

MARINE PARK

Fall Calendar 2026

Brought to you by Marine Park Alliance for Brooklyn's largest park!

ALL PROGRAMS
FREE

Ongoing Activities

Intro to Birding

Sat. Sept. 12, 9 am

Sun. Sept. 20, 9 am

Sat. Oct. 10, 7 am (Early Bird)

Sat. Oct. 24, 9 am

Sat. Nov. 7, 9 am

Learn bird identification basics and discover the birds that call Marine Park's salt marsh home. Guided by an expert from NYC Bird Alliance. Families welcome. Meet at the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U..



Yoga & Pilates

Yoga with Joann
Fridays and Sundays at 9:30 am

Pilates with Gail

Thursdays at 10:30 am

Email joannjayanthiyoga@gmail.com for locations and confirmation. Sessions run through October 31.

NYRR Open Run

Every Sunday 8:45 am

New York Road Runners offers weekly runs and walks for all ages and experience levels. Please sign up at nyrr.org/openrun.

Meet at the Carro Center Flagpole, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.

Active Adults

For Ages 60+, enjoy breakfast, lunch and various activities Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 3 pm at the Carro Center. See milldev.org for full schedule.



Sat. Sept. 19, 1 - 2 pm

Creek Peak: Intro to Seining

Wade into the water to discover the fascinating fish, crabs, and other creatures that call the Gerritsen Creek salt marsh home with Marine Park Alliance's marine ecologist Elliot Ma.

Meet at the Kayak Launch Trail, Burnett St. & Ave. U.

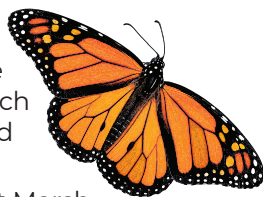


Sun. Sept. 20, 10 - 11 am

Monarch Watch

Help band monarch butterflies and contribute to research tracking the decline of this important pollinator species, all the more reason to plant pollinator gardens wherever possible! Community science data collected during this program will contribute to a nationwide study of monarch populations and migration.

Meet at the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E.33 St. & Ave. U.



Sat. Sept. 26, 11 am - 12 pm

Just for Kids: Owl Loves Angeline

Puppeteer Emmanuel Elpenord performs Owl Loves Angeline, drawing on Haitian folklore and storytelling traditions to explore themes of love, longing, and connection.

At the Carro Center terrace, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.

October

Sat. Oct. 3, 10 am - 12 pm

City of Forest Day: Forest Bathing

Certified Forest Bathing Instructor Tasha LaDonna leads participants through an intentional, nature-based healing practice rooted in mindfulness, breathwork, and sensory connection.

Meet at the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.

Sun. Oct. 4, 11 am - 12 pm

Ricitos and the Three Bears

Teatro SEA presents this bilingual musical adaptation of the Goldilocks story starring the ever-inquisitive Ricitos (Goldilocks) as she stumbles upon the family home of three bears, samples their sancocho (stew), and tries out their chairs.

At the Carro Center, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.

Sun. Oct. 11, 12 - 3 pm

Arts & Crafts Showcase

Feast your eyes on beautiful creations displayed by local artisans well ahead of gift giving season, plus special fall crafts for kids.

Inside the park entrance at Fillmore Ave & Madison Pl.



Sat. Oct. 17, 12 - 2 pm

Raptorama!

See live birds of prey up close with NYC Bird Alliance, American Littoral Society, and the MPA Forever Wild Committee.

At the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.



Sun. Oct. 18, 2 - 3:30 pm

Brooklyn Dance Center Fall Performance

The vivid colors and scents of Fall inspire music and dance. The Brooklyn Dance Center presents performances that celebrate the bounty of the season. Bring your own blanket or chair. Sponsored by Salt Marsh Alliance.

At the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.

Sun. Oct. 25, 12 - 3 pm

Autumn Festival

Pumpkin giveaways, a costume parade, and so much fall fun thanks to Assemblymember Jaime Williams!

At the Carro Center, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.

November

Sun. Nov. 1, 4 - 6 pm

Festival of Lights: Diwali

Pandit Ravi Doobay describes traditions honoring the holy month of Kartika on the Hindu calendar and Bharatanatyam dancer Sloka Iyengar performs exquisite devotional dances.

At the Carro Center, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.



Sat. Nov. 7, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

About the Lott House

Learn more about Marine Park's newest "Living Neighborhood Museum" in this update from a Lott House board member. Sponsored by Salt Marsh Alliance.

At the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.

Sun. Nov. 8, 11 am - 1 pm

Honoring Veterans

Join Assemblymember Jaime Williams to commemorate the dedicated women and men from our community who enlisted to protect us all.

At the Carro Center terrace, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.

Sat. Nov. 28, 1 pm

Nature Crocheting

Explore nature's fiber arts and learn about the vast shapes and colors of the microbiome. With the Urban Park Rangers.

At the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.

December

Sat. Dec. 5, 11 am - 2 pm

Festival of Lights: Santa in the Park

Make holiday crafts and take a family photo with that famous jolly old man in red.

At the Carro Center, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.



Sun. Dec 6, 3 - 4:30 pm

Festival of Lights: Chanukah

Rabbi Heidi Hoover recounts the story of a miracle and its eight-day celebration. Enjoy crafts, holiday festivities, and sing-alongs.

At the Carro Center, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.

