

New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
Urban Park Rangers
Calendar of Programs – Summer 2005
May/June 2005

All programs marked with an * require registration.
Please call **311** and ask for the **Urban Park Rangers** on the date specified.
BX - Bronx **BK** - Brooklyn **M** - Manhattan **Q** - Queens **SI** - Staten Island

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- BX Hike to Split Rock / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Pelham Bay Golf House on Shore Road**
Take this hike along the bridle path to enjoy nature and hear the story of Split Rock's role in the life of Anne Hutchinson.
- BK Mother's Day Crafts / Marine Park 11 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
Let your kids show their love of nature by creating a nature-themed craft for Mom.
- M Ecology Scavenger Hunt / Central Park 1 p.m. / Dana Discovery Center (110 Street and Lenox Avenue)**
Competition is everywhere in nature; today's your day to compete.
- M Drums Along the Hudson and Shadfest Event / Inwood Hill Park 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center**
Drums Along the Hudson takes place on three stages and includes the performance of authentic Native American drumming, dancing, craft demonstrations, storytelling, and food vendors; shad planking demonstrations and tasting (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.); and falconry demonstrations, nature-themed games for kids, and interpretive tours of the park.
- Q Nature Photography / Forest Park 12 p.m. / Forest Park Visitor Center**
Explore Forest Park with a camera in hand ready to capture the perfect shot. Both film and digital photographers welcome. Bring your own camera.
- SI Fishing on the First / Willowbrook Park 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. / Willowbrook Park off Eton Avenue**
Come and fish with the staff from Cromwell Recreation Center and the Rangers. This is our annual fishing contest for the first fish of the day, the largest, the longest, and the widest. Of course, there will be a prize for the best tale of "the one that got away." Poles and bait provided.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- BX Spring Migration: Warblers / Van Cortlandt Park 9 a.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center**
A wave of colors returns to our area—don't miss it!
- BX Model Boatmaking / Crotona Park 1 p.m. / Crotona Nature Center**
Make your own boat to float on Indian Lake. Please bring plastic bottles with caps.
- BK Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
Join the Urban Park Rangers for our weekly birding walk around the salt marsh.
- BK Art Show / Marine Park 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
Local photographer Jessica Schulman will exhibit her unique digital photography.
- M Wildflower Wonders / Inwood Hill Park 1 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center**
April showers bring May flowers!
- Q Astronomy / Alley Pond Park 8 p.m. / UPR Adventure Center**
Learn about the planets and how our solar system works. Learn how to identify some of the spring constellations and the stories behind them.

- SI Carousel Opening / 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. / Willowbrook Park / Eton Place off Richmond Avenue**
The Carousel for all Children is opening for its seventh season with a day of fun. There will be animals from the AC&C of NYC available for adoption, Ranger programs, and much more. For information, visit www.sigreenbelt.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

- BX History of Pelham Bay Park / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / Orchard Beach Nature Center**
Step back in time to an era when Native Americans inhabited the wilds of the Bronx and Orchard Beach was only a twinkle in Robert Moses' eye.
- M Little Red Lighthouse / Fort Washington Park 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. / Meet at the Lighthouse, inside the park beneath the Great Gray Bridge**
See the Manhattan lighthouse that inspired one of the most cherished children's books of all time.
- Q Birding / Forest Park 11 a.m. / Forest Park Visitor Center**
They're back from their winter homes! Come hike with the Rangers and check out the songbirds as they prepare for the season! Binoculars are provided.
- SI Mother's Day Walk & Crafts / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center**
Bring Mom to the park for a scenic walk, then make her a beautiful gift out of recycled materials.

