

Friday, April 4

Brooklyn

Things that go Bump in the Night / Marine Park 7 p.m. / SMNC Enjoy a night hike as we go in search of bats, raccoons, opossums, and night herons.

Saturday, April 5

Bronx

Bird Club / Van Cortlandt Park 9 a.m. / VCNC Once a month, every month, come bird with us! Bring your own binoculars.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Springtime Scavenger Hunt / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC The salt marsh is teeming with life—from crabs to shorebirds to marsh grass. Join the Rangers on a “hunt” for all things natural. Prizes will be awarded.

Tales from the Crypt / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC The remains of over 8,000 Revolutionary War patriots are interred in the crypt beneath the park. Join the Urban Park Rangers to uncover the facts.

Manhattan

Birding for Beginners / Inwood Hill Park 9 a.m. / IHNC

Hawk Nest Watch / Inwood Hill Park 12 p.m. / IHNC Spring is nesting season! Come check out our resident red-tailed hawk nest, while learning all about raptors. Please bring binoculars.

On A Wing Festival / Central Park 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. / Belvedere Castle Music, dance, puppetry, and art in honor of spring migration.

Queens

From Slumber to Spring / Alley Pond Park 10 a.m. / APPAC Many organisms are awakening from a long winter’s sleep, so be sure to set your alarm clock for this program.

History Detectives: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS Explore one of the last Civil War masonry forts ever constructed as we try to solve the riddle of why this massive structure was never completed.

Staten Island

Fresh Kills Tour / Fresh Kills Landfill 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. / Meeting place TBA Witness the dramatic transformation from landfill to bird-filled: turkey vultures, red-tailed hawks, ring-necked pheasants and other field-loving birds. Registration required. Visit www.nyc.gov/parks and type “Fresh Kills sign-up form” in the search field to register.

Animal Adoption / Blue Heron Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. / BHNC Need a new fuzzy friend? You can adopt from the variety of dogs and cats from P.L.U.T.O. Animal Rescue right here on Staten Island. Join guest speaker Lisa Rooney for a trap/neuter/release lecture starting at 12 p.m.

Sunday, April 6

Bronx

Forever Wild!: Hunter Island Hike / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / OBNC Hunter Island is a remote wildlife paradise, filled with early spring bloomers.

Brooklyn

Explore the Park Series: Owl’s Head Park / Owl’s Head Park 1 p.m. / Meet at the park house, Colonial St. entrance Built on the remains of the old Bliss Estate, Owl’s Head Park delivers sweeping views of New York Harbor and is home to beautiful legacy trees.

History Club: History of the Brooklyn Camera Club / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC Join the Brooklyn Camera Club and History Club members for a discussion of Brooklyn through old time photographs.

Urban Ecology / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC What do trees, squirrels, and hawks all have in common? Find out with the Rangers, as we explore the park.

Manhattan

Birding / Fort Tryon Park 10 a.m. / Meet at 191 St. and Fort Washington Ave.

New Beginnings: Blossoms, Buds, and Birds / Central Park 10 a.m. / Belvedere Castle entrance The woodlands are alive with colors and sounds.

Queens

Gems of Queens Series / Hermon MacNeil Park 1 p.m. / Meet at College Pl. & Poppenhusen Ave. In this monthly series, explore some of the lesser-known parks of Queens. Named for a nationally renowned sculptor, Hermon MacNeil Park offers dramatic views of Manhattan and Flushing Bay.

Tunnel Tour / Fort Totten 1 p.m. / FTRS Explore the forgotten tunnels and hidden chambers of old Fort Totten.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Forensic Fun / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC Try your hand at being a detective. Analyze fingerprints, fibers, and hair to see if you can solve our mystery.

Tree-mendous Tree / Clove Lakes Park 1 p.m. / Meet at comfort station, 1150 Clove Rd. Take a walk through Clove Lakes Park to the former site of the tallest tree in New York City. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Monday, April 7

Brooklyn

Monday Night Lecture: History of Diners / Marine Park

7 p.m. / SMNC A fascinating presentation on an American Institution and something distinctly part of American culture.

Saturday, April 12

Bronx

Wildflower Walk / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / VCNC Starting this spring, on the second Saturday of each month, join us in search of spring beauties.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

And...Howe / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC Discover the roles played by British Commanders Richard and William Howe in the Battle of Brooklyn and how their decisions affected the outcome the Revolution.

Manhattan

Hawk Nest Watch / Inwood Hill Park 10 a.m. / IHNC

See April 5 listing.

Kids' Garden I / Riverside Park 1 p.m. / River Run Playground at W. 85 St. Explore plant biology and create your own crafty gardens. All ages welcome. Please bring one CLEAR 2-liter plastic bottle.

Jeffrey's Hook Lighthouse / Fort Washington Park 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. / Meet at the Little Red Lighthouse This tiny lighthouse perched under the George Washington Bridge was saved from destruction by the children who fell in love with her through The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge by Hildegarde Swift. Come see why she is so very special.

Queens

History Club: The Battle of Fort Sumter / Fort Totten 1 p.m. / FTRS This month's topic deals with the anniversary of the Battle of Fort Sumter, which inaugurated the Civil War on April 12, 1861.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Sunday, April 13

Bronx

Hike to Split Rock / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Split Rock Golf House (on Shore Road, near Bartow-Pell Mansion) Come on a scenic hike to Split Rock while learning about Anne Hutchinson and indigenous people of the area.