Sat. Dec. 12, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Salt Marsh Alliance Photography Competition Finale

View stunning images of the fragile and unique natural environments of Marine Park.

At the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.



Volunteer Days

Marine Park Alliance tends to locations across the park by painting over graffiti, gardening, picking up litter, and more. Help keep the park green; wear comfortable clothes; and we'll provide gloves and tools! Pre-registration is required. Sign up at marineparkalliance.org/volunteer.

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Wed. Sept. 9 (9/11 Day of Service)

Sun. Sept. 27

Sat. Oct. 3

Sat. Oct. 31

Sat. Nov. 14

Salt Marsh Alliance meets to tend the gardens at the Nature Center and the salt marsh trail. Meet outside the Salt Marsh Nature Center. No registration required. Find out more at saltmarshalliance.org/.

9 am - 12 pm
Wednesdays & Saturdays
through Nov. 14.



Sat. Dec. 12, 11 am - 12 pm

Festival of Lights: Kwanzaa Drumming

Celebrate Kuumba (Creativity) – one of the seven principals of Kwanzaa – with MPA and the Cumbe Center for African and Diaspora Dance during this introductory drumming workshop rooted in African dance and culture. Contact reachus@marineparkalliance.org to register.



Sat. Dec. 19, 12 pm

Winter Nature Crafts: Straw Mobile Making

Make seasonal decorations found in Nordic traditions. Use ethically harvested phragmites reeds to craft a straw mobile and learn about other wintertime nature-based traditions. With the Urban Park Rangers.

At the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.

Sun. Dec. 27, 1 pm

Iconic Plants of the Winter Holidays

From the Holly Tree to the Mistletoe, Rangers will introduce the life cycles of some of these plants. Share in some storytelling and dream up your own holiday plant.

At the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.

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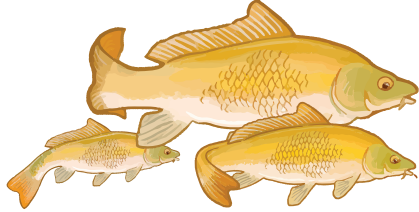
September

Tues. Sept. 8, 4 - 6 pm

Angling for Fish

Join NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation to learn to fish. All supplies provided!

Meet at the end of Gerritsen Ave.



Thurs. Sept. 10, 5 - 6 pm

9/11 Vigil

Assemblymember Jaime Williams leads remembrance on this 25th anniversary of the tragedy.

Meet at the Carro Center terrace, Fillmore Ave. & Madison Pl.

Sun. Sept. 13 - Sun. Sept. 20

(excluding Sat. 9/19)

Tashlich Prayers

Perfect locations for this annual Jewish observance are the kayak launch at Burnett St. & Ave. U and at the end of Gerritsen Ave. State Assemblyman Kalman Yeger wishes Shana Tova to all!



Sun. Sept. 13, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Stingers!

Learn all about bees, wasps, and other stinging insects with Alison Coffey, an entomologist from the Long Island Aquarium. Sponsored by Salt Marsh Alliance.

Meet at the Salt Marsh Nature Center, E. 33 St. & Ave. U.



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Dear Friends,

As summer gives way to fall, Marine Park enters one of its most exciting seasons. Cooler weather brings migrating birds, colorful forests, and new opportunities to explore Brooklyn's largest park. This year, there are more ways than ever to get involved.

This season also marks an exciting moment for Marine Park Alliance. Thanks to the support of NYC Parks, partner organizations, elected officials, and our many volunteers, our organization continues to grow in both capacity and impact. We are proud to now have a full-time staff of two, an expanding Board of Directors, and strong, stable partnerships with environmental organizations across New York City. With support from multiple funding partners, we're building a stronger financial footing that allows us to care for Marine Park in more meaningful ways than ever before.

You may have also noticed that Marine Park Alliance is becoming more visible throughout the park. Whether it's our volunteers in purple shirts, our bright tent at community events, monthly banners, vibrant art projects, or signage at our planting sites, we're working to ensure visitors know there is a nonprofit organization advocating for this extraordinary place every day. We want everyone who enjoys Marine Park to know that there is a community behind its stewardship—and that you are invited to be part of it.

This fall's calendar reflects that spirit of community. Early in September, we'll bring neighbors together for a youth-led 9/11 Day of Service as a proud recipient of a 9/11 Day grant, followed by our annual 9/11 Vigil alongside Assemblymember Jaime Williams as we honor those we lost and the

spirit of service that emerged from that day. We're also excited to introduce new activities like seining in Gerritsen Creek, where participants can discover the remarkable aquatic life of Gerritsen Creek, and the delightful Owl Loves Angeline puppet show for families. Returning favorites include Raptorama!, celebrating New York's incredible birds of prey, and our beloved Festival of Lights series, which brings communities together through cultural celebrations as the days grow shorter.

The best part is that you can be part of it all. Attend a cultural program, subscribe to our monthly newsletter, or make a donation to support community engagement in the park. There are also plenty of opportunities to roll up your sleeves and care for the park directly. Join us on October 3rd for City of Forest Day as we plant new trees that will benefit generations to come, or lend a hand during our special Halloween Volunteer Day on October 31st. Every act of participation strengthens this community and helps ensure that Marine Park continues to thrive.

Thank you for being part of the Marine Park Alliance family. I look forward to seeing you in the park this fall.

Warmly,

Scott Middleton

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