MONDAY, MAY 9

- BK Monday Night Lecture Series / Marine Park 7 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
"Brooklyn Celebrates Baseball" is the topic this time. Come join the Urban Park Rangers for a night of baseball, hot dogs, and memories.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

- BX Early Bloomers / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue**
Violets, redbud, and...purple dead nettle?
- BX Spring Cleaning / Crotona Nature Center 1 p.m. / Crotona Park**
Show your pride in New York City's green spaces by helping clean up Crotona Park.
- BK Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
Join the Urban Park Rangers for our weekly birding walk around the salt marsh.
- BK It's My Park! Day / Marine Park 11 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
Show your support for Marine Park by joining the Urban Park Rangers for a clean-up.
- Q Giant of Alley Pond Park / Alley Pond Park 12 p.m. / UPR Adventure Center**
Join the Urban Park Rangers for a nature walk to the Alley Pond Giant, the tallest tree in New York City.
- SI Beach Clean-Up / Seaside Park 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. / End of Nelson Avenue**
Come and volunteer to help the Friends of Seaside Park with a beach clean-up. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

- BX Siwanoy Hike / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / Meet at Bartow-Pell Mansion (895 Shore Road)**
We'll hike a section of the park's longest trail, talking local history and looking for flora and fauna.
- BK Orienteering 101 / Prospect Park 1 p.m. / Audubon Center**
Orienteering is one of the most important outdoor skills. Join the Urban Park Rangers and learn the basics of map and compass use.

- M **Rock Climbing with the Rangers / Central Park 12 p.m. / North Meadow Recreation Center (97 Street, mid-park)****
Learn basic skills with the Rangers. Feel the excitement of climbing without the dangers of being outside on a cliff. Join us for a safe experience full of fun!
- M **Canoe the Spuyten Duyvil* / Inwood Hill Park 3 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center****
Join the Urban Park Rangers for a fun-filled float down the Spuyten Duyvil. Please wear sunscreen and bring bottled water. Come prepared to get a little wet! To register: call 311 on May 2 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.
- Q **Tree Walk / Forest Park 12 p.m. / Forest Park Visitor Center****
Explore the world of green, and learn to identify trees using their leaves as clues.
- SI **Spring Blossom Walk / Silver Lake Park 1 p.m. / Corner of Forest Avenue & Victory Boulevard****
Stroll through Silver Lake Park and admire the blossoming trees and flowers.
The path is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

- BX **Be Crepuscular / Van Cortlandt Park 7 p.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center****
As the sun comes down, see what comes out.
- BK **Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center****
Join the Urban Park Rangers for our weekly birding walk around the salt marsh.
- BK **Life in the Leaf Litter / Marine Park 1 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center****
Come find out who's living in that innocent pile of dead leaves on the side of the trail.
- BK **Saturday Night Live / Marine Park 7 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center****
The Brooklyn Community Storytellers present "Branching Out," a storytelling program for adults. Enjoy stories about Brooklyn's people and places.
- M **Camping / Central Park*****
Come join the Ranger's overnight in the park. Take a night hike, and learn about the nightlife of the wild. To register: call 311 on May 9 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.
- M **Protecting Fort Tryon / Ft. Tryon Park 1 p.m. / Margaret Corbin Circle****
Celebrate Armed Forces Day with a look at warfare during the Revolution.
- Q **Ethnobotany / Alley Pond Park 12 p.m. / UPR Adventure Center****
Discover how the Native Americans used native plant species for both food and medicinal purposes in the times before European settlement.
- SI **Animal Tracks / Blue Heron Park 10 a.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center****
Join NYS Department of Environmental Conservation educators as we learn how to track and identify the animals of New York State.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

- BX **Canoeing the Lagoon* / Pelham Bay Park 11 a.m. / Meet at canoe launch at northwest corner of Orchard Beach parking lot****
To register: call 311 on May 9 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.
- M **High Bridge Water Tower / Highbridge Park 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / Meet at Tower, inside the park at 174 Street and Amsterdam Avenue****
Guided tours of the tower give Uptown a whole new meaning. Spectacular views of northern Manhattan, the High Bridge itself, and the Bronx, free of charge.
- Q **Pond Tour / Forest Park 12 p.m. / Forest Park Visitor Center****
The waters are teeming with life! Investigate the aquatic world of Strack Pond in full bloom.