Brooklyn

Neighborhood Walking Series: Brooklyn Heights / Brooklyn Esplanade 11 a.m. / Meet at Remsen St. and Esplanade entrance Discover the history and architecture on a walking tour of one of Brooklyn's most secluded neighborhoods. Learn about the historic churches that were stopovers for the Underground Railroad and about the development of an area that was once called Manhattan's "closest country retreat." Be sure to bring water and wear comfortable shoes. Tour will end with free tour of the "lost" Atlantic Avenue Train Tunnel, as featured in Cities of the Underworld.

Hide and Seek / Prospect Park 2 p.m. / Meet at Audubon Center entrance Learn why some animals advertise themselves and why other animals like to hide on this Ranger-led nature hike.

Manhattan

Early Birding / Inwood Hill Park 8 a.m. / IHNC

Kids Garden II / Central Park 1 p.m. / King Jagiello Statue (inside the park at 79 St. and East Drive) Learn how plants grow and create windowsill greenhouses. Great for all ages. Bring two 2-liter bottles.

On A Wing Series / Central Park 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. / Belvedere Castle "Central Park, Naturally: Photos & Writings of late beloved Central Park Naturalist Charles Kennedy," presented by his nephew, Steve Kennedy. **To register, call 212.628.2345.**

Queens

Bi-weekly Bark Brigade / Forest Park 9 a.m. / Meet at K-9 Korral Dog Run (Park Lane South & 85 St.) Bring your dog and join the Rangers for a walk in the woods. No pooch? No problem. Come anyway.

Vanderbilt Motor Parkway / Alley Pond Park 11 a.m. / Alley Pond Park Adventure Center Travel the city's last existing portion of what was once an exclusive roadway for Long Island's Rich and Famous.

Staten Island

Saltwater Fishing / Conference House 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. / Meet by the pavilion, Hylan Blvd and Satterlee St. Floppin' Flounders! See what you can catch with the Urban Park Rangers. Instructions, equipment and bait provided.

Saturday, April 19

Bronx

Snappers Away! / Van Cortlandt Park 1 p.m. / VCNC Remember the baby snapping turtles we rescued over the winter? Well, the time has come for them to go home! Join us for the release.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Battle Prattle / Fort Greene 1 p.m. / FGVC Names like Putnam, DeKalb and Lafayette dot our city. Take a step back to their lives and times.

Bloomin' Hike / Prospect Park 1 p.m. / Meet in front of Wollman Rink Spring is in the air and it's a perfect time to take a stroll in Prospect Park to discover what's in bloom.

Manhattan

Hawk Nest Watch / Inwood Hill Park 10 a.m. / IHNC

See April 5 listing.

Earth Day Composting / Central Park 1 p.m. / Meet at 106 St. and 5 Ave. Celebrate Earth Day everyday as we learn about the wonders of composting as well as how you can enjoy composting at home.

Open Mic / Inwood Hill Park 7 p.m. / IHNC Let your creative juices flow! Join us for an evening of music, poetry, dance... perform or just watch. Refreshments provided!

Queens

Spring Migration Weekend / Forest Park 11 a.m. / FPVC Along with the temperatures, migration season is heating up! Join us as we welcome back our fine, feathered friends.

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Staten Island

S.I. Fresh Kills Tour / Fresh Kills Landfill 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. / Meeting TBA See April 5 listing.

Sunday, April 20

Bronx

Bloomin' Hike / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / PBRS A guided walk through the meadows to spot wildflowers and even wilder songbirds.

Brooklyn

Earth Day Celebration / Marine Park 12 p.m. / SMNC Full day of activities including crafts, tree plantings, pet microchipping, the Pet Adoption Mobile, and an afternoon of dance/song with the Brooklyn Dance Center Repertory Company (starting at 3 p.m.).

Orienteering 101 / Sunset Park 1 p.m. / Meet at recreation center entrance, 7 Ave. bet. 41 and 42 Sts. Learn to navigate by using a compass as you explore Sunset Park.

Micro-safari / Fort Greene 1 p.m. / FGVC Join the Rangers as we explore the amazing diversity of insect life in the park.

Manhattan

Bottle Biology / Inwood Hill Park 12 p.m. / IHNC Get creative as we create habitats for predatory bugs and their prey. Bring your own clean and CLEAR plastic 2-liter bottle. **To register, please call 212.304.2365 on April 7.**

Earth Day Festival / Central Park / Rumsey Playfield 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Visit the Ranger table and learn about how parks are a habitat for wildlife.

Queens

Spring Migration / Fort Totten 10:30 a.m. / FTRS Every spring, a wide variety of birds stop to "fuel up" on their way to their warm weather breeding grounds. Join the Rangers in welcoming back our fine, feathered, fair-weather friends.

Spring Migration Weekend / Flushing Meadows Corona Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Mauro Playground (Park Drive East and 73 Terr.) See April 19 listing.

Astronomy Club / Fort Totten 7:30 p.m. / FTRS Join us for this monthly gathering of star gazers, as we explore the heavens with our Dobsonian telescope. All ages welcome.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Park Pick-up / Blue Heron Park 10 a.m. / BHNC Help the Rangers give the park a pick-me-up by removing items that don't belong. Wear boots. Gloves and bags provided.

