



Spring Nature Programs

Town of Brookhaven

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April 20th Earth Day Celebration

10 a.m. Cedar Beach, Marine Environmental Stewardship Center

Come join the fun as we show our appreciation to our Planet. The event will feature: Green living tips, Pledge Signing for a Greener You and a Greener Planet, Fun Games & Activities, Volunteer Opportunities, Bring an Old T-shirt or Plastic Bottle to be Upcycled.

You can also join the Coastal Steward during their Beach Clean-up.

The earth day event will conclude with a nature walk to observe the beauty of spring!

2 p.m. West Meadow Beach

Join us as we walk down Trustees Road and return via the beach. We will observe the beauty and unique ecology of the saltmarsh creek and the shoreline. Wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars.

May 11th International Migratory Bird Day

10 a.m. West Meadow Beach

2 p.m. Cedar Beach, Marine Environmental Stewardship Center

Long Island is a popular stop over and nesting area for many avian species.

Join us as we observe and identify which birds like to nest and dine on our bit of coast.

Wear comfortable shoes, bring quiet voices and binoculars.

May 25th & June 29th Growing Up Wild

10 a.m. West Meadow Beach

2 p.m. Cedar Beach, Marine Environmental Stewardship Center

Parents and grandparents are invited to explore nature with their little ones. Class will focus on a different nature topic and will include a story time, live animals and a related craft or activity.

Ages 3-6

June 8th Osprey and Plover Walk

10 a.m. West Meadow Beach

West Meadow Beach provides breeding habitat for two important avian species, the Osprey, a species of Special Concern in New York, and the New York State Endangered Piping Plover. Take a guided walk along the beach to observe these birds while learning about natural history and conservation efforts.

June 8th Nature Walk

2 p.m. Cedar Beach Marine Environmental Stewardship Center

Please join us as we explore the unique ecology of the beach and harbor. We will learn about Mt. Sinai Harbor, Long Island Sound, marine life wonderful flora and fauna of the peninsula. Wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars.

All programs are **FREE!** Registration is required.

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

Junior Environmental Stewards – Ages 11+

May 18th Plastic Debris Research & Clean-up

10 a.m. -West Meadow Beach

2 p.m. Cedar Beach, Marine Environmental Stewardship Center

It's the *Great Brookhaven Clean-up* as part of the *Keep America Beautiful- Great American Clean-up*. The stewards will concentrate on the tiny pieces of plastic hiding in the sands and seaweed washed up on the beach. The data will help give a better understanding of how much micro-plastic plagues our local coast

June 22nd Invasive Species Project

10 a.m. West Meadow Beach

The stewards will help to identify, number and map invasive species along the shoreline and creek. This information will be helpful in future invasive species management plans.

June 22nd Diamondback Terrapin Turtle Watch

2 p.m. Cedar Beach, Marine Environmental Stewardship Center

The stewards will help to identify and observe terrapin turtles as they seek areas to nest. We will compile data on our observations such as population and behavior. This information will be helpful in future conservation efforts.

Horseshoe Crab Walk- All Ages

June 1st 7 p.m. West Meadow Beach

Meet at the pavilion where we will learn about the remarkable living fossil. Observe and touch a live horseshoe crab, then walk down the beach to look for horseshoe crabs and their nesting sites.

Tag-a-Crab, Horseshoe Crab Volunteer Program- Teens & Adults

June 1st 10:30 p.m. -West Meadow Beach

June 15th 10:30 p.m. Cedar Beach, Marine Environmental Stewardship Center

Come help out with this on-going and worthwhile monitoring program. The *Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County* will conduct the tagging, counting and monitoring of this precious and remarkable species. We will spend approximately 2 hours on the shoreline. Waders, headlamps, flashlights, and warm clothes are recommended. **There are other dates and times available to volunteer. Please call 631-451-6639.**

June 15th Full Moon Walk

7:30p.m Cedar Beach, Marine Environmental Stewardship Center

Watch the Sun set and the Full Moon rise on this fun family walk. Learn about common moon phrases and phases, how the moon cycles impact nature, and which nocturnal animals call the beach and marsh home.



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

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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.

Programs will not be conducted in the event of inclement weather.



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