Farmingville, NY - Starting this week and continuing throughout the summer, the Holtsville Ecology Site, which is administered by the Brookhaven Highway Department, will be offering guided educational tours to the general public of the more than 100 animals on display. This includes wild and exotic animals such as American bald eagles, peacocks and black bears. In addition to exotic animals, the Ecology site is also home to several farm animals including rabbits, chickens and a petting area with goats. Visitors will also have an opportunity to feed the goats.

"In the past only scheduled, group guided tours were available in the summer," Superintendent Losquadro said. "By allowing families and the public to come at their pleasure, without having to pre-schedule, it increases the opportunities for children to come view these magnificent animals and educate themselves in the process."

The summer tours will take place Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. for a fee of five dollars per person and last approximately sixty to ninety minutes. There is also a five dollar parking fee per car, per day for Brookhaven residents and non residents. Brookhaven residents can also purchase a season sticker to park at all Brookhaven parks, beaches and marinas for ten dollars, which is valid through December 31, 2013. Those who plan to take advantage of the summer tours are asked to arrive at the Ecology Site by 9:45 a.m. and meet at the information center. The Holtsville Ecology Site is located at 249 Buckley Road in Holtsville. For further information, please call (631) 758-9664 x13.

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