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## **SPRING 2004 Urban Park Ranger RedTailer Calendar**

### **Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**BK Women in Nature / Marine Park 7 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Celebrate Women's History Month with a discussion of influential women in the natural sciences.

### **Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**BX Winter Tree ID / Van Cortlandt Park 1 PM / Van Cortlandt Nature Center**

Identifying trees in winter is not easy, so come learn from the Rangers.

**BX Exploring Water / Crotona Nature Center 1 PM / Crotona Park**

See what critters call the lake home and why.

**BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Experience the diversity of birds in Marine Park. Children's binoculars provided.

**BK Nature's Little Things / Marine Park 2 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Celebrate "Save Your Vision" week as we focus on nature's little things with a night of poetry and why life is in the details.

**M Owl Trek / Inwood Hill Park 8 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

Search the night for screech owls and learn how they survive here.

**Q Orienteering / Alley Pond Park 1 PM / Urban Park Ranger Adv. Center**

Learn the basics of land navigation, an essential skill in wilderness exploration and survival. Compasses provided.

**SI Orienteering Scavenger Hunt / Mariner's Marsh Park 12 PM / Holland Ave. & Richmond Terrace**

Put your navigation skills to the test as you search for hidden treasures. Don't know how to use a compass? We'll show you! Compasses provided.

### **Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**BX Hike The Siwanoy / Pelham Bay Park 1 PM / Bartow-Pell Mansion Parking lot (895 Shore Road)**

This beautiful hike brings the history of this area to life.

**BK Lenape of Marine Park / Marine Park 11 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Travel back in time with a look at the Native Americans who lived in this area.

**BK Coney Island Memories / Coney Island 1 PM / W 25th St. & the Boardwalk**

More than just an amusement park, Coney Island is an exciting piece of New York history! Explore Coney Island from its vaudeville roots to its present state.

**M North End Hike and History / Central Park 11 AM / Dana Discovery Center**

Retrace the footsteps of some of the America's greatest military leaders while visiting the oldest human structure built inside the Park.

**M Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

Calling all early birds! Walk through the Clove, AKA "Bird Alley," as we explore the world of avian migration and see what birds are visiting now. Children's binoculars provided.

**M Nature Photography / Inwood Hill Park 1 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

Capture life's true art on film and spark your craving for creativity as we show you the most photogenic areas of the park. Cameras not provided.

**Q Nature Photography / Forest Park 12 PM / Forest Park Nature Center**

Capture all the natural beauty as winter begins to recede. Photo ops abound! Both digital and film photographers welcome. Cameras not provided.

**SI Women in NYC History / Alice Austen Park 1 PM / 2 Hylan Blvd.**

We'll start with a tour of "Clear Comfort", then celebrate Women's History Month with a discussion of famous New York City women.

**Saturday, March 13th**

**BX Beginner Birding Tour / Van Cortlandt Park 9 AM / VC Nature Center**

Learn the basics of identifying birds and avian adaptations, from Wood Ducks to Red-tailed Hawks. Children's binoculars provided.

**BX Birding Tour / Crotona Park 11 AM / Crotona Nature Center**

Learn the basics of identifying birds and avian adaptations, from Wood Ducks to Red-tailed Hawks. Children's binoculars provided.

**BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK St. Patrick's Day Crafts / Fidler-Wyckoff Park 12 to 4 PM / Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum (5816 Calarendon Rd. at Ralph Ave.)**

Join the Rangers in making something green!

**M Little Red Lighthouse Tour / Fort Washington Park**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on March 7 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**Q "The Lost Highway" / Alley Pond Park 12 PM / UPR Adventure Center**

Travel back in time and explore the abandoned Vanderbilt Motor Parkway.

**SI Girl Scout Hike / High Rock Park 1 PM / High Rock Ranger Station**

Calling all Daisies, Brownies, Cadets and Seniors! In honor of Girl Scout Week, the Urban Park Rangers have planned a special hike just for you!

**Sunday, March 14th**

**BX Bartow-Pell Mansion / Pelham Bay Park 2 PM / 895 Shore Road**

Experience what life was like in the Bronx long before Orchard Beach. The Bartow-Pell Mansion is the exquisite gem in Pelham Bay's crown.

**BK Orienteering Basics / Marine Park 11 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

All turned around? Get your direction from the Urban Park Rangers as we teach you the ins and outs of a compass. Compasses provided.