Park to Park: High Rock to Bloodroot Valley / High Rock Park 1 p.m. / HRRS Staten Island's only home of the bloodroot plant is also home to a variety of other wildflowers & plants as well as kettle ponds, steep hills and large boulders, proof of the Wisconsin Glacier 50,000 years ago.

Monday, April 21

Bronx

Tree's Company / Van Cortlandt Park 2 p.m. / VCNC Come join the Urban Park Rangers as we investigate the importance of the trees in our neighborhood. Learn different ways to identify these neighborhood giants.

Brooklyn

Arts and Crafts of Flight / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC Discover how animals fly & create your own animal of flight.

Staten Island

Insect Insanity / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC Discover how we rely on so many of these creatures and meet our resident "creepy crawlies."

Wednesday, April 23

Bronx

The Giving Tree / Pelham Bay Park 10 a.m. / PBR Trees, who needs them?...EVERYBODY!! Bring your kids to learn about all the different things that we get from trees and learn how dependent on them we really are.

Brooklyn

Who, Who, Who...Did I Eat? / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC Dissect an owl pellet and see what it had for lunch. Supplies provided.

Queens

How tall is it? / 2 p.m. / Fort Totten / FTVC Have you ever wondered how tall a tree can grow? The Rangers can teach you fun ways of figuring it out. Equipment provided.

Staten Island

Pond Ecology / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC Do you know what lives in your pond? Explore Spring Pond's diversity of life.

Plant a Seed / Inwood Hill Park 12 p.m. / IHNC Get a head start on the blooming season. Learn about wildflowers and take home seeds to plant in your very own little garden.

Rubbing Elbows and Knees with Trees / Central Park 11 a.m. / Belvedere Castle Take a walk and learn the importance of the quiet giants of the park. Sketch books will be distributed to make leaf and bark rubbings. If it rains, we'll be inside.

Thursday, April 24

Bronx

Living Trees / Van Cortlandt Park 10 a.m. / VCNC Parents! Do your children rave about what they've learned in science class? Bring your kids and learn the fascinating facts about how trees live & how their structures work from the inside!

Brooklyn

Animal Tracks / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC Learn how to decipher clues left behind by the park's wildlife.

Staten Island

Animal Tracks / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC Learn how to decipher clues left behind by the park's wildlife.

Friday, April 25

Brooklyn

Like Herbs? / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC We'll talk about herbs as you plant your own window sill herb garden. Materials provided. Ages 12 and under.

Queens

Ho, Ho, Ho, Green Giant / Alley Pond Park 1 p.m. / APPAC In celebration of Arbor Day, learn about the "Alley Giant," the largest tulip tree on Long Island.

Staten Island

Nature on Stage / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC

A performance about nature and animal myths. What animal will you choose to be when you get your chance to perform? All ages welcome.

Living Log / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC

Take a look at what trees provide for the forest after they are dead.

Saturday, April 26

Bronx

Riverdale Hike / Riverdale Park 11 a.m. / H. Hudson Pkwy. southbound service road and W. 232 St. A hike in search of wildflowers and wildlife. Bring your own binoculars.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Digital Derivations Art Show / Marine Park 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. / SMNC Photo exhibit of Jessica Shulman's "digital," but natural, creations.

The Redcoats are Coming... and Hessians Too! / Fort Greene 1 p.m. / FGVC Take a step back in time as we retrace the history of the Continental Army & the Battle of Brooklyn.

Manhattan

Hawk Nest Watch / Inwood Hill Park 10 a.m. / IHNC

See April 5 listing.

Ecology of Central Park / Central Park 11 a.m. / Belvedere Castle entrance What do trees, squirrels, and hawks all have in common? Find out with the Rangers, as we explore the Ramble woodlands. Includes fun craft project!

Spring Tree I.D. / Inwood Hill Park 12 p.m. / IHNC Join us for a tree walk, as we use bark, buds, and blossoms to identify our green giants.

Queens

Spring Migration / Idlewild Park 11 a.m. / Meet at 223 St. & 148 Ave. See April 19 listing.

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Tree-mendous Trees / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC
See April 6 listing.

Sunday, April 27

Bronx

Spring Migration / Pelham Bay Park 10 a.m. / PBRB
See April 19 listing.

Brooklyn

Stargazing / Marine Park 8 p.m. / SMNC Join us for a look at the full Moon and our gas giant neighbors.

Digital Derivations Art Show / Marine Park 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. / SMNC See April 26 listing.

Poetry in the Park: Walt Whitman's Gift / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC Bring your favorite Whitman poem for a reading or just come listen to the poetry of one of the founding fathers of the park.

Manhattan

Birding with J.J. Audubon / Inwood Hill Park 10 a.m. / IHNC On this bird walk, Rangers will share the history of one of the most famous birders, John James Audubon.

Cherry on Top / Central Park 11 a.m. / Meet at E. 92 St. and 5 Ave. Enjoy a peaceful Sunday stroll learning about the ever-elegant cherry trees of Central Park.

Queens

Bi-weekly Bark Brigade / Forest Park 9 a.m. / Meet at K-9 Korral Dog Run See April 13 listing.

Spring Tree I.D. / Crocheron Park 11 a.m. / Meet at easternmost end of 35 Ave. (near Cross Island Pkwy.)
See April 26 listing.

Spring Migration / Highland Park 1 p.m. / Meet at Jamaica Ave & Elton St. See April 19 listing.

