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Let's say goodbye to cold winter weather, and hello to the glorious spring that awaits us! One of the first things that you will want to do when that spring air comes rolling in, is to get outside and explore the unique opportunities that your borough has to offer. Here in Staten Island, NYC Parks offers countless places for you and your family to spend quality time together. I personally invite you to discover why Staten Island is known as "The Borough of Parks."

The wildlife population inhabiting Staten Island is incredibly diverse—few people realize that this sprawling borough features animals like white-tailed deer, bald eagles, and even wild turkeys. Wildlife viewing opportunities truly abound, especially for those interested in birding. Patrons interested in exploring some of the borough's rich natural beauty can visit the Blue Heron Nature Center and speak with one of our Urban Park Rangers about their programs. Urban Park Ranger programs offer those who are interested the opportunity to develop new skills, connect with nature, or simply enjoy learning more about the local wildlife.

A healthy lifestyle is also something to keep in mind this spring. Come visit one of the

new recreational centers around Staten Island, and take part in some of the healthy activities provided for all ages. The new Ocean Breeze Track & Field Athletic Complex in particular is worth checking out, and you can stop by anytime to get a tour of this great new facility or sign up to partake in one of the many sporting events being held there. Additionally, there is a new indoor facility right next door to the Track & Field Complex that will use the therapeutic nature of horses to help those with special needs, as well as provide a service to those within the community.

There is so much that Staten Island has to offer for both its residents and visitors alike. This spring, make sure to get outdoors and plan an adventure in one of our exciting parks. You never know what you may discover in the beautiful borough of Staten Island. From vast greenspaces to a state-of-the-art athletic complex, we have something to offer everyone.

For more information on parks or events near you, be sure to visit nyc.gov/parks.

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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NYC Parks Launches Parks Without Borders

This past winter, NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, launched a new design concept that will be applied to city parks capital projects to improve the areas where parks meet their neighborhoods—Parks Without Borders (PWB). Supported by \$50 million in Mayoral OneNYC funding, the new design approach focuses on improving park entrances, edges, and spaces adjacent to parks. By extending parks into communities, opening sight lines, adjusting gates, and adding furnishings outside parks' traditional borders, Parks Without Borders will improve New Yorkers' access to quality parks.

Parks Without Borders has launched with an active call for community involvement. Through a newly launched survey-site, NYC Parks has asked New Yorkers to nominate any neighborhood park to receive PWB design suggestions. Based on input from community members, NYC Parks will choose eight parks to be reconstructed using PWB principles. Parks also invited community and cultural organizations to participate in this outreach effort, calling them to nominate neighborhood parks, and submit programming ideas they would put in place in the new spaces. Parks will select the eight strongest candidates and announce them this spring.

Forty million dollars of the Mayoral OneNYC funding will be used across the five boroughs to reconstruct the eight parks selected from New Yorkers' nominations for PWB design reconstruction. A park's

community support and the opportunity to improve the current layout, condition, and relationship to its surroundings are the most important factors for the success of these projects. Selection criteria also includes:

- **Location:** Parks near high pedestrian-trafficked areas.
- **Entrances:** Parks with narrow, gated or inconvenient entrances/access points.
- **Landscaping:** Areas lacking street trees or greenery along park edges.
- **Fences:** Parks with high fences that block eye-level views in/out of parks.
- **Perimeters:** Parks with empty spaces around the outside of the park.

In addition to these eight showcase sites, NYC Parks has already succeeded in incorporating PWB design concepts to nearly 10 percent of current design

and construction projects. Of these 43 projects, 30 are FY2015 Community Parks Initiative-launched reconstructions, receiving a \$5 million allocation. Parks expects to impact hundreds of parks by advancing PWB concepts within existing project scopes and budgets. Where special opportunities arise, Parks will apply PWB applications with the balance of funding to expand project scopes.

Through this process, Parks Commissioner Silver presented Parks Without Borders during community meetings in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island, and during a Queens Borough Board Meeting, where community members and organizations joined him to share input and nominate their parks.

For additional information on Parks Without Borders and its community engagement program, please visit nyc.gov/parks.



Credit: NYC Parks

Ranger's Choice

NYC Parks' bright and talented Urban Park Rangers are what make our Weekend Adventure programs so amazing. This spring 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, APRIL 16

Ranger's Choice: A DIY Guide to Camping / Van Cortlandt Nature Center 12 p.m.

Learn what everyday items can be used to make D.I.Y. gear to save you money and maximize your fun. Register on Wednesday, April 6.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Ranger's Choice: Hunter Island Sunset Hike / Pelham Bay Park 7 p.m. As the sun hangs low over Long Island Sound the park morphs into a magical realm. Witness the wonder of sunset with the largest park in New York City as your backdrop. Register on Wednesday, May 11.