**BK Ides of March / Prospect Park 1 PM / Audubon Center**

Chase away the winter gloom as we look at the science of Spring.

**M The Science of St. Patrick's Day / Central Park 12 PM / Belvedere Castle**

The botany of clovers. The physics of rainbows. The chemistry of gold. The anatomy of Leprechauns? Come to Manhattan's own emerald isle and separate fact from fiction surrounding one of New York's most celebrated occasions.

**M Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 7th description for more information.

**Q Early Bird Walk / Forest Park 9 AM / Forest Park Nature Center**

Discover what birds are back from their winter vacation as well as the birds who toughed it out in New York City this past winter. Children's binoculars provided.

**SI The Irish in NYC History / High Rock Park 12 PM / High Rock Ranger Station**

Learn about how the Irish have helped shape NYC history.

**Saturday, March 20th**

**BX Vernal Equinox / Van Cortlandt Park 1 PM / VC Nature Center**

Hike with the Rangers as we search of nature's first signs of spring.

**BX Fishing / Crotona Park 1 PM / Crotona Nature Center**

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! Poles and bait provided.

**BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK Spring Cleaning / Marine Park 9 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Join in our annual spring cleanup of Marine Park.

**M Spring Equinox Ecology / Union Square Park 1 PM / Broadway & W. 17th St.**

Learn all about the science of Spring and other seasonal phenomena.

**M Advanced Orienteering / Inwood Hill Park 12 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Cntr.**

This program will test your mettle, and bring out the explorer in you for this interpretive and competitive course. Compasses provided.

**Q Meet the Piping Plover / Rockaway Beach 11 AM / Boardwalk at B52 St.**

An Urban Park Ranger Exclusive! Tour the Rockaway Beach Endangered Species Nesting Area, normally closed to the public, for a guided shorebird tour of the Piping Plover and the issues facing these endangered shorebirds. Children's binoculars provided.

**SI Invasive Species Control / Mariner's Marsh Park 10 AM / Holland Ave. & Richmond Terrace**

Join the Rangers, the NY Adventure Racing Association and Adventure Racing for the Environment as we team up to combat invasive species and make some new friends.

**Sunday, March 21st**

**BX Explore the Night Sky / Pelham Bay Park 7 PM / Pelham Bay Ranger Stn.**

Join us for a night hike in search of meteor showers and distant constellations.

**M Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 7th description for more information.

**Q Nature Photography / Alley Pond Park 11 AM / UPR Adventure Center**

Great photo opportunities await you as you explore the trails of Alley Pond Park. Both digital and film photographers welcome. Cameras not provided.

**SI Beginner Backpacking/ High Rock Park 1 PM / High Rock Ranger Station**

Interested in backpacking but don't know where to start? We'll show you how to choose the right pack, what to put in it, and how to plan a trip. Includes nature walk. Backpacks provided.

**Wednesday, March 24th**

**M Open Mic / Inwood Hill Park 7 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

Calling all poets, musicians, and artists for this after-hours event.

**Saturday, March 27th**

**BX Early Spring Ecology / Van Cortlandt Park 1 PM / VC Nature Center**

What plants get a head start on blooming in the spring? Join the Rangers for a sneak peek at some "spring beauties."

**BX Spring Botany / Crotona Park 1 PM / Crotona Nature Center**

From trees to weeds, learn how to identify the different types of park plants.

**BK Birding Tour/ Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK Celebrating Wildlife in Gerritsen Creek / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Explore habitat and discuss what we need to do to protect wildlife.

**M Nature Writing for Kids / Inwood Hill Park 2 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Cntr.**

Create a different way of looking at the environment.

**Q Intro to Backpacking / Alley Pond Park 12 PM/ UPR Adventure Center**

Join this demonstration of the basic equipment and skills involved in backpacking, followed by a hike through the park's forests. Backpacks provided.

**SI Owl Watch / Blue Heron Nature Park 5 PM / Blue Heron Nature Center**

Learn all about owls, then take a walk to see them in their habitat.

**Sunday, March 28th**

**BX Beginner Birding Tour/ Pelham Bay Park 1 PM / Pelham Bay Ranger Stn.**

See March 13th description for more information.