Staten Island

History Club: Staten Island Naturalists / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC Pay tribute to some of our most famous naturalists. We'll explore the areas they fought to save.

May

Saturday, May 3

Bronx

Bird Club / Van Cortlandt Park 9 a.m. / VCNC Once a month, every month, come bird with us! Bring binoculars.

Birdland! / Van Cortlandt Park 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. / Southwest Playground, VC Park South and Broadway It's a day to celebrate birds- walks, games, live birds, etc.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Explore the Ravine / Prospect Park 1 p.m. / Meet outside Audubon Center A guided tour of old-growth woodlands, streams, rustic shelters and local wildlife.

Tales from the Crypt / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC
See April 5 listing.

Manhattan

Speed Hike / Inwood Hill Park 10 a.m. / IHNC Come for a vigorous uphill (both ways!) hike, as we take in the sights and sounds of nature.

6th Annual Drums Along the Hudson: A Native American Festival & Shad Fest / Inwood Hill Park 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Gaelic Field (enter park at W. 218 St. and Indian Rd.)

Join this celebration of Native American heritage, culture, and art with the diversity of New York City itself. The event includes ShadFest, with shad planking demonstrations and free tastings. The Rangers will have nature-themed games and activities for the whole family. **For more information, call Lotus Music & Dance at 212.627.1076 ext. 18.**

Queens

Earth Day Rockaway / Rockaway Beach 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. / Meet at B. 29 St. & Boardwalk Celebrate Earth Day with awesome activities about the environment. Education and entertainment for all. **Rain date, Sunday, May 4.**

Staten Island

Carousel Opening / Willowbrook 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. / Eton Pl. off Hylan Blvd. Enjoy the carousel, games, crafts, and some fishing. Poles provided.

Sunday, May 4

Bronx

Canoeing the Lagoon / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / Canoe and Kayak Launch (NW corner of Orchard Beach parking lot) Ages 8 and up. **To register, call 718.548.0912 on April 28 and leave a message.** Spaces will be filled in order calls are received.

Brooklyn

Birding for Beginners / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC

Marsh Makeover Community Clean-up / Marine Park

1 p.m. / SMNC Get out and lend a hand in beautifying the Marsh. Prizes! Great for scout troops and high schoolers needing community service hours.

Manhattan

Bridges of Southern Central Park / Central Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Columbus Circle (59 St. and Central Park West) Learn about Central Park's majestic bridges and arches.

Night Hike / Inwood Hill Park 7 p.m. / IHNC Get a new perspective on Inwood Hill Park on this nocturnal adventure. Bring a flashlight.

Queens

Wildflower Walk / Alley Pond Park 11 a.m. / APPAC On this walk, we'll scout out some of the city's most common, and most rare, wildflowers.

Gems of Queens Series / Bowne Park 1 p.m. / Meet at 29 Ave & 155 St. Our series continues with this park named for former State Senator, and NYC Mayor, Walter Bowne.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Happy Herp-day! / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC We'll explore the diversity of wildlife in search of these critters.

Monday, May 5

Brooklyn

Monday Night Lecture Series: Brooklyn Celebrates Baseball / Marine Park 7 p.m. / SMNC Our annual celebration of America's favorite pastime and Brooklyn's greatest players.

Saturday, May 10

Bronx

Wildflower Walk / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Mosholu Ave. and Broadway See April 12 listing.

Brooklyn

Brooklyn-Queens Birding Big Day Out / Prospect Park

8 a.m. / Meeting location TBA Pack a lunch, bring your binoculars, and get ready for a daylong birding marathon in the best birding spots in Brooklyn and Queens. Transportation provided. To register, call 718.421.2021.

Tales from the Crypt / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC

See April 5 listing.

Manhattan

Warbler Watch / Central Park 8 a.m. / Riverside Park, meeting at W. 116 St. and Riverside Drive As temperatures begin to rise, let's see who's stopping by and taking a spring break in the park.

Legends Come to Life! / Inwood Hill Park 2 p.m. / IHNC Join us for an afternoon of Native American story telling with the Ranger Puppeteers!

Queens

Brooklyn-Queens Birding Big Day Out / Prospect Park

8 a.m. / TBA See Brooklyn listing.

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Staten Island

Fresh Kills Tour / Fresh Kills Landfill 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. / Meeting TBA See April 5 listing.

Family Camping / Willowbrook Park 7 p.m. / Meeting location TBA You'll pitch a tent, build a campfire, and go on a night hike to meet the park's nocturnal occupants. Bring a flashlight and sleeping bag. Limited tents provided. **Call 718.967.3542 after 9 a.m. on May 4 to register.**

Sunday, May 11

Bronx

Bike the Greenway / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / OBNC Bring your bike and celebrate bike month by biking from one end of the Bronx to the other! Tour will end at the Van Cortlandt Nature Center.

Brooklyn

Brooklyn-Queens Greenway / Asser Levy Park 9 a.m. / Meet at Ocean Pkwy. & Boardwalk See Queens listing.

Mother's Day Marsh Walk / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC Bring the kids for a guided nature walk as we discuss how animal moms take care of their young.

History of Fort Greene / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC From Revolutionary-era fort to its current renaissance, discover the history of Brooklyn's first park.

Manhattan

Flowers for the Mother You Love / Central Park 2 p.m. / Conservatory Garden at 106 St. and 5 Ave. Pamper your parents with a stroll through the "Secret Garden," learning about its history and beautiful flora.