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Rangers Choice: Calvert Vaux Park Discovery Hike / Calvert Vaux Park 1 p.m. Put on your hiking shoes and bring your binoculars as we explore the rocky coast of Gravesend Bay. This beautifully restored parkland holds remnants of sunken barges that have been taken over by nature and a wide variety of birds on water and land. Register on Wednesday, May 11.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Ranger's Choice: Prospect Park Nature and History Bike Tour / Prospect Park 11 a.m. Bike through Prospect Park, while enjoying the sights and sounds of spring. Participants should bring their own bike and helmet and will learn about biking protocol in NYC Parks. Register on Wednesday, May 18.

BROOKLYN continued

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Ranger's Choice: Camp Food and Campfire Cooking / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m.

Participants will learn fire making skills and how to cook on an open flame. The Urban Park Rangers will also share expert ways to pack food and cooking gear for a backwoods trip. Register on Wednesday, June 15.

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Ranger's Choice: Woodland Fairy House Walk / Inwood Hill Park 11 a.m.

In folklore, the woodland fairies awaken the forest and bring about spring. We'll observe the fanciful plants and animals which inhabit the forest floor. Then, everyone will get a chance to create their own miniature fairy house utilizing materials from the woods, which we'll use for the woodland fairies. Register on Wednesday, April 27.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Ranger's Choice: Twilight Canoe Adventure (advanced) / Central Park 8 p.m. Enjoy canoeing as twilight turns into evening. Participants must have prior canoe experience and must be able to demonstrate proper technique. Participants are chosen by lottery. Register on Wednesday, May 22.

QUEENS

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Ranger's Choice: Alley Pond Park Super Hike / Alley Pond Park 1 p.m.

Hiking and nature enthusiasts are welcome on this lengthy one-way guided hike from Alley Pond Park to Oakland Lake. There will be plenty of wildlife viewing, spring flora and history along the way. Register on Wednesday, April 6.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Ranger's Choice: Gather Around the Campfire / Alley Pond Park 6 p.m.

Join us around our roaring campfire for an evening of s'mores, games and storytelling. Register on Wednesday, May 11.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Ranger's Choice: Nature Photography / Clove Lakes Park 11 a.m.

Register on Wednesday, April 6.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Ranger's Choice: Nature Photography / Silver Lake Park 11 a.m.

Register on Wednesday, April 20.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Ranger's Choice: Archery / Willowbrook Park 1 p.m. Best suited for ages 8 and up. Participants are chosen by lottery. Register on Wednesday, June 8.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Basic Canoeing / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. / Enter the park at Van Cortlandt Park South and the Major Deegan, meet near the golf house

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Basic Canoeing / Crotona Park 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. / Crotona Nature Center, Charlotte Street and Crotona Park East

BROOKLYN

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Basic Canoeing / Prospect Park 11 a.m. / Prospect Park Audubon Center, East Drive and Lincoln Road

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Intermediate Canoeing / Marine Park 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. / Burnett Street and Avenue U

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Basic Canoeing / Central Park 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. / Harlem Meer, 110th Street and Lenox Avenue

QUEENS

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Basic Canoeing / Alley Pond Park 1 p.m. / Oakland Lake, Cloverdale Boulevard and 46th Avenue

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Intermediate Canoeing / Bayswater Park 12 p.m. / B35th Street and Beach Channel Drive

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, MAY 21

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

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



Credit: Bonnie McGuire | NYC Parks

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

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Family Camping / Van Cortlandt Park 6 p.m.

To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, May 18.

MANHATTAN

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Family Camping / Central Park 6 p.m.

To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, June 1.

QUEENS

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Family Camping / Alley Pond Park 6 p.m.

To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday June 8.

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Family Camping / Marine Park 6 p.m.

To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, May 25.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Family Camping / Inwood Hill Park 7 p.m.

To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, June 15.

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Family Camping / Blue Heron Park 6 p.m.

To enter your family in the lottery, register on Wednesday, June 15.



