

John Boyd Thacher State Park

Summer 2026 Programs



New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

Call 518-872-0800 to register for programs.

Date	Program Title	Time	Location	Rating/Pace
Wednesday, July 1st	Drop in Trail Blazing	1:00-3:00pm	Nature Center	Ages 12+
Friday, July 3rd	Haudenosaunee Influence on American Democracy 	5:30-6:30pm	Visitor Center	Ages 14+
Friday, July 3rd	Stories from Across Turtle Island 	7:30-8:30pm	Thompson's Lake Campground Beach	All Ages
Saturday, July 4th You can take the Nature Bus to this program! 	Bald Eagle Welcome Table	10:00am-3:30pm	Visitor Center	All Ages
Saturday, July 4th	Pitch in for Parks	10:00am-1:00pm	Nature Center	Ages 12+
Saturday, July 4th	Overlooking the Geology  Registration encouraged	1:30-2:30pm	Overlook	Ages 12+
Thursday, July 9th & 23rd	Knee-High Naturalists Registration required	10:00-11:00am	Nature Center	Ages 3-5 with an adult
Friday, July 10th	Resilient Earth Celebration! 	3:00-6:00pm	Nature Center	All Ages
Saturday, July 11th & 25th	Caves & Karst Registration encouraged	9:30-11:30am	Visitor Center	Ages 12+
Saturday, July 11th	Indian Ladder Trail Hike	10:00am-11:15am	Visitor Center	Ages 8+
Saturday, July 11th & 25th	Lunch Time with the Animals  Registration required	1:00-1:30pm	Nature Center	All Ages
Saturday, July 11th	Bilingual Story Hour Registration required	2:00-3:00pm	Nature Center	0-8 with an adult
Friday, July 17th	What's in Thompson's Lake? Registration required	10:30am-12:00pm	Nature Center	Ages 8+
Saturday, July 18th You can take the Nature Bus to this program! 	 Summer Art Series: Painting Floral Wreaths in Watercolor Registration required	11:00am-12:00pm 2:00-3:00pm	Visitor Center	Ages 10+
Saturday, July 18th You can take the Nature Bus to this program! 	 Film Screening: The Extraordinary Caterpillar	1:30-3:30pm	Visitor Center	All Ages
Saturday, July 18th	Trail Maintenance Workshop Registration required	11:00am-3:00pm	Nature Center	Ages 12+

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Food Trucks at the
Overlook every
weekend through
September!
*weather permitting

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Friday, July 24th	Magnificent Moths Registration required	9:00-10:15pm	Nature Center	Ages 6+
Saturday, July 25	Kids Connect: Nature, Mind, Body & Self Registration required	10:30-11:30am	Campground Program Tent	Children ages 6-12 and a guardian.
Wednesday, July 29	Super Bats Registration required	10:00-11:00am	Nature Center	Children ages 6-10 and a guardian.
Saturday, August 1st	Learn to Fish at Thompson's Lake	10:00-11:30am & 2:30-4:00pm	Nature Center	All ages
Friday, August 7th	Thacher Bat Blitz Registration required	7:00-8:30pm	Thacher Nature Center	Ages 12+
Saturday, August 8th	Trail Blazing Workshop Registration required	11:00am-2:00pm	Nature Center	Ages 12+
Saturday, August 8th & 22nd	Lunch Time with the Animals  Registration required	1:00-1:30pm	Nature Center	All Ages
Saturday, August 8th	Bilingual Story Hour Registration required	2:00-3:00pm	Nature Center	0-8 with an adult
Thursday, August 13th, & 27th	Knee-High Naturalists Registration required	10:00-11:00am	Nature Center	Ages 3-5 with an adult.
Saturday, August 15th	Halloween in August	Scan below to view schedule	Thompson's Lake Campground	All ages
Saturday, August 15th	Spooky Stories on the Beach 	7:00-8:00pm	Thompson's Lake Campground Beach	All ages
Saturday, August 22nd	Trail Assessment Workshop	11:00am-2:00pm	Nature Center	Ages 12+

Learn to Swim

July 7-11 9:00-9:45am, July 14-17 from 6:00-6:45pm

Join us at Thompson's Lake Campground for free learn to swim sessions for non-swimmers or swimmers just starting to learn. Students can attend as many or as few dates as desired. Ages 5-10.

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Paddle Board Yoga at Thompson's Lake Campground

Saturday, July 11th and August 15th, 9:30-11:30am

No experience necessary. Participants must know how to swim. Board capacity is 225 lbs. All classes are weather dependent. Cost: \$55-bring your own board, \$75 includes class and paddle board rental. **Ages 16+**

Register here: <https://jaiyogaschool.com/events-workshops>



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