Movie Night!!! / Inwood Hill Park 7 p.m. / IHNC Enjoy an entertaining and educational film with the Rangers.

Queens

Bi-weekly Bark Brigade / Forest Park 9 a.m. / Meet at K-9 Korral Dog Run See April 13 listing.

Brooklyn-Queens Greenway / Asser Levy Park 9 a.m. / Meet at Ocean Pkwy. & Boardwalk In honor of Bike Month, we'll bike this 40-mile pedestrian and cyclist route stretching from Coney Island to Ft. Totten in Queens. Ride the entire Greenway, or just part of it. Bring your own bike & helmet.

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 1 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Staten Island

Mother's Day Crafts / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC Be creative and make something special for mom!

Saturday, May 17

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Raptor Watch / Prospect Park 12 p.m. / Meet at Wollman Rink Go in search of Prospect Park's top avian predators.

The Redcoats are Coming... and Hessians Too! / Fort Greene 1 p.m. / FGVC See April 26 listing.

Manhattan

Water You Talking About? / Highbridge Park 10 a.m. –

12 p.m. / Highbridge Water Tower, W. 174 St. and Tower Terrace Climb the Highbridge Water Tower and explore this landmark of NYC's first-class water system.

Indigenous Music Workshop / Inwood Hill Park 1 p.m. / IHNC Join Ranger Rob Mastrianni for a journey around the world of indigenous musical instruments.

Queens

It's My Park! Day / Forest Park 11 a.m. / Meet at the Bandshell on Forest Park Drive, west of Woodhaven Blvd. What would parks be without their trees and flowers? Help us plant native species and show support for YOUR park.

History Club: Memorial Day Memories / Fort Totten 1 p.m. / FTRS Celebrate this holiday armed with the knowledge of how it began and why it has stood the test of time.

Staten Island

Park to Park: Tri-Boro Tour / Staten Island Ferry terminal 12:45 p.m. / Meet in lobby Join the Rangers as we celebrate the Brooklyn Bridge's 125 Anniversary with a ferry trip, followed by tours of Battery Park, City Hall Park, and of course, the Bridge. Tour ends in downtown Brooklyn.

Sunday, May 18

Bronx

Orienteering for Kids / Pelham Bay Park 12 p.m. / OBNC Learn basic compass and map reading skills, as we explore the city's largest park.

Brooklyn

History Club: History of NY Movies / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC Discussion of New York-themed movies, and movies made in and around New York.

Spring Tree I.D. / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / Meet at FGVC See April 26 listing.

Manhattan

Central Park's Ranger Conservation Corps / Central Park

1 p.m. / Belvedere Castle Experience Central Park's nature through the eyes of the Ranger Conservation Corps, students from area high schools, as they present their work of the past year, then lead a guided walk of the Ramble.

Jeffrey's Hook Lighthouse / Fort Washington Park 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. / Meet at the Little Red Lighthouse See April 12 listing.

Queens

Spring Tree I.D. / Crocheron Park / 11 a.m. See April 26 listing.

Animal Tracking / Alley Pond Park 1 p.m. / APPAC Animals leave behind different signs of their whereabouts, from scat to tracks. On this walk you'll learn to keep "track" of them all.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Nuts about Squirrels / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC Explore the world of the squirrel, as we discover ways that they help forest and the role they play in the ecosystem.

Friday, May 23

Staten Island

Horseshoe "Hunt" / Conference House Park 7 p.m. / Meet by visitors center (Hylan Blvd. and Satterlee St.) Witness a ritual that has taken place for millions of years as horseshoe crabs gather on Staten Island's shores.

Saturday, May 24

Bronx

Early Birding / Van Cortlandt Park 9 a.m. / VCNC

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

And...Howe / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC See April 12 listing.

Catch the Buzzzzz / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC Ever wonder how honeybees make a hive or how they communicate? Find out and taste some "Marsh Madness," actual honey from our on site hives.

Manhattan

Central Park Scavenger Hunt / Central Park 11 a.m. / Belvedere Castle Think you know Central Park? Get your team of four together and test your skills in this race to the finish. Great for friends and families of all ages. **To register, visit www.nyc.gov/parks and search for "Central Park Scavenger Hunt."**

Native American Pathways / Inwood Hill Park 11 a.m. / IHNC Explore Manhattan's only old-growth forest, rock shelters, a wigwam, and more, as we explore the rich history of the Lenape.

Story Time / Inwood Hill Park 2 p.m. / IHNC Enjoy an afternoon of children's stories in the park with the Rangers.

Queens

Micro-safari / Fort Totten 10:30 a.m. / FTRS See April 20 listing.

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Basic Canoeing / Willowbrook Park 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Meet by the comfort station off Eton Pl. Instruction and life jackets provided. First-come, first-served.

Sunday, May 25

Bronx

Bloomin' Hike / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / PBRS We'll go lookin' for things in bloom. Come with us!

Brooklyn

Great Trees of NYC: Prospect Park Edition / Prospect Park 1 p.m. / Meet outside Audubon Center Take A guided tour of these unusual/historically significant trees!

Spanning Time / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC In honor of the Brooklyn Bridge's 125 birthday, we take a look at some of Brooklyn's famous bridges and their unique stories.

Manhattan

North Forts Tour / Central Park 11 a.m. / Meet at E. 106 St. and Fifth Ave. We discuss the forts of what is now northern Central Park and the patriotism that swept this area.

