



Winter Nature Programs



It doesn't have to be summer to enjoy the beach.

Sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven

Conducted by Nicole Pocchiare, Environmental Educator

Geology Walk - All Ages

December 22, 2018

West Meadow Beach - 10 a.m. meet at Pavilion

Cedar Beach - 2 p.m. meet at Nature Center

Join us for a guided walk along the beach and trail. We will explore and observe the unique geology that provides the foundation for distinct ecosystems and habitats.

Please dress appropriately.

Winter Wonderland Walks -All Ages

December 29, 2018 ~ January 19, 2019 ~ February 16, 2019

West Meadow Beach - 10 a.m. meet at Pavilion

Cedar Beach - 2 p.m. meet at Nature Center

During these walks we will discuss and observe the stark beauty of the beach and saltmarsh in the cold season. We will explore the effects of snow and ice on the natural environment, discuss wildlife adaptations, identify plants in their winter form, and observe active animals and aquatic winter wetlands. Please dress appropriately.

Recycling Resolution - All Ages

January 5, 2019 & February 2, 2019

West Meadow Beach - 10 a.m. meet at Pavilion

Cedar Beach - 2 p.m. meet at Nature Center



Start the new year off right by joining this recycling discussion and activity. Recycling is the best way to keep plastics out of our waterways. Participants will first sign a pledge promising to recycle and spread the word about the importance of recycling. The group will then help clean plastics off the beach and upcycle a personal belonging.

In January we will be making reusable tote bags out of old t-shirts. Please bring a T-shirt that you would like to transform into a tool toward **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**.

In February we will make upcycled bird feeders. Please bring a 2-liter plastic bottle or large water bottle and two sticks, one-foot in length and about the width of a pencil.

After the activity we will head out to pick up litter and marine debris that is on the beach.

Please dress appropriately.

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Birding on the Beach- All Ages

January 12, 2019

West Meadow Beach –10 a.m. meet at Pavilion

Cedar Beach - 2 p.m. meet at Nature Center



Join us as we see our overwintering friends with their fluffy feathers. These remarkable creatures are able to retain their body heat as they eat all day to maintain speedy metabolisms. Bring binoculars and dress appropriately.

Winter Ecology- Teens & Adults

January 26, 2019

West Meadow Beach –10 a.m. meet at Pavilion

Cedar Beach - 2 p.m. meet at Nature Center

During this walk we will delve a bit deeper into winter ecology on the beach. We will explore the effects of snow and ice on the natural environment, learn about wildlife adaptations, identify plants in their winter form, observe active animals and aquatic winter wetlands. With less foliage, we will be able to better observe the magnificent geology of each location knowing that it is the foundation for all life that grows and thrives in these rich ecosystems. Please dress appropriately.

Winter Beach Botany- Teens & Adults

February 9, 2019

West Meadow Beach –10 a.m. meet at Pavilion

Cedar Beach - 2 p.m. meet at Nature Center

Join us on this walk as we identify common beach, marsh and maritime shrub zone plant species in their winter form. Observe how these plants are the food energy and shelter for many overwintering species. Please dress appropriately.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

All programs are **FREE** but registration is required.

E-mail npocchiare@brookhavenny.gov to make your reservation.

Please provide your name, phone number, and number of people planning to attend with ages of children.

Registrants will be contacted if cancellation due to inclement weather.



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