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, MAY 1

Freshwater Fishing / Crotona Park 12 p.m. / Crotona Nature Center, Charlotte Street and Crotona Park East

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Seining / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / Orchard Beach Nature Center, Section 2 of Orchard Beach

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Freshwater Fishing / Van Cortlandt Park 12 p.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th Street and Broadway

QUEENS

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Saltwater Fishing / Rockaway Community Park 11 a.m. / Meet at B54 Street and Almeda Avenue

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Freshwater Fishing / Kissena Park 1 p.m. / Rose Avenue and Oak Avenue entrance

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Seining / Broad Channel American Ballfields 1 p.m. / Enter the park at West 22nd Street and Cross Bay Boulevard

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Freshwater Fishing / Willowbrook Park 11 a.m. / Eton Place and Richmond Avenue

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Freshwater Fishing / Clove Lakes Park 11 a.m. / Parking lot west of Park Drive and Clove Road

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Freshwater Fishing / Prospect Park 12 p.m. / Prospect Park Audubon Center, East Drive and Lincoln Road

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Seining / Marine Park 1 p.m. / Burnett Street and Avenue U

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Saltwater Fishing / American Veterans Memorial Pier 2 p.m. / Bay Ridge Avenue and Shore Road

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Saltwater Fishing / East River Park 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. / Enter at 10th Street, east of Avenue D

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Saltwater Fishing / Riverside Park 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. / West Harlem Piers at 125th Street and the Hudson River



Credit: 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

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Nature Exploration Hike (moderate) / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / Pelham Bay Nature Center, Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Fitness Hike (vigorous) / Van Cortlandt Park 10 a.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th Street and Broadway

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Split Rock Hike (moderate) / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / Split Rock Golf Course House

BROOKLYN

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Nature Photography Hike / Canarsie Park 1 p.m. / Remsen Avenue and Seaview Avenue Bring your own digital camera or smartphone.

BROOKLYN continued

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Nature Exploration: Spring Blossoms (light) / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / Fort Greene Visitor's Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Waterfall Hike (light) / Prospect Park 1 p.m. / Prospect Park Audubon Center, East Drive and Lincoln Road

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Nature Exploration Hike (moderate) / Fort Tryon Park 11 a.m. / Dyckman Street and Broadway

MANHATTAN continued

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Nature Exploration Hike (moderate): Views of Inwood / Inwood Hill Park 11 a.m. / Isham Street and Seaman Avenue

QUEENS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Hike the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway (moderate) / Cunningham Park 11 a.m. / 73rd Avenue and Hollis Hills Terrace parking lot

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Nature Exploration Hike (light) / Forest Park 11 a.m. / Forest Park Visitor Center, Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Nature Exploration Hike (light) / Kissena Corridor Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Main Street and 56th Avenue

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Ethnobotany and Medicinal Plants Hike (light) / Forest Park 1 p.m. / Forest Park Visitor Center, Woodhaven Boulevard and Forest Park Drive

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Nature Exploration Hike (vigorous) / High Rock Park 11 a.m. / Parking lot at the end of Nevada Avenue, off Rockland Avenue

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Spring Wildflower Hike (light) / Clove Lakes Park 11 a.m. / Parking lot west of Park Drive and Clove Road

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Basic Orienteering / Silver Lake Park 1 p.m. / Forest Avenue and Silver Lake Park Road



Credit: G. Khalil | 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 interpretation of 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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Historic New York: Old Croton Aqueduct / Van Cortlandt Park 1 p.m. / Van Cortlandt Park East and 242nd Street

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Revolutionary New York: Washington's Slow Retreat to Victory / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th Street and Broadway

QUEENS continued

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Historic New York: The Fort Totten Tunnel Tour / Fort Totten Park 1 p.m. Registration required. Register on Wednesday May 25.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Historic New York: The General Slocum Disaster / Astoria Park 1 p.m. Registration required. Register on Wednesday June 3.

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Revolutionary New York: Staten Island, 1776 / Conference House Park 1 p.m. / Conference House Park Visitor Center, Satterlee Street and Hylan Boulevard

BROOKLYN

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Historic New York: Coney Island / Coney Island 1 p.m. / Meet at Parachute Jump on the boardwalk

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Revolutionary New York: Fort Greene Park / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / Fort Greene Visitor Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

MANHATTAN

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Central Parks Arches and Bridges South / Central Park 12 p.m. Registration required. Register on Wednesday, April 6.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Little Red Lighthouse Open House / Fort Washington Park 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. / Enter the park at 181st Street and Plaza Lafayette

QUEENS

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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



Credit: NYC Parks

Kids and Family

We connect children with nature to encourage active exploration of the natural world. Children who spend time outdoors develop strong imaginations and learn to socialize better with others. While nearly all of our programs are family-friendly, the programs highlighted here are specifically designed for young children and families. A free Ranger program is the perfect addition to your family's weekend. All supplies are provided.

