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SPRING EVENTS BLOOM AT STATE PARKS

Spring has finally sprung in Western New York and the Office of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has a full calendar of events to help everyone get back outdoors again!

May 10, Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

“Blossom Bird Bonanza”

Woodlawn Beach State Park

Tree blossoms line the boardwalk attracting birds after a night migration. Let’s walk the boardwalk and beach and discover why the birds synchronize their arrival with spring blossoms. ***For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.***

May 16, Friday

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Goat Island Adventure Walk

Niagara Falls State Park

Calling all walkers! Get out of the house and join a park naturalist for a walk & explore the oldest state park in the U.S. Some 12,000 years ago in the making, we will learn & discover very interesting facts & stories surrounding Niagara Falls. Join us and see what you have been missing. ***For information & registration call (716) 745-7848.***

May 24, Saturday

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Seeing Through the Pond’s Mirror

Knox Farm State Park

We’ll hike to a picture perfect pond, to look, listen, and learn about the creatures that call it home. ***For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.***

May 24, Sat. & May 25, Sun.

10:00a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Great Gorge Scenic Overlook Walks

Niagara Falls State Park

Whirlpool Overlook Walks

Whirlpool State Park

Enjoy short walks in these parks with a spectacular view of the Gorge with a state park naturalist.

For information call

(716) 745-7848.

May 30, Friday

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Artpark Evening Stroll

Artpark State Park

Learn about Artpark, see the Hopewell Indian Mound, visit the birthplace of the Falls and walk along the Niagara River. ***For information & registration call (716)745-7848.***

June 7, Saturday

Hikes: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

National Trails Day

“Join Us On The Trail”

Niagara Falls State Park

On June 7, 1956, two-thirds of the Schoellkopf Power Station 3 was destroyed by a series of rock slides. Join us for a hike in the gorge to visit this historic site. ***For information & registration call***

(716) 745-7848.

June 7, Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Knox Waterfall Hike

Knox Farm State Park

In celebration of National Trails Day take a hike to a cool feeder stream that cascades many feet down the shale wall of the Cazenovia Creek bed to the stream below. ***For information & registration call***

(716) 826-8895.

June 13, Friday

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday the 13th Adventure

Whirlpool & DeVeaux Woods State Parks

Enjoy a fun filled evening full of surprises. Learn about superstition, urban legends and why this day & date seems to be all about bad or good luck. We'll explore the phases of the moon and learn some basic constellations. Haunted stories by campfire to follow (weather permitting). ***For***

information & registration call (716) 745-7848.

June 14, Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Seaway Trails Lighthouse Program and Tour

Fort Niagara State Park

Two of the lighthouses on the Seaway Trail are found in the Niagara Region State Parks. A presentation and display will be provided. Tour the Fort Niagara Lighthouse and walk down to the river. ***For information & registration call (716)745-7848.***

June 14, Saturday

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Buckhorn Field and Forest

Buckhorn Island State Park Sanctuary

Buckhorn is a mosaic of marsh, grassland, streams and forest. Join a long hike through the park to explore connections of a diverse landscape *For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.*

June 20, Friday

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Old Growth Tree Exploration

DeVeaux Woods State Park

Celebrate the summer solstice by discovering why old growth trees are important & reasons why we have scattered areas of old growth. Learn to recognize characteristics of old growth trees.

Measure the diameter & count rings of these giants over 150 years old. *For information & registration call (716) 745-7848.*

June 20, Friday

9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Sounds of Silence – Visions in Darkness

Knox Farm State Park

Nature sounds off at night – Walk with us to decipher the cryptic sounds of our nocturnal residents, and also prowling for owls. *For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.*

June 27, Friday

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Dinosaurs to Dunkleosteus:
Two Prehistoric Environments**

Woodlawn Beach State Park

A look at some of the fossils that are evidence of the vast marine coral reef that was in W.N.Y. over 350 million years ago with fossil collector Glen LaPlaca of Past & Present Fossil Gallery in Blasdell. Here the giant marine predatory fish Dunkleosteus and the giant sea scorpion ruled.

Then we will jump forward 300 million years to a mid-western terrestrial site where one of the largest land carnivores, the Tyrannosaurus Rex ruled supreme over duck-billed dinosaurs, Triceratops and much more. Fossils from both sites, along with the cast of a T-rex skull will be on display. This presentation is suitable for all ages. *For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.*

June 28, Saturday

10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Hidden Trails of Evangola

Evangola State Park

An annual hike highlighting different “hidden” areas of this large park. This year we discover a forest stream and a large pond. *For information & registration call (716) 826-8895.*

In addition to the interpretive events, Woodlawn Beach will be offering two Hatha Yoga classes.