John Boyd Thacher State Park
November 2026 Programs



Caves & Karst
Saturday, November 7th & 21st from 9:30am-11:00am
Meet at the Thacher Visitor Center.
Discover the development of Thacher Park's unique landscapes as we observe limestone layers, resurging underground streams, and an active sinkhole! Each participant will follow the group leader in their own vehicle as we caravan to different sites. Ages 10+.
Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Bilingual Story Hour
Sunday, November 8th, 1:00-2:00pm.
Meet at the Thacher Nature Center
Listen to some new stories with Project Growing Minds, and enjoy hands-on activities with new friends. For children ages 0-8 with an adult. Understanding of English or Spanish is not necessary.
Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Knee High Naturalists
Thursday, November 12th from 10:00-11:00am
Explore the outdoors with our Knee-High Naturalists series! Best suited for children ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult. Each session will explore a different theme - activities may include crafts, games, storybook readings, or a kid-friendly nature walk.
Registration required. Call 518-872-0800 to register.

Trail Blazing Workshop
Friday, November 13th & 27th, from 11am-2pm.
Join our Volunteer Coordinator Shae Paradise to learn the "do's & don'ts" of trail marking/blazing. Participate in hands-on training with the proper equipment and techniques to achieve a better understanding of how trail markers should be installed; aimed toward those interested in trail blazing and trail assessment as a volunteer activity. Meet at the Thacher Nature Center.
Registration required. Call 518-872-0800 to register.

Native Seed Celebration
Saturday, November 14th, 11:00am-2:00pm
Meet at the Visitor Center. ♿ Accessible event.
Pick out free native plant seeds for your home gardens and get answers from wildflower experts. Create native plant arts and crafts - there's even a native plant bake sale! Presented in partnership with Wild Ones of the Capital Region.
No registration required. Drop-ins welcome.

Overlooking the Geology. Ages 10+
Saturday, November 14th & 28th from 1:30-2:30pm
♿ Accessible program.
Weather permitting, meet at the Thacher Park Overlook, where on a clear day at least four different landscape regions are visible. Learn how and when they formed and about the many different rock types of which they are made.
Registration Required. Call 518-872-0800.

Sweater Mitten Making
Saturday, November 21st, 12:30-3:30pm
Meet at the Nature Center. Ages 12+.
♿ Accessible program.
Turn your old sweater into a warm and woolly pair of mittens! Participants should bring an old sweater (wool if possible), and fleece or an old t-shirt for mitten lining. Some sewing experience is helpful.
Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.

Monochromatic Adirondacks in Watercolor
Sunday, November 22nd & 29th, 1:00- 3:00PM
Meet at the Thacher Nature Center.
♿ Accessible Program. Ages 16+.
Enjoy a crisp fall day at the Thacher Nature Center with artist Diane Steele in this introduction to watercolor techniques. All supplies will be provided. $25.00 per person cash due upon arrival.
Registration required. Call 518-872-0800 to register

Drop-in Nature Collage Card Making
November 24th, 25th, and 27th
Drop by the Thacher Nature Center any time form 9AM-4PM this week to enjoy self-guided collage-making! Use paper, tape, ribbon, and our extensive collection of wildlife magazines and stationery to make a one-of-a-kind greeting card … or make your very own creation! ♿ Accessible program.
No registration required. Drop-ins welcome.

Fall Fun Day
Saturday, November 28th, 11:00am-2:00pm
Drop by the Nature Center anytime between 11am & 2pm for a turkey craft, games, scavenger hunt, a campfire, s'mores, and hot chocolate!
No registration required. Drop-ins welcome.