BRONX

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Kids Beach Exploration / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / Orchard Beach Nature Center, Section 2 of Orchard Beach

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Kids Salamander Exploration / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / Mosholu Avenue and Broadway

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Tide Pool Exploration / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / Orchard Beach Nature Center, Section 2 of Orchard Beach

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Kids Sensory Perception Hike / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. / Fort Greene Visitor Center, Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Family Photography Scavenger Hunt / Sunset Park 1 p.m. / 7th Avenue at 43rd Street Bring your own digital camera or smartphone.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Earth Day Celebration / Marine Park 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center, East 33rd Street and Avenue U Celebrate Earth Day with us! Activities include Ranger-led hikes, interpretive dance and Native American performances, and light refreshments.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Build a Birdfeeder / Fort Greene Park 1 p.m. Registration required. Register on Wednesday, June 8.

MANHATTAN

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Family Nature Hike (light) / Central Park 11 a.m. / Dana Discovery Center, 110th Street and Lenox Avenue

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Ethnobotany and Native Herbs Workshop / Inwood Hill Park 1 p.m. This hands-on workshop will allow you to learn more about herbs and edible plants which grow naturally in NYC parks. After, you'll create a terrarium to start your own indoor herb garden. Registration required. Register on Wednesday, March 30.

QUEENS

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Nature Scavenger Hunt / Kissena Park 11 a.m. / Rose Avenue and Oak Avenue entrance

QUEENS continued

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Nature Storytelling / Baisley Pond Park 11 a.m. / Playground inside of park, 155th Street and 123rd Avenue

STATEN ISLAND

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Wildlife Puppet Show / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center, 222 Poillon Avenue, between Amboy Road and Hylan Boulevard

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Kids Salamander Exploration / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center, 222 Poillon Avenue, between Amboy Road and Hylan Boulevard

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Kids Nature Hike / Goodhue Park 11 a.m. / Goodhue Center, Clinton Avenue and Prospect Avenue



Credit: Dave Sanders | NYC Parks

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, APRIL 10

Birding / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / Pelham Bay Nature Center, Bruckner Boulevard and Wilkinson Avenue

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Birding: Spring Migration / Van Cortlandt Park 9 a.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center, West 246th Street and Broadway

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Horseshoe Crabs / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / Orchard Beach Nature Center, Section 2 of Orchard Beach

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Birding: Hawk Watch / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. Registration required. Register on Wednesday, May 25.

BROOKLYN

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Birding: Spring Migration / Prospect Park 10 a.m. / Picnic House, Fifth Street and West Drive Road

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Horseshoe Crabs / Plumb Beach 1 p.m. / Plumb Beach parking lot, Belt Parkway East, Exit 9B

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Nocturnal Wildlife / Marine Park 9 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center, East 33rd Street and Avenue U

MANHATTAN

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Birding: Raptor Nests / Central Park 10 a.m. / 72nd Street and 5th Avenue

MANHATTAN continued

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Urban Wildlife Appreciation Day / Inwood Hill Park 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. / West 218th Street and Indian Road Get up close and personal with NYC's wild residents. Learn about raccoons, coyotes, skunks, urban birds, and more. The Urban Park Rangers will also inform you about the best places to see wildlife in NYC and how to safely interact with them. Learn from New York State licensed rehabilitators and additional wildlife enthusiasts.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Nocturnal Wildlife / Central Park 8 p.m. / Belvedere Castle, 79th Street mid-park

QUEENS

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

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

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Birding: Ospreys / Fort Totten 10 a.m. / Fort Totten Visitor Center, Totten Road and Cross Island Parkway, follow signs to Visitor Center

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Nocturnal Wildlife / Flushing Meadows Corona Park 7 p.m. / Mauro Playground, Park Drive East and 73 Terrace

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Birding: Ridgewood Reservoir / Highland Park 11 a.m. / Vermont Place and Highland Boulevard parking lot

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Birding: Hawk Watch / Flushing Meadows-Corona Park 10 a.m. / Meet inside the park at the Unisphere

STATEN ISLAND

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Birding for Beginners / Wolfe's Pond Park 10 a.m. / Comfort station west of Cornelia Avenue

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Butterfly Exploration / Blue Heron Park 11 a.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center, 222 Poillon Avenue, between Amboy Road and Hylan Boulevard

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Birding: Hawk Watch / High Rock Park 9 a.m. / Parking lot at the end of Nevada Avenue, off Rockland Avenue



Credit: NYC Parks



Urban Wildlife Appreciation Day

Saturday, May 7th | 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Inwood Hill Park, West 218th Street
and Indian Road. Free festival!

Discover New York City's abundant wildlife. Learn about
deer, skunks, coyotes, raccoons, and meet live animals.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/parks or call 311.



NYC Parks