**BK Salt Marsh Ecology / Marine Park 11 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Learn how salt marshes work and the critters that call them home.

**BK Meet the Creek / Fresh Creek Park 1 PM / Seaview Ave. & Louisiana Ave.**

Explore the flora and fauna of this important coastal ecosystem.

**M Native Americans in Manhattan / Riverside Park 12 PM / West 79th Street & Riverside Drive**

Discover the fascinating past of this nation's first inhabitants, the Lenape, from their relationship to the land to their interactions with European settlers.

**M Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 7th description for more information.

**Q Creatures of the Night/ Forest Park 6 PM / Forest Park Nature Center**

Bats, owls and flying squirrels all live in our city parks. Join the Urban Park Rangers for an evening stroll to explore the things that go bump in the night. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights.

**SI Native Americans / Wolfe's Pond Park 1 PM / Comfort Station**

Long ago, the Lenape people roamed the island. We'll show you where they lived, what they ate and what their customs were.

**Friday, April 2nd**

**BK The Digital Art of Jessica Shulman / Marine Park 7 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Exhibit opening reception of digital artist Jessica Shulman and her impressionistic photos of nature. Runs until April 4.

**Saturday, April 3rd - Spring Recess begins**

**BX Geology / Van Cortlandt Park 1 PM / Van Cortlandt Nature Center**

Let the Rangers show you the different minerals found throughout the park.

**BX Easter Eggstravaganza / Crotona Park 12-3 PM / Crotona Nature Cntr.**

Celebrate Easter; from egg dyeing to craft making.

**BK Birding Tour/ Marine Park 8 AM/ Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK Nature's April Fools/ Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Discover the lighter side of Mother Nature and explore how she fools us.

**M Hiking Series I of III / Inwood Hill Park 10 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

This hike will focus on trail tips and safety procedures, and will be the foundation for this intensive three part series.

**Q Advanced Backpacking / Alley Pond Park 11 AM / UPR Adventure Center**

Bring your pack for a challenging hike along the Greenway.

**SI Bunny Hop / High Rock Park 12 PM / High Rock Visitor's Studio**

Thinking of getting a rabbit for Easter? Come and meet our bunnies. Learn the basics of caring for these creatures then join us for a hike.

**Sunday, April 4th - Remember Daylight Savings!**

**BX Easter Eco Crafts / Pelham Bay Park 12 PM / Pelham Bay Ranger Station**

Make picture frames, bird nests and even paper animals out of everyday items.

**BK History on the Hill / Fort Greene Park 11 AM / Fort Greene Place & Dekalb Ave.**

Travel through time and discover the colorful history of Fort Greene.

**BK Its Spring, Baby! / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

It's that time! Babies are everywhere! Discover them with the Rangers.

**M “Gangs of New York: Old Five Points Tour” / City Hall Park 2 PM / Corner of Broadway & Chambers St.**

Seen the movie or read the book? Join the Rangers on an authentic tour of this unique historic district, including the Tweed Courthouse, Foley Square, Woolworth Building, and the African burial ground.

**M Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 7th description for more information.

**M Explore the Night Sky / Inwood Hill Park 8 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Cntr.**

Learn about the celestial bodies and how they change throughout the year.

**Q Nature Walk for Seniors / Kissena Park 12 PM / Corner of Oak & Rose Aves.**

Stroll around the newly restored lake and through the Historic Grove on a slower-paced nature walk.

**SI Shore Birds & Beach Ecology / South Beach 1 PM / Father Capodanno Blvd. & Sand Lane**

Discover the creatures that live in or near the ocean. From anemones to zebra fish, we'll uncover it all as we stroll along the shore.

**Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**BK Ecology / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 28th description for more information.

**BK Ranger & AC&C Pet Adoption / Marine Park / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Call 311 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers for more information.

**Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**BK Eco Crafts / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Nature is full of amazing things that kids can use to make cool craft projects. Bring your imagination!

**Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**M Nature Walk for Kids / Inwood Hill Park 1 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Cntr.**

Kids, bring your parents on an eye-opening tour of Inwood Hill Park's glacial potholes, colorful birds, and winding trails.

**Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**BK Overnight Camping for Kids / Marine Park**

Kids! Learn the basics of camping, including how to set up a campfire and how to pitch a tent. Tents provided.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on March 27 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**BK Scavenger Hunt for Kids / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Kids! Hunt for objects both unique and common in nature and discover their importance to animals, plants, and even people!