- SI Horseshoe Crab Hunt / Conference House Park 5 p.m. / Flagpole at end of Hylan Boulevard**
For millions of years, horseshoe crabs have gathered on the beaches to mate and lay eggs. Come see this ancient ritual and be a part of history.

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- M Open Mic / Inwood Hill Park 7 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center**
Come on down and share your thoughts, poems, stories, songs, and experiences. Free coffee!

SATURDAY, MAY 28

- BX John Muir Trail / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue**
Enjoy Van Cortlandt Park's only east-west trail. The trail traverses a mature forest and some fascinating historical features.
- BX Fishing / Crotona Nature Center 1 p.m. / Crotona Park**
Grab your gear and head down to Indian Lake for our classic fishing clinic. You'll learn park rules for angling as well as tips on catching fish faster! Bamboo poles and bait provided.
- BK Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
Join the Urban Park Rangers for our weekly birding walk around the salt marsh.
- BK Camping* / Marine Park 7 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
Come camp out under the stars with the Urban Park Rangers. This overnight campout will include a nighttime nature hike. To register: call 311 on May 16 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.
- M Astronomy / Inwood Hill Park 7 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center**
Experience astronomy with the American Museum of Natural History's Moveable Museum, then stay for some stargazing with the Urban Park Rangers. Add an overnight camping experience (reservations required)! To register: call 311 on May 16 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.
- Q Orienteering / Alley Pond Park 12 p.m. / UPR Adventure Center**
Use a compass to navigate your way through our course. Bring your sense of adventure and enjoy the splendor of Alley Pond Park.
- SI Seguine Mansion Tour / Lemon Creek Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Seguine Mansion**
The mansion will be opened for a rare opportunity to tour an historic gem. Learn how it was rescued from near ruin and lovingly restored to its former glory.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

- BX Fishing and Casting Clinic / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / Orchard Beach Nature Center**
Striped bass are running at this time of year!
- BK Canoeing* / Prospect Park 11 a.m. / Audubon Center**
Enjoy a day of canoeing as we explore the Lullwater and shoreline of the beautiful Lake in Prospect Park. To register: call 311 on May 16 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.
- M Bike Tour / Central Park 1 p.m. / Loeb Boathouse Café (74 Street and East Drive)**
Celebrate National Biking Month with a loop around the drives. Bring your own or rent one here; either way, meet at the bicycle rental kiosk in the parking lot.
- M Mushrooms 'R' Us / Inwood Hill Park 1 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center**
Come join us for a lecture on mushrooms with special guest Dianna Smith from the NY Mycology Society. After the lecture, we'll take a hike into the forest to look for specimens.
- Q Canoeing / Oakland Lake 12 p.m. / Meet at Cloverdale Boulevard & 46 Avenue**
Enjoy an afternoon of guided canoeing with the Urban Park Rangers. For ages 8 and older. First-come first-served. Space is limited.

- SI Bats and Bugs / Blue Heron Park 7 p.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center**
Join the Urban Park Rangers for an evening in the woods. Gain a whole new perspective of nature by seeing it at night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

CITYWIDE Adventures NYC Campout!