Catch Me if You Can / Fort Washington Park 12 p.m. / 181st Street & Plaza Lafayette Go fishing for fun with the Rangers, as we explore the aquatic life of the Hudson River. Bring a friend, and a bucket!

Queens

Bi-weekly Bark Brigade / Forest Park 9 a.m. / Meet at K-9 Korral Dog Run See April 13 listing.

Astronomy Club / Fort Totten 7:30 p.m. / FTRS See April 26 listing.

Spring Migration / Highland Park 1 p.m. / Meet at Jamaica Ave & Elton St. See April 19 listing.

Staten Island

History Club: Women of Staten Island / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC Learn about the most influential women of Staten Island's history.

Monday, May 26

Staten Island

Basic Canoeing / Wolfe's Pond Park 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Meet by the comfort station off Cornelia Ave. See May 24 listing.

Thursday May 29

Brooklyn

Lawn Chair Theater: Hoot / Marine Park 7 p.m. / SMNC We kick off our monthly summer series of movies under the stars with "Hoot," a wonderful family movie about a boy's plight to save owls from greedy developers. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If rain, we will move inside with limited seating.

Saturday, May 31

Bronx

Spring Tree I.D. / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / VCNC With spring in full swing, we now add leaves to our list of clues to use to identify our green giants.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Birding the Lullwater / Prospect Park 12 p.m. / Meet outside of Wollman Rink

Tales from the Crypt / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC

See April 5 listing.

Saturday Night Live: Sock Hop / Marine Park 7 p.m. / SMNC Join Dancin' Bob B. and Vivian for a night of fun and entertainment dancing to oldies and other classics.

Manhattan

Creating with Nature / Inwood Hill Park 11 a.m. / IHNC Arts and crafts with the Rangers. Children 12 and under.

Dusk Hike / Central Park 7:30 p.m. / Dana Discovery Center Come see Central Park in a different light, or maybe no light at all. Hike through the North Woods, as we look for things that go bump in the night. Bring a flashlight.

Queens

Bike by the Bay / Fort Totten 10 a.m. / Meet at Little Bay Park at Cryders Lane entrance See May 3 listing.

Staten Island

Fresh Kills Tour / Fresh Kills Landfill 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. / Meeting location TBA See April 5 listing.

June

Sunday, June 1

Bronx

Canoeing the Lagoon / Pelham Bay Park 10 a.m. / Canoe and Kayak Launch (NW corner of Orchard Beach parking lot) Ages 8 and up. To register, call 718.885.3467 on May 26 and leave a message. Spaces will be filled in order calls are received.

Brooklyn

Neighborhood Walking Series: Park Slope / Prospect Park 11 a.m. / Meet under the Arch at Grand Army Plaza Explore the architecture and history of one of Brooklyn's trendiest and family-friendly neighborhoods.

What Lurks Beneath? / Marine Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Ave. U and Burnett St. Using seining nets, discover what animals live beneath the surface of Gerritsen Creek.

Manhattan

Butterfly Bazaar / Central Park 11 a.m. / Meet at E. 106 St. and Fifth Ave. Central Park is home to numerous species of butterflies and moths. Join us for an exploration of these fascinating insects.

Camping Basics / Inwood Hill Park 2 p.m. / IHNC Before you head out to the woods this summer, join us for a workshop on hiking and camping basics, then hit the trail!

Queens

Strawberry Festival / Highland Park 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. / Meet at Children's Garden on Jamaica Ave. and Ashford St. This free event will feature live music, crafts, games, garden activities, face painting, contests, and all things strawberry!

Explore the Shore / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS Using seining nets, discover what animals live beneath the surface of the Bay. Get set to get wet, and maybe a little dirty.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Freshwater Fishing / Willowbrook Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. / Meet by comfort station off Eton Pl.

Thursday, June 5

Queens

Readathon / Forest Park 11 a.m. / Meet at the Bandshell on Forest Park Drive, west of Woodhaven Blvd Celebrate the joy of nature on this day of festivities. Call 718.235.4100 for more information.

Saturday, June 7

Bronx

Bird Club / Van Cortlandt Park 9 a.m. / VCNC Once a month, every month, come bird with us! Bring binoculars.

Creating with Nature / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / OBNC See May 31 listing.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

The Redcoats are Coming... And Hessians Too! / Fort Greene 1 p.m. / FGVC See April 26 listing.

Manhattan

Pirates of Central Park / Central Park 1 p.m. / Meet at the Hans Christian Andersen statue (E. 74 St. and Fifth Ave.) We'll hear the story of the Pirates of Central Park, then make small boats to set sail.

Jeffrey's Hook Lighthouse / Fort Washington Park 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. / Meet at the Little Red Lighthouse See April 12 listing.

Queens

National Trails Day / Cunningham Park 10 a.m. / Meet at parking lot, Union Tpke. and 197 St. Help re-blaze the White Trail as we "hunt" for local flora and fauna.

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center

National Trails Day / Blue Heron Park 10 a.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center Explore and restore the park's trails. Wear boots. Gloves and equipment provided.

Horseshoe "Hunt" / Conference House Park 7 p.m. / Meet by visitors center See May 23 listing.

Sunday, June 8

Bronx

Fishing / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / VCNC Equipment provided. Bring water and a snack.

Seashore Safari / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / OBNC Join us as we search for coastal critters with our seining net!