**M Nature Art for Kids / Inwood Hill Park 1 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

Express your feelings about nature with paint, crayons, and natural materials.

**Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**M “Central Park Eggstravaganza” / Central Park 11 AM / Literary Walk, 72nd St. & Mid-Park**

Join us in an annual Central Park tradition. For more information call 311

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**BX Spring Backpacking / Pelham Bay Park 1 PM / Pelham Bay Ranger Station**

Learn helpful information about backpacking in the spring, then hit the trails and see the best of the Bronx.

**BK Easter Egg Orienteering / Marine Park 11 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Learn compass basics and use those skills to hunt for Easter eggs hidden around the Salt Marsh. Win a prize for each egg you find. Compasses provided.

**M Beginner Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Cntr.**

This series will introduce beginners to the art of birding. The Clove or “ Bird Alley,” is a great place to start. Children’s binoculars provided.

**Friday, April 16th**

**BK Overnight Camping / Marine Park**

Learn basic camping skills, take a night hike, and wake up to an early birding tour. Tents and children’s binoculars provided.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on April 4 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**Saturday, April 17th**

**BX Spring Wildflowers and Weeds / Van Cortlandt Park 1 PM / Mosholu Avenue & Broadway**

Learn the difference between wildflowers and weeds.

**BX Hawk Festival / Crotona Park 1 PM / Crotona Nature Center**

Learn about raptors of all types, and witness demonstrations with live birds.

**BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK Explorer on Wheels / Asser Levy Park 2PM / Ocean Pkwy & Seabreeze**

Bring your blades and join the Rangers as we explore the park’s trees.

**M Literary Walk “Poet-tree” Tour / Central Park 3 PM / Naumburg Bandshell, , Mid-park at 72nd Street**

After a tour and a reading of selected poems by the world’s great writers, participants will have a chance to showcase their own work.

**M Little Red Lighthouse Tour / Ft. Washington Park.**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on April 4 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**Q Ponderous Ponds / Alley Pond Park 11 AM / UPR Adventure Center**

Take a hands-on approach to the kettle ponds that give the park its name.

**SI Trail Maintenance Workshop / High Rock Park 10 AM / High Rock Visitors Studio**

Learn International Mountain Biking Association trail building techniques, and then put your knowledge to the test as you team up with the NY Adventure Racing Association to help fix up the trails.

**Sunday, April 18th**

**BX Hike the Kazimiroff Trail / Pelham Bay Park 2 PM / Orchard Beach Nature Center (Section 2 of the boardwalk)**

Experience the splendor of Pelham Bay Park’s Hunter Island as we look for vibrant birds and soaring tulip trees.

**BK Is Your Head in the Clouds? / Marine Park 11 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Cntr.**

Do your bones ache when it’s going to rain? Find out why this happens and more interesting facts about the weather and meteorology.

**BK Prospect Park and the Vale of Cashmere / Prospect Park 1 PM / Audubon Center**

Discover the history of Brooklyn’s flagship park.

**M Birding Series: Birding by Ear / Inwood Hill Park 8AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

This series will introduce beginners to the art of birding. This tour will focus on identifying birds by the sounds they make. Children’s binoculars provided.

**Q Backyard Bugs / Forest Park 11 AM / Forest Park Nature Center**

Discover small-but-fascinating animals and their place in the park’s ecosystem.

**SI Bike the Beach / South Beach 11 AM / Father Capodanno Blvd. & Sand Lane**

Strap on your helmet and hop on your bike for a fun ride on the boardwalk. Kids under 14 must have helmets.

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**M Open Mic / Inwood Hill Park 7PM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 24th description for more information.

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**BX The Amazing Bronx River Flotilla / Cement Plant Park 1 PM**

Reclaim your river by participating in the largest paddling event in the Bronx.. Call 311 and ask for the Bronx River Alliance.

**BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK Restoration-Clean-up / Marine Park 11 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Human impact on our salt marshes can be intense. Give something back to the marsh and your community. Gloves and bags will be provided.

**BK Saturday Night Live - Astronomy Day / Prospect Park 7 PM / Picnic House, Prospect Park West & 5th St.**

Celebrate this day with the Rangers as we stargaze and identify constellations.