- BX National Trails Day Clean-Up and EMS Boat Demos / Pelham Bay Park 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. / Orchard Beach parking lot**
Participate in trail restoration on Hunter Island and try kayaking at the EMS boat demo.
- BK National Trails Day Clean-Up and EMS Boat Demos / Marine Park 9 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center**
Come lend a hand, and help spruce up the Salt Marsh Nature Trail and try kayaking at the EMS boat demo.
- M National Trails Day / Highbridge Park 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. / Highbridge Recreation Center (174 Street and Amsterdam Avenue)**
Join other concerned citizens, and contribute your time to our annual restoration project in Highbridge Park. Also, if you bring your bike, you can take part in a greenway bike tour. Details TBA.
- Q National Trails Day / Forest Park 9 a.m. / Woodhaven Boulevard & Forest Park Drive**
Enjoy a hike of the newly-blazed Blue Trail. Join the Rangers and the Forest Park Administrator for a nature hike down a nearly two-mile stretch of woodland trail.
- Q National Trails Day / Forest Park 11 a.m. / Myrtle Avenue & Park Lane South**
Hike the Orange Trail, our longest trail. Join us for a fast-paced hike around the perimeter of the park. Leave the park feeling fit, fulfilled, and perhaps slightly fatigued.
- Q National Trails Day / Alley Pond Park 9 a.m. / UPR Adventure Center**
Pitch in to make our parks beautiful! Participate in trail work and trash removal on woodland trails. Please bring water, and wear appropriate clothing/footwear. Call (718) 217-6034 for more information.
- SI National Trails Day and NYARA Adventure Run / Greenbelt 9 a.m. – 3 p.m./ Greenbelt Nature Center (700 Rockland Avenue)**
Team up with the Urban Park Rangers and the Greenbelt Conservancy to help restore the Greenbelt's trails. Lunch is on us! For more information or to register as a volunteer, click on www.sigreenbelt.org. Also, compete in a special Adventure Run organized by the New York Adventure Racing Association. Details TBA.

Evening of June 4

The Urban Park Rangers are teaming up with Backpacker Magazine and other outdoor professionals to host a unique overnight camping experience in all five boroughs. Over 200 participants will camp in New York City parks and participate in a variety of wilderness workshops.
Event participation is limited and by registration only.
For more information, call 311, or visit www.nyc.gov/parks.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

- BX Seining / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / Orchard Beach Nature Center**
We're sure to catch some fish with our big net!

- M **The History of Inwood Hill / Inwood Hill Park 1 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center****
Learn about the history of Inwood, from its earliest inhabitants thousands of years ago to the vibrant, multicultural neighborhood it is today.
- SI **Animal Adoption / Greenbelt 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. / Greenbelt Nature Center****
Put a little love in your heart by adopting a kitten, puppy, cat, or dog from Animal Care & Control of New York City.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

- BK **Monday Night Lecture Series / Marine Park 7 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center****
Topic to be announced. Call 311 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers for more details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

- BX **Cass Gallagher Hike / Van Cortlandt Park 11 a.m. / Meet at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue****
Enjoy a hike through one of the most beautiful areas of the park, the North Woods.
- BK **Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center****
Join the Urban Park Rangers for our weekly birding walk around the salt marsh.
- BK **Canoeing / Marine Park 11 a.m., 12 p.m., & 1 p.m. / Meet at Burnett Street & Avenue U****
Come canoeing with the Urban Park Rangers on beautiful Gerritsen Creek. Three one-hour sessions available. No reservations; first-come first-served.
- M **Children’s District / Central Park 1 p.m. / The Dairy (65 Street and East Drive)****
Historic walking tour includes stops at the Carousel, Chess & Checkers House, and Heckscher Ballfields.
- M **Canoe the Spuyten Duyvil* / Inwood Hill Park 1 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center****
Join the Urban Park Rangers for a fun-filled float down Spuyten Duyvil Creek. Please wear sunscreen, and bring bottled water. Come prepared to get a little wet! To register: call 311 on May 31 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.
- SI **Wading Through the Muck / Blue Heron Park 1 p.m. / Blue Heron Nature Center****
Discover the wonders of wetlands with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Educators by seining the pond and looking for macro-invertebrates.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- BX **Medicinal Plants / Van Cortlandt Park 1 p.m. / Meet at 242 Street and Van Cortlandt Park East****
Could you survive in the forest alone? Learn how some of the most common medicines came to be.
- BX **Into the Depths / Crotona Park 1 p.m. / Crotona Nature Center****
Learn about and net the aquatic creatures that make Indian Lake their home.
- BK **Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center****
Join the Urban Park Rangers for our weekly birding walk around the salt marsh.
- BK **Saturday Night Live / Marine Park 7 p.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center****
Join the Urban Park Rangers for an Open Mic night. Come share your songs, poems, and spoken word.

