

Brookhaven Wildlife and Ecology Center Receives 2014 Certificate of Excellence Award from TripAdvisor

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Holtsville, NY - The world's largest travel site has recognized the Brookhaven Wildlife and Ecology Center with a 2014 Certificate of Excellence. This prestigious award is based on the quality of reviews and opinions from TripAdvisor travelers who have visited the Ecology Site within the last year.

"It is very gratifying to know so many people enjoy and appreciate all the Ecology Site has to offer," said Daniel P. Losquadro, Superintendent of Highways. "When visitors come to the site for the first time, they often begin planning their next trip back before leaving. This type of loyalty is a tribute to the excellent staff I have in place at the Ecology Site. Director April Perry and all the employees work very hard to ensure everyone who visits has an enriching experience."

"The Holtsville Ecology Site is one of our Town's greatest assets," said Supervisor Ed Romaine. "It's a wonderful place for families to visit and get an up close experience with the animals. The Certificate of Excellence Award is well deserved and I congratulate Superintendent Losquadro and the staff for being honored."

The following comments are an example of what visitors have been posting to TripAdvisor: "What a wonderful place for the youngsters. We've been bringing our three year old granddaughter here since she was one, and she loves it. She gets to see and learn about the animals in a closer, less crowded environment than the major zoos afford. She loves to run ahead and call us to "Follow Me" as she heads to her favorite exhibits. Now, we sometimes bring our one year old grandchild with us. The three year old loves to "explain" to her younger cousin all the things she is looking at. Then, a short walk away is a children's playground. Joy, wonder, and fun, all at no cost. It doesn't get much better."

The Ecology Site is home to more than 100 injured or non-releasable wild animals and farm animals that are available for viewing. Guided tours are available, along with hands-on educational programs, such as Pee Wee Gardening and adult horticulture classes. There is also a walking and exercise path with exercise equipment located

throughout the trail. Also available to visitors are three swimming pools, picnic areas and a playground. The pool is only open during the summer.

The Ecology Site is located at 249 Buckley Road in Holtsville, New York. For further information or to book a tour, please call (631) 758-9664.

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