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December 2026 Programs

Date	Program Title	Time	Location	Rating/Pace
Saturday, December 5th & Sunday, December 6th	Winter Bazaar	10-3pm Saturday 11-3pm Sunday	Visitor Center	All Ages
Thursday, December 10th	Knee High Naturalists **Registration required**	10:00-11:00am	Nature Center	Ages 3-5 with an adult
Friday, December 11th	Crescent Moon Constellation Hike **Registration required**	6:30-8:00PM	Old Stage Road Trailhead	Ages 12+
Saturday, December 12th	Ice Lanterns **Registration Required**	2:00-3:30pm	Nature Center	Ages 8+
Sunday, December 13th	Bilingual Story Hour **Registration required**	1:00-2:00pm	Nature Center	0-8 with an adult
Sunday, December 13th & 20th **Cost: $25.00**	Watercolor Holiday Cards **Registration required**	1:00-3:00pm	Nature Center	Ages 16+
Saturday, December 19th	Solstice Simmer Pots **Registration required**	2:00-3:00pm	Nature Center	Ages 10+
Saturday, December 19th & Sunday, December 20th	Welcome Winter Scavenger Hunt	9:00am-3:00pm	Thacher Nature Center	All Ages
Sunday, December 20th	Solstice Sound Bath **Registration required**	5:30-6:30pm & 7:00-8:00pm	Visitor Center	Ages 16+
Friday, January 1st	First Day Hike **Registration required**	10:00am-11:30am, 1:00-2:30pm	Visitor Center	All ages

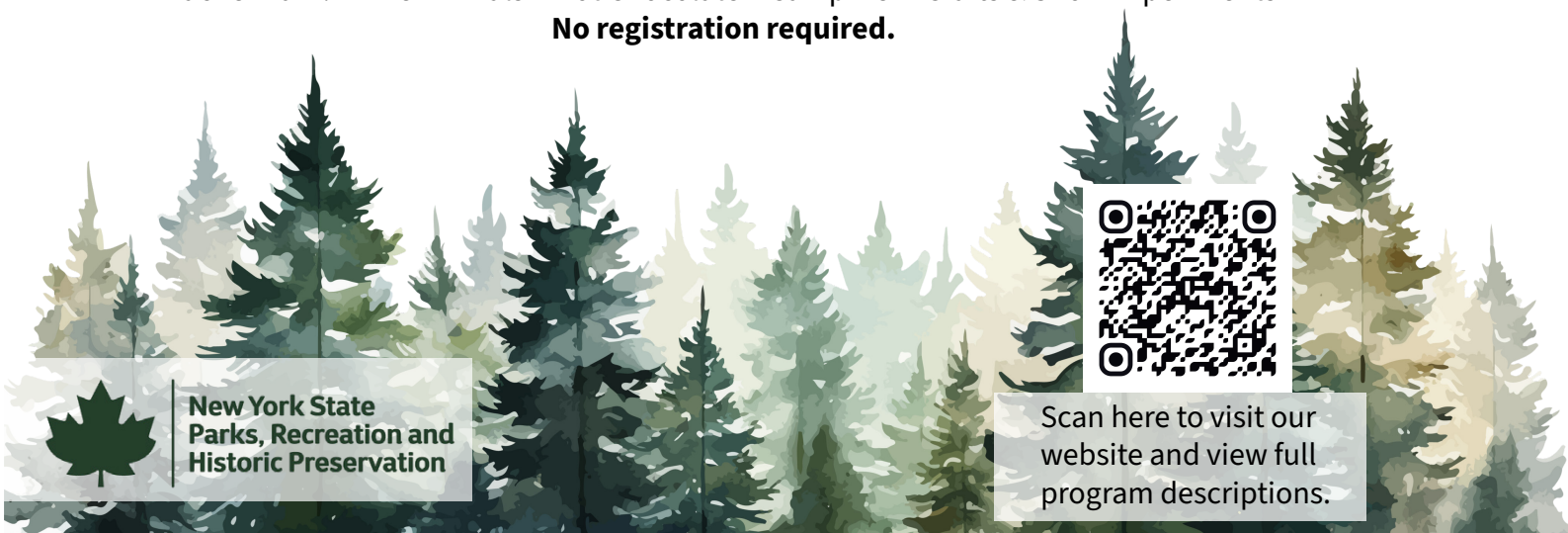
Call 518-872-0800 to register for programs.

Wildlife Slumber Party

Saturday, January 2nd from 11:00am-3:00pm.

Put on your PJs and stop by anytime between 11:00am and 3pm to celebrate the hibernators that live in Thacher Park! ~ Live Animals ~ Hot Chocolate ~ Campfire ~ Crafts & Snow Experiments ~

No registration required.



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