**Wednesday, Feb. 19**  
*Trees and Winter Wildlife*  
Central Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Dana Discovery Center,  
West 110th Street and Lenox Avenue  

### QUEENS

**Monday, Feb. 17**  
*Nature Exploration Hike for Kids*  
Elmhurst Park // 11:00 a.m.  
79th Street and Grand Avenue  

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**  
*Nature Puppet Show*  
Fort Totten Park // 11:00 a.m.  
Fort Totten Visitors Center  
Totten Road and Cross Island Parkway  

**Wednesday, Feb. 19**  
*Gather Around the Campfire*  
Alley Pond Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Alley Pond Park Adventure Course,  
Winchester Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway  

**Thursday, Feb. 20**  
*Winter Wildlife Crafts*  
Forest Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Forest Park Ranger Station,  
Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive  

**Friday, Feb. 21**  
*Birding for Kids*  
Flushing Meadows Corona Park // 11:00 a.m.  
Meadow Lake Boathouse parking lot  

### STATEN ISLAND

**Monday, Feb. 17**  
*All About Owls*  
Blue Heron Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Blue Heron Nature Center,  
222 Poillon Ave.  

**Tuesday, Feb. 18**  
*Lenape Bingo*  
Conference House Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Conference House Visitors Center  
Hylan Boulevard and Satterlee Street  

**Wednesday, Feb. 19**  
*Animal Tracks*  
Allison Pond Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Allison Pond Parking Area,  
222 Poillon Ave.  

**Thursday, Feb. 20**  
*Winter Crafts*  
Blue Heron Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Blue Heron Nature Center,  
222 Poillon Ave.  

**Friday, Feb. 21**  
*Campfire Sing Along*  
Willowbrook Park // 1:00 p.m.  
Meet at archery field parking lot