



John Boyd Thacher State Park

March 2024 Programs

Yoga Body Basics

Wednesday, March 6th, 13th & 20th 5:30-6:30pm
Meet at the Visitor Center

We will focus on working from the basic building blocks of yoga to strengthen the core and improve balance and mobility. Come and enjoy the many benefits of yoga! \$20.00 per person suggested donation.

Registration is required. Call 518-872-1237.

Drop-in Caves and Geology

Saturday, March 9th, 1:30-3:00pm

Meet at the Visitor Center.  Accessible Program

Drop in anytime between 1:30pm-3:00pm to visit the caves & geology table. Learn about local geology and caves with Thom Engel, vice-president of the Northeast Cave Conservancy.

No registration is required.

Drop-in Feeder Watch

Friday, March 15th 10:00am-12:00pm

Meet at the Nature Center. All ages.  Accessible Program

Stop by to see which birds are enjoying our feeders! An educator will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about native birds and FeederWatch—a citizen science initiative that allows you to contribute to real-life research projects.

No registration required.

House Hunters: Bluebird Edition

Saturday, March 16th, 10:00am-12:00pm

Meet at the Nature Center

Help our Eastern Bluebirds find their dream home! Join us for a morning of light volunteer work as we prepare our bird boxes for spring. We'll learn all about New York's State Bird, and how NestWatch can make you a researcher! Ages 9 and up. Dress for ticks.

Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Drop-in Signs of Spring Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, March 23rd and Sunday, March 24th

Meet at the Nature Center. All Ages.

Celebrate the first weekend of spring by stopping by to pick up a Signs of Spring Scavenger Hunt. Note: trails are often muddy in the spring; dress for the weather.

No registration required.

The Great North American Total Eclipse: The Science, the History, and Why You Should Get to Totality (If Possible)

Saturday, March 23rd, 11:30am-12:30pm

Meet at the Visitor Center. Ages 16+.  Accessible Program

Solar eclipses have fascinated humans for thousands of years. Join Dr. Mindy Townsend, an astronomer with Dudley at Siena, to discover the history, science, and how to safely view the solar eclipse on April 8th, 2024.

Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Solar Eclipse: Activity Hour

Saturday, March 23rd, 1:30-2:30 pm

For school-age children and their families.

Meet at the Visitor Center.  Accessible Program

Bring the family and come learn everything you need to know about the upcoming solar eclipse! Through interactive activities and crafts we'll learn what a solar eclipse is, why it occurs, and what you can see during this rare astronomical event on April 8th.

Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Women's History Month: History is HERstory

Sunday, March 24th, 1:30-2:15pm

For school-age children and their families.


Meet at the Nature Center.  Accessible Program

Take in the view of Thompson's Lake from the Nature Center as professional storyteller Claire Nolan shares tales of strong girls and women in myth and folktales. Celebrate Women's History Month by hearing about these groundbreakers who have shattered conventional wisdom, and defied naysayers.

Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Drop-in Play Time

Thursday, March 28th, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Meet at the Nature Center.  Accessible Program

For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

The nature center offers many self-guided opportunities for little hands to explore!

We are open Tuesday-Sunday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

No registration is required.


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April 2024 Programs



Drop-in Caves and Geology

Saturday, April 13th, 1:30-3:00pm

Meet at the Visitor Center  Accessible Program

Drop in anytime between 1:30pm-3:00pm to visit the caves & geology table. Learn about local geology and caves with Thom Engel, vice-president of the Northeast Cave Conservancy.

No registration is required.

Drop-in Feeder Watch

Tuesday, April 16th 10:00am-12:00pm

Meet at the Nature Center

Stop by to see which birds are enjoying our feeders! An educator will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about native birds, bird feeders, and FeederWatch—a citizen science initiative that allows you to contribute to real-life research projects.

No registration required.

Drop-in Earth Day Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, April 21st, 9:00am-3:00pm

Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center

Celebrate Earth Day by stopping by the Nature Center between 9am and 3pm to pick up an Earth Day Scavenger Hunt. Bring the completed scavenger hunt back to the Nature Center for a prize! Note: trails are often muddy in the spring; dress for the weather.

Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Back From the Brink: Bald Eagles

Saturday, April 20th, 10:00-11:00am

Meet at the Nature Center. Ages 8 and up.

How did America's national symbol almost disappear? Learn about the history of Bald Eagles on an easy 1-mile hike through prime eagle habitat. We'll observe an active eagle nest and, if we're lucky, see young bald eagles with their parents!

Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Drop-in Play Time

Thursday, April 25th, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Meet at the Nature Center  Accessible Program

For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

The Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center offers many self-guided opportunities for little hands to explore! Dig for fossils in the kinetic sand table, build a beaver dam in the stream table, or roast a pretend marshmallow on the plush campfire with some new friends. The Nature Center is open Tuesday-Sunday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

No registration is required.

Vernal Pool Exploration

Saturday April 27th, 1:00-2:30pm

Meet at Hop Field

Come explore this temporary wetland brimming with life – a vernal pool! We'll examine amphibians and encounter egg masses as we dip our toes into the diversity of this important habitat. Wear shoes you don't mind getting wet!

Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Volunteers Needed: Plant Potting

Join Wild Ones and the Friends of Thacher in potting plants for the annual Native Plant Sale. Times and dates to be determined.

To be added to the contact list for this event email ThacherEducation@parks.NY.gov or call 518-872-0800.

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