**M Earth Day / Central Park 11 AM-4 PM / Great Hill, 106th St. between West Drive & Central Park West**

Pay homage to Mother Earth with nature walks, eco-crafts, and other environmentally friendly activities. Hosted by the Central Park Conservancy.

**SI Spring Stargazing / Great Kills Park Model Airplane Field 7:30 PM / Gateway National Park (Hylan Blvd. & Buffalo St.)**

The Urban Park Rangers are teaming up with the National Park Service for this tour of the heavens.

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**BX Spring Tree ID / Pelham Bay Park 10 AM / Pelham Bay Ranger Station**

Learn about trees and easy ways to identify them.

**M Birding Series: Migratory patterns / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

This series will introduce beginners to the art of birding. This tour will focus on migratory patterns.

Children's binoculars provided.

**M History of Inwood Hill Park / Inwood Hill Park 1 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

Guest lecturer James Taylor's multimedia presentation will focus on the park's military significance during the War for Independence.

**Q EcoKids Workshop / Alley Pond Park 12 PM / UPR Adventure Center**

Children will learn about the natural world while making craft projects.

**SI Conference House Tour / Conference House 1 PM / 7455 Hylan Blvd.**

Built in 1680, it served as a meeting place between the English and Americans during the Revolutionary War. See history come alive in this beautiful home.

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**M Campaign for Washington Square Park / Washington Square Park 12 PM / Fifth Avenue & Washington Square North**

Celebrate the 215th Anniversary of the inauguration of President George Washington with historical re-enactments, folk and jazz concerts, movie screenings and interpretive walks by the Urban Park Rangers.

### **Saturday, May 1st**

#### **BX Lake Ecology / Van Cortlandt Park 1 PM / Van Cortlandt Nature Center**

Let the Rangers teach you about the underwater magic of lake ecology in this “top to murky bottom” interactive talk.

#### **BX May Day – Spring Planting / Crotona Park 1 PM / Crotona Nature Center**

From trees to weeds, the Rangers know them all. Let us teach you how to identify the different types of plants in Crotona Park.

#### **BK Children’s Art Exhibit Reception / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

View nature inspired artwork by kids. Call Ellen Hoyt at (718) 338-7281 for more information.

#### **BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

#### **BK A Tribute to Trees / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Celebrate Arbor Day as we look at all the different types of trees in the park.

#### **SI Fishing / Willowbrook Park 1 PM / Eton Place parking lot**

Fishing is fun for all ages! We’ll provide the poles and bait.

### **Sunday, May 2nd**

#### **BX Backpacking 101 and Split Rock Hike / Pelham Bay Park 10 AM / Pelham Bay Golf House (Along Shore Road North)**

Learn the basics of hoisting a pack and get hiking tips as we hit the trail.

#### **BK Gerritsen Mill Hike / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Explore the history of Gerritsen Creek and its gristmill.

#### **M Shadfest & “Drums Along Hudson” – A Native American Festival / Inwood Hill Park 12 to 5 PM / Indian Road between 215th & 218th Sts.**

Come celebrate the return of the Shad while immersing yourself in Native American festivities.

#### **Q Canoe with the Rangers / Alley Pond Park, Oakland Lake 1 PM / Cloverdale Blvd. Entrance**

Enjoy an afternoon of guided canoeing as the Urban Park Rangers.

#### **SI A Horse of Course / Clove Lakes Park 12 PM / Stonehenge Building**

Learn about horses with Parks Enforcement Patrol Mounted Unit and the Rangers. Meet Ben & Jerry, the Department’s majestic Clydesdales!

### **Friday, May 7th**

#### **BK Camping / Marine Park**

See April 16th description for more information.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on April 25 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

### **Saturday, May 8th**

#### **BX Hike the Cass Gallagher / Van Cortlandt Park 11 AM / Mosholu Ave. & Broadway**

Learn about this woman’s contributions as we hike her namesake trail.

#### **BX Fishing / Crotona Park 1 PM / Crotona Nature Center**

See March 20th description for more information.

#### **BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

#### **BK Saturday Night Live - Storytelling / Marine Park 7 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Back by popular demand, special guest Mary Savage and the Brooklyn Storytellers will capture your imagination with a variety of drums and stories.