M The Native Americans of Northern Manhattan / Inwood Hill Park 1 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center

Join special guest speaker Dr. David Oestreicher for an informative lecture, followed by a hike to the Inwood Hill rock shelters, Manhattan's only remaining evidence of indigenous settlement.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

BX Birding the Landfill / Pelham Bay Park 10 a.m. / Pelham Bay Ranger Station

Come see kestrels, eastern meadowlarks, and our beautiful red-tailed hawks.

BK Children's Hour / Marine Park 11 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center

Let your children express their love for nature and wildlife by creating nature-related crafts.

M Summer Solstice Sunday / Central Park 11 a.m. / Dana Discovery Center

Come celebrate the summer solstice, and learn about the power of the sun. Soak up the rays while making sundials, and end the day with solar-cooked hot dogs. Don't forget your sunblock!

M The Little Red Lighthouse / Fort Washington Park 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. / Meet at the Lighthouse, inside the park beneath the Great Gray Bridge

Celebrate Father's Day with a visit to Manhattan Island's only lighthouse. See the historic landmark that inspired one of the most cherished children's books of all time, capturing the imagination of several generations.

SI Father's Day Fishing Clinic / Midland Beach 1 p.m. / Ocean Breeze Fishing Pier

Dad doesn't want another tie for Father's Day; he wants to go fishing! Bring him out to the beach, where we'll have a limited number of salt water fishing poles to borrow.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

BK Prehistoric Romance / Marine Park 8 p.m. / Meet at the corner of Burnett Street and Avenue U

Once a year horseshoe crabs, one of the oldest species on the planet, crowd the beaches to mate. Join us for a walk along the water's edge to observe this spectacular love-in.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

M Open Mic / Inwood Hill Park 7 p.m. / Inwood Hill Nature Center

Celebrate the arrival of summer by sharing your thoughts, poems, stories, songs, and experiences.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

BX Lake Ecology / Van Cortlandt Park 1 p.m. / Van Cortlandt Nature Center

Learn about some of the plants and animals that live in fresh water.

BX Bug Safari / Crotona Park 1 p.m. / Crotona Nature Center

Bugs are neat, not gross! Join the Urban Park Rangers to find the bugs that people and nature need.

BK Birding / Marine Park 8 a.m. / Salt Marsh Nature Center

Join the Urban Park Rangers for our weekly birding walk around the salt marsh.

BK The Living Log / Prospect Park 1 p.m. / Audubon Center

Discover all the creatures that live and make their homes in an otherwise "dead" log.

M The Little Red Lighthouse (in Spanish) / Fort Washington Park 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. / Meet at the Lighthouse, inside the park beneath the Great Gray Bridge

El Pequeño Faro Rojo (en Español) / El Parque de Fort Washington 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. / Encontraremos en el faro, adentro del parque debajo del puente George Washington
Vea el faro en Manhattan que inspiró uno de los libros de niños más adorados.

