

CELEBRATE SUMMER AT NEW YORK STATE PARKS

The Niagara Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has released their summer events schedule. Events take place across the region, are free to attend and reservations are highly encouraged. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 19

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A Stroll Along the Rim

Whirlpool State Park

Join us for a leisurely evening walk along the Niagara Gorge to Devil's Hole State Park. The return trip will follow the Robert Moses Recreation Trail to Whirlpool State Park.

For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, July 21

8:00 a.m. – 10:00a.m.

Survival 101

Evangola State Park

A survival situation requires knowledge and skills. Join outdoor enthusiast David Borchert as he teaches us some basic survival techniques before venturing into the wilderness. For information & registration call (716) 549-1050.

Sunday, July 22

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Goat Island Adventure Walk

Niagara Falls State Park

Join a park naturalist to explore the oldest state park in the United States. Learn and discover interesting facts and stories surrounding Niagara Falls. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, July 28

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Old Growth: Big Trees & Buttressed Roots

DeVeaux Woods State Park

Ever wonder what makes a tree old growth? Well, here is your chance to take a walk through a local stand of old growth oaks, maples, and beech to learn about tree heights, diameter and buttressed roots. Also learn how to age one of the old growth trees! For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Friday, August 3

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Evening Walk at Beaver Island

Beaver Island State Park

You deserve a break! Nature offers you an evening of relaxation! We will start with a visit at the Beaver Island Nature Center and from there go explore the lagoon and shoreline of the Niagara River. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Thursday, August 18

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A Stroll Along the Rim

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information & registration call (716)282-5154.

Saturday, August 25

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

From the Forest to the Flats

DeVeaux Woods State Park & Whirlpool State Park

This journey will begin with a brief walk through majestic old growth trees of DeVeaux

Woods and take us to the mighty rapids of the Niagara River at the Whirlpool Flats.

Along the way we will discuss historical events, identify plants, observe wildlife, and

connect with nature. For more information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, September 15

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Beaver House and Lighthouse

Golden Hill State Park

State park naturalists will present an informational program on beavers followed by a

hike to view their beaver lodge. After the walk, the Friends of Thirty Mile Point

Lighthouse will host a tour of Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse and conclude with light

refreshments. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, September 15

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monarch Migration Mystery

Evangola State Park

The butterflies put on an amazing aerial display on their 2,400 mile journey to become

the true "Treasures of the Sierra Madres!" For information & registration call (716) 549-

1050.

Saturday, September 22

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

An Autumn Motorcycle Tour

Niagara Falls State Park

Today is the 1st day of autumn! Join a park naturalist for a leisurely and scenic motorcycle ride through some of the state parks in Niagara County. Learn a lot of interesting facts as we ride from park to park. You MUST have your own licensed,

registered, inspected and insured motorcycle. You MUST be 18 years old and possess a valid operating license. DOT helmet required. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Friday, September 28

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Full Moon Adventure

Wilson Tuscarora State Park

Being out in the dark may seem scary, but it can also be exciting. Join a park naturalist as we experience Wilson Tuscarora after dark, guided with the light from the moon. Walk will follow a brief presentation. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Friday, September 28

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday Night Lights

Evangola State Park

Buffalo stood at its brightest in 1901 when it hosted the magnificent Pan-American Exposition. Rediscover this brilliant movement in local history, then take an enchanting candle-lit venture along the shore cliffs of Lake Erie. The past comes alive this evening at Evangola State Park! For information & registration call (716) 549-1050.

In addition to the great programs, check out these great special events throughout the region this summer:

Evangola State Park

6th Annual Pirate Fest

Saturday and Sunday, July 28 & 29

Evangola State Park

9th Annual Tomato Fest

Saturday and Sunday, August 25 & 26

For more information: (716) 549-1802

Beaver Island State Park

Paddles Up Niagara-July 28

For more information: (716) 773-3271

<http://www.niagaragreenway.org/>

Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park

FREE Family Saturdays

July 7 to