#### **M Plant a seed with Mom / Inwood Hill Park 2 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Cntr.**

Plant a seed, then walk with Mom to one of Manhattan’s most scenic spots.

#### **M Ranger & AC&C Pet Adoption / Central Park**

Call 311 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers for more information.



**Q Creatures of the Night / Alley Pond Park 7 PM / UPR Adventure Center**

See March 28th description for more information.

**SI Wetlands of Mt. Loretto / Mt. Loretto 10 AM- 12 PM / 6581 Hylan Blvd.**

Join the Rangers and NYS Forest Rangers on a walk through the muck of the park's wetlands.

**Sunday, May 9th**

**BX The History Of Orchard Beach / Pelham Bay Park 12 PM / Orchard Beach Nature Center (Section 2 of the boardwalk)**

Discover the history of Orchard Beach through an interpretive hike.

**BK Canoeing Gerritson Creek / Marine Park**

The Urban Park Rangers will give introductory canoeing instruction and safety.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on April 25 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**M Mother's Day Eco-crafts / Central Park 11 AM / The Dairy, Mid-park at 65th Street**

Kids, bring your moms and create a personalized treat for them.

**M Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 7th description for more information.

**M Overlook Meadow Mothers Day Hike / Inwood Hill Park 10 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center.**

Let the Rangers lead happy mothers on an interpretive hike around the park.

**Q Early Bird Walk / Forest Park 9 AM / Forest Park Nature Center**

An Urban Park Ranger exclusive! Enjoy a guided bird tour at the newly restored kettle pond at Forest Park.

**SI Mother's Day Hike / High Rock Park 1 PM / High Rock Ranger Station.**

Bring your mom out to enjoy Mother Nature's hospitality.

**Wednesday, May 12th**

**M Nature Walk for Seniors/ Inwood Hill Park 10 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Cntr.**

Take a stroll around the park. Discover plants, animals, and geological features.

**Saturday, May 15th**

**BX Spring Migration / Van Cortlandt Park 9 AM / Van Cortlandt Nature Cntr.**

Learn what birds leave and what birds arrive in the spring.

**BX Canoeing / Crotona Park 11 AM / Crotona Nature Center**

Learn how to canoe while paddling around Indian Lake.

**BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK Advanced Orienteering / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Cntr.**

The Rangers will introduce you to the Global Positioning System (GPS) and an advanced orienteering course. Compasses provided.

**M Strawberry Fields Forever / Central Park 1 PM / Strawberry Fields (72nd & Central Park West)**

Beatles trivia abounds in this first-ever tour of a relatively new area of Central Park. Bring your camera for spectacular photo ops.

**M Advanced Hike II of III/ Inwood Hill Park 10 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Cntr.**

The second of a three part series. This 2-3 mile hike will focus on trail tips and safety procedures.

**Q Giants of Alley, Awake / Alley Pond Park 1 PM / UPR Adventure Cntr.**

Join the Rangers for a nature walk to the tallest tree in Queens.

**SI Shore Clean Up / Waterfront Park 11 AM / End of Nelson Ave. below Hylan Blvd.**

Sometimes more than shells wash up on our shores. Please join us in sprucing up the beach.

**Sunday, May 16th**

**BX Canoe the lagoon / Pelham Bay Park**

Learn the rules of canoeing while paddling the park's lagoon.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on May 2 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**BK Explorer on Wheels - Biking with Birds / Marine Park 9 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**  
Celebrate Bike Month on this trek for birds, but don't forget to bring your helmets (it's the law for kids under 14!)

**BK Ugh! It's a Water Bug / Prospect Park 1 PM / Audubon Center**

Discover the lake like you never have before.

**M Children's District / Central Park 11 AM / The Dairy – Mid-park at 65th St.**

This tour includes stops at the carousel, and the Chess and Checkers house.

**M Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 7th description for more information.

**M Bike the Boro / Inwood Hill Park 10 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

Travel south along the Hudson River to Battery Park City. Learn safety procedures and rules and regulations, while visiting landmarks along the way. Kids under 14 must have helmets.

**Q Parsons Historic Grove Tour / Kissena Park 12 PM / Rose Av. & Oak Av. Entrance**

Journey back in time when Flushing was the horticultural hub of New York City. Visit the remains of one of the oldest nurseries in New York City.