- SI Seashore Surprises / Conference House Park 1 p.m. / Flagpole at end of Hylan Boulevard**
We've put together a scavenger hunt of marine life. Explore seashore ecology and win prizes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- BX Canoeing the Lagoon* / Pelham Bay Park 1 p.m. / Meet at canoe launch at northwest corner of Orchard Beach parking lot**
Learn the basics of canoeing as we explore the shoreline from the other side. To register: call 311 on June 13 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.
- BK Canoeing / Marine Park 11 a.m., 12 p.m., & 1 p.m. / Meet at Burnett Street & Avenue U**
Come canoeing with the Urban Park Rangers on beautiful Gerritsen Creek. Three one-hour sessions available. No reservations; first-come first-served.
- M High Bridge Water Tower / Highbridge Park 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / Meet at Tower, inside the park at 174 Street and Amsterdam Avenue**
Guided tours of the tower give Uptown a whole new meaning. Spectacular views of northern Manhattan, the High Bridge, and the Bronx, free of charge.
- M Urban Forest Ecology / Central Park 1 p.m. / Belvedere Castle (79 Street, mid-park)**
Let the Rangers help you explore the forest right here in your own backyard. Come lose yourself, and become one with Mother Nature.
- SI Canoeing / Willowbrook Park 11 a.m. / End of Eton Avenue**
We'll teach the ABCs of canoeing. It's fun for the whole family, but lifejackets aren't available for kids under 50 lbs. You may bring your own Coast Guard-certified lifejackets.

It's My Park! day will be on Saturday, May 14 at parks in every neighborhood of New York City. For more information visit www.itsmypark.org or call 311.



Ten years ago, Parks & Recreation embarked on a near impossible task--counting every single tree growing along New York City's streets. We succeeded, and this comprehensive survey of 498,470 trees provided Parks & Recreation with invaluable information about our urban forest, including its species, size, condition, and distribution across the landscape. It helps us with the work we do every day.

Now that ten years have passed, it is time to count the trees once again.

This spring committed volunteers and community groups along with Parks & Recreation staff will count and record information on every one of the City's half million street trees. Beginning in May and continuing through the summer, training sessions will be offered in every borough on evenings and weekends. We ask volunteers to commit to at least one census zone (approximately 300 trees and an estimated 40 hour commitment) over a 4 month period. This means just 2-3 hours a week. All tools will be provided. Volunteers are also needed for other non-field activities. There will be parties, events, gifts, and celebrations of all kinds.

To count trees in your neighborhood, visit www.nyc.gov/parks

Ranger Stations & Nature Centers

BRONX (BX)

Crotona Nature Center: Crotona Park. Enter the park at Charlotte Street & Crotona Park East. (718) 378-2061

Orchard Beach Nature Center (seasonal): Pelham Bay Park. Section 2 of Orchard Beach. (718) 885-3466

Pelham Bay Ranger Station: Pelham Bay Park. Bruckner Boulevard & Wilkinson Avenue (718) 885-3467

Van Cortlandt Nature Center: Van Cortlandt Park. Enter the park at 246th Street & Broadway. (718) 548-0912

BROOKLYN (BK)

Salt Marsh Nature Center: Marine Park. East 33rd Street & Avenue U. (718) 421-2021

Programs at the SMNC generously supported by the National Geographic Society.

MANHATTAN (M)

Belvedere Castle: Central Park. 79th Street, mid-park. (212) 628-2345

Dana Discovery Center: Central Park. 110th Street & Lenox Avenue (212) 860-1376

Inwood Hill Nature Center: Inwood Hill Park. Enter park at 218th Street & Indian Road. (212) 304-2365

QUEENS (Q)

Urban Park Ranger Adventure Center: Alley Pond Park. Enter at Winchester Boulevard, under the Grand Central Parkway. (718) 217-6034

Forest Park Nature/Visitor Center: Forest Park. Woodhaven Boulevard & Forest Park Drive. (718) 846-2731

STATEN ISLAND (SI)

Blue Heron Nature Center: Blue Heron Park. 222 Poillon Avenue, between Amboy Road & Hylan Boulevard. (718) 967-3542

High Rock Ranger Station: High Rock Park. Park in the lot at the end of Nevada Avenue, off Rockland Avenue, and follow signs. (718) 667-6042

**For information about the Rangers call 311, outside NYC (212) NEW-YORK,
and ask for the Urban Park Rangers or visit <http://www.nyc.gov/parks>**