Brooklyn

Nuts about Squirrels / Fort Greene Park 12 p.m. / FGVC See May 18 listing.

Micro-Safari / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC See April 20 listing.

Manhattan

Forester for a Day/ Central Park 11 a.m. / Dana Discovery Center Explore and examine the trees of Central Park.

Beginner Canoeing / Inwood Hill Park 12 p.m. / IHNC First-come, first-served.

Queens

Bi-weekly Bark Brigade / Forest Park 9 a.m. / Meet at K-9 Korral Dog Run See April 13 listing.

Micro-safari / Fort Totten 11 a.m. / FTRS See April 20 listing.

Staten Island

Canoe Challenge / Lemon Creek Park 11 a.m. and

1 p.m. / Meeting location TBA Enjoy this wonderful route through the tidal waters of Lemon Creek. **To register, call 718.967.3542 after 9 a.m. on June 1.**

Thursday, June 12

Brooklyn

Independent Film Series / Marine Park 8 p.m. SMNC A night of short, horror/comedy films presented by Cypher Films.

Saturday, June 14

Bronx

Wildflower Walk / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / VCNC

See April 12 listing.

Adventures NYC: Flutter by, Butterfly / Pelham Bay Park

1 p.m. / PBRS Enjoy the majestic monarch butterflies that live in our park each summer. We'll discuss their ability to migrate incredible distances to locations they've never seen.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Adventures NYC: White Island Expedition / Marine Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Ave. U and Burnett St. An Urban Park Ranger exclusive. Explore Gerritsen Creek and spend an afternoon bird watching on lonely White Island. **To register, visit www.nyc.gov/parks and search "Adventures NYC."**

Neighborhood Walking Series: Fort Greene / Fort Greene Park 12 p.m. / FGVC Explore the rich history and architecture of this historic district.

Manhattan

Hawk Walk / Inwood Hill Park 9 a.m. / IHNC Hike in search of the Inwood red-tailed hawks and other raptors.

Adventures NYC: Canoeing the Meer / Central Park 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. / DDC First-come, first-served. All equipment provided. Ages 8 and up.

Salt Marsh Exploration / Inwood Hill Park 12 p.m. / IHNC From marsh grass to mummichogs, the marsh is a hard place to survive. Come find out why.

Queens

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Adventures NYC: Evening Adventures / Forest Park 8 p.m. / FPVC An after-hours adventure looking for bats, raccoons, owls, and whatever else lurks in the dark. Bring a flashlight, but leave your fear at home.

Staten Island

Adventures NYC: Park to Park: White Trail / Greenbelt 10 a.m. / Meet at first parking lot in Great Kills Park at Buffalo St., off Hylan Blvd. An 8-mile trek through some of the more beautiful areas of the Greenbelt. You'll see ponds, streams, forests, and meadows. Wear hiking boots and bring water and a snack. Hike ends at Willowbrook Park.

Fresh Kills Tour / Fresh Kills Landfill 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. / Meeting location TBA See April 5 listing.

Sunday, June 15

Bronx

Basic Canoeing / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / VCNC First-come, first-served. Bring water, sunblock, and a snack. Ages 8+.

Orchard Beach History Walk / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / OBNC Come learn the history of Orchard Beach and the surrounding islands, from Native American inhabitants to the impact of Robert Moses.

Brooklyn

Father's Day Fishing / Prospect Park 11 a.m. / Meet outside Audubon Center Bring Dad out to the park for an afternoon of fishing with the kids. Poles and bait will be provided.

Fort Greene Trivia / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC Join us as we answer some great trivia about your local park. What's the tallest tree in the park? How tall is the Monument? How many people are interred in the Crypt?

Manhattan

Father's Day Fishing / Central Park 11 a.m. / Dana Discovery Center Equipment provided.

Northwest we go / Fort Washington Park 11 a.m. / Little Red Lighthouse A serious trek through the three northwest parks of Manhattan. Bring plenty of water, good shoes, and binoculars because you never know what we will see.

Queens

Father's Day Fishing / Kissena Park 11 a.m. / Meet behind Kissena Playschool, inside the park, near Oak Ave. & 164 St. Limited equipment provided.

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 1 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center

Father's Day Crafts / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center Use your imagination and creativity to make something special for Dad. Supplies provided.

Saturday, June 21

Camping Under the Stars! Join us for a fun filled night of camping under the stars. There will be stargazing, night hike and s'mores. **To register, visit www.nyc.gov/parks and search "Under the Stars."** The sites are: Pelham Bay, Prospect Park, Central Park, Alley Pond Park, and Willowbrook Park.

Bronx

Bottle Biology / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / VCNC Please bring 2 CLEAR 2-liter bottles. No reservations required.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Canoe the Lullwater / Prospect Park 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 2 p.m. / Meet outside Audubon Center Arrive early; first-come, first-served. Sign up begins at 10:30 a.m.

Battle Prattle / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC See April 19 listing.

Manhattan

Bridges of Northern Central Park / Central Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Frederick Douglass Circle (Central Park West and Central Park North) Learn about Central Park's majestic bridges and arches as you hike through the park.

Wildflower Walk / Inwood Hill Park 1 p.m. / IHNC
See May 4 listing.

Queens

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 2 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / BHNC

Sunday, June 22

Bronx

Horseshoe "Hunt" / Pelham Bay Park 10 a.m. / OBNC

Brooklyn

Explore the Marsh Hike / Marine Park 10 a.m. / SMNC Discover the beauty and rich diversity of this unique ecosystem, as we discuss the importance of protecting the plants and wildlife that call the marsh home.

Explore the Ravine Hike / Prospect Park 12 p.m. / Meet outside Audubon Center See May 3 listing.

History of Fort Greene / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC See May 11 listing.

Manhattan

Water You Talking About? / Highbridge Park 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. / Meet at Water Tower (W. 174 St. and Tower Terrace) See May 17 listing.

Heart of the Park / Central Park 1 p.m. / Meet outside Belvedere Castle Discover secret places where art and nature meet in Central Park.

Queens

Bi-weekly Bark Brigade / Forest Park 9 a.m. / Meet at K-9 Korral Dog Run See April 13 listing.

Be a History Detective: Fort Totten / Fort Totten 1 p.m. / FTRS See April 5 listing.

Nature Knowledge / Highland Park 1 p.m. / Meet at Jamaica Ave & Elton St. Explore this gem of a park that sits on the border of Queens and Brooklyn. It doesn't matter which borough you're from — come on down.

Astronomy Club / Fort Totten 7:30 p.m. / FTRS See April 26 listing.

Staten Island

Basic Canoeing / Willowbrook Park 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Meet by the comfort station off Eton Pl. Instruction and life jackets provided. First-come, first served.

Thursday, June 26

Brooklyn

Lawn Chair Theater / Marine Park 8 p.m. / SMNC Join us for "Jaws." Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If rain, we will move inside with limited seating.

Saturday, June 28

Bronx

Decomposers Hike / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / VCNC Find evidence of insects and fungi and learn about their role in the decomposition process.

Seashore Safari / Pelham Bay Park 3 p.m. / OBNC
See June 3 listing.

Brooklyn

Early Morning Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / SMNC

Creating with Nature / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / FGVC
See May 31 listing.

Tree-mendous Walk / Prospect Park 1 p.m. / Meet outside Audubon Center A guided tour of beautiful Prospect Park. Learn how to identify trees by bark & leaves.

Family Challenge and Campout / Marine Park 2 p.m. / SMNC Bring the family out to compete against other families for prizes in events like canoeing, scavenger hunts, tent building, and campfire scary stories. Tents provided.

To register, call 718.421.2021 after 9 a.m. on June 9.

Manhattan

Family Camping / Central Park / Time and location TBA **To register, call 212.628.2345 on June 23 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Hawk Walk / Inwood Hill Park 9 a.m. / IHNC See June 14 listing.

Queens

Advanced Canoeing / Fort Totten 11 a.m. / FTRS An exciting trip out on Little Neck Bay See Fort Totten from a different angle. Basic canoeing experience required. **To register, please call 718.352.1769 on June 16.**

Canoeing / Bayswater Park 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. / Meet at B. 35 St. and Beach Channel Dr. First-come, first-served. Bring water and sunscreen. Pre-registration is required. Call 718.318.4000.

Plover Awareness Day / B. 59 St 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. An exciting day learning about the endangered piping plover. Participate in tours, be creative with arts & crafts, and experience animals up close with our touch tank.

Staten Island

Fresh Kills Tour / Fresh Kills Landfill 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. / Meeting TBA See April 5 listing.

Forensic Fun / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / BHNC See April 6 listing.

Sunday, June 29

Bronx

Scavenger Hunt for Kids / Van Cortlandt Park 1 p.m. / VCNC Think you know about nature in your park? Challenge yourself with this scavenger hunt.

Shore Birding / Pelham Bay Park 2 p.m. / OBNC The rocky coast of Pelham Bay provides habitat for an abundance of shorebirds. Join the Rangers as we look for herons, egrets, ibises, and more.

Brooklyn

Battle of Brooklyn Trolley Tour / Prospect Park 11 a.m. / Meeting location TBA Discover Brooklyn's rich Revolutionary history, with stops including the Old Stone House, Ft. Greene Park, the Maryland 400 Monument, and the ferry crossing where Washington's troops narrowly escaped capture. **To register, call 718.421.2021 after 9 a.m. on June 21.**

Canoe the Lullwater / Prospect Park 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. / Meet outside Audubon Center See June 21 listing.

Who, Who, Who...Did I Eat? / Marine Park 1 p.m. / SMNC Learn about the web of life and what owls eat by dissecting owl pellets. Discover the varied diet of owls and how they hunt and capture their prey.

Manhattan

Birding / Fort Tryon Park 9 a.m. / 181 St. and Fort Washington Ave.

Bike the Hudson / Riverside Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Basketball Center, Ten Mile River Playground and 145 St. Ride south along the Hudson from 145 St. to 79 St. We'll learn about the Hudson estuary along the way. Great for beginner riders! Ride ends at 79 St. Bring your own bike.

Queens

Gems of Queens Series / Francis Lewis Park 1 p.m. / Meet at 147 St. and 3 Ave. Our series continues with a park named for after one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Advanced Canoeing / Fort Totten 11 a.m. / FTRS See June 28 listing.

Staten Island

Early Birding / Blue Heron Park 9 a.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center

History Club: Snug Harbor / Snug Harbor 1 p.m. / Meet by gate at Richmond Terr. and Delafield Pl. Enjoy this beautiful cultural center, as we explore the history of the area.