**SI Nature Bike Ride / Silver Lake Park 1 PM / Victory Blvd. & Forest Ave.**

Oil the chains and pump up the tires, because we're going to explore Silver Lake by bike! Kids under 14 must have helmets.

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**M Open Mic / Inwood Hill Park 7 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 24th description for more information.

**Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**BX Bloomers / Seton Falls Park 1 PM / 233rd St. & Pratt Avenue**

Explore little-known woodlands of the Bronx in search of wildflowers.

**BX Fishing / Crotona Park 1 PM / Crotona Nature Center**

See March 20th description for more information.

**BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK Special Event - Missing Children's Day / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Join NYPD's 63rd Precinct and the Urban Park Rangers as we teach children and families safety tips to avoid being kidnapped or becoming lost.

**M Nature Scavenger Hunt Campout / Inwood Hill Park**

Experience sleeping in the woods of Manhattan. Scavenge the forest for hidden goodies, map the stars, and enjoy campfire stories.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on May 8 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**Q Canoe with the Rangers / Oakland Lake 1 PM / Cloverdale Blvd. Entr.**

See April 4th description for more information.

**SI High Rock Challenge / High Rock Park**

Take part in the memorial fun run honoring Officer John Kelly. Call 311 and ask for the Greenbelt Conservancy to register.

**SI Birding Hike / Clove Lakes Park 10 AM / Stonehenge Building**

Discover the amazing diversity of birds. Binoculars and field guides provided.

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**BX Spring Wildflowers / Pelham Bay Park 1 PM / Pelham Bay Ranger Station.**

Meet some of our parks' most colorful inhabitants on this afternoon walk.

**BK Canoeing / Marine Park**

Celebrate Safe Boating Week with the Urban Park Rangers.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on May 9 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**M Explore the Highbridge Water Tower / Highbridge Park 11 AM / 174th St & Amsterdam Avenue**

Climb the steps of the water tower into the past as we discover how NYC was originally supplied with water.

Truly a must-see New York experience!

**M Canoeing for Beginners / Central Park**

Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on May 9 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**SI Backpacking / High Rock Park 11 AM / High Rock Ranger Station**

See March 21st Beginner Backpacking description for more information.

**Saturday, May 29th Memorial Day Weekend**

**BX Tide Pool Exploration / Pelham Bay Park 1 PM / Orchard Beach Nature Center**

Explore a different world as we search the tidal pool of Orchard Beach for amazing sea life on this interactive talk.

**BX Lake Ecology / Crotona Park 1 PM / Crotona Nature Center**

See May 1st description for more information.

**BK Birding Tour / Marine Park 8 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

See March 6th description for more information.

**BK Wildflowers of Gerritsen Creek / Marine Park 1 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Take a walk to explore the blooming wildflowers of Marine Park.

**BK Saturday Night Live - Open Mic / Marine Park 7 PM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Share your poems, writings, songs and laughter with the Rangers. All ages welcome.

**M Spuyten Duyvil Restoration / Inwood Hill Park 12-4 PM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

Help restore our historic Spuyten Duyvil Beach. Learn restoration techniques and enjoy a day of giving back to nature.

**SI Overnight Advanced Camping / Willowbrook Park**

Backpack 5 miles through the Greenbelt to Willowbrook Park for overnight camping. Tents provided.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on May 16 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**

**Sunday, May 30th**

**BX Salt Water Fishing / Pelham Bay Park 2 PM / Orchard Beach Nature Center (Section 2 of the boardwalk)**

Come to our "beach house" for an afternoon of fishing. We'll cover angling tips as well as help identify your catch.

**BK Lenape of Marine Park / Marine Park 11 AM / Salt Marsh Nature Center**

Join the Rangers on a hike and discover what the Lenape used for survival.

**BK Sunset Park History / Sunset Park 1 PM / Corner of Fifth Ave & 41st St**

**M Ranger's 25th Anniversary / Central Park 5 PM / Arsenal Gallery, 64th St. & Fifth Avenue**

Celebrate our silver with a presentation on "New York's Greenest."

**M Birding Tour / Inwood Hill Park 8 AM / Inwood Hill Nature Center**

See March 7th description for more information.

**M Overnight Camping / Inwood Hill Park**

Learn the basics of camping so you can properly prepare for that backcountry summer trip. Tents provided.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED – interested participants must call 311 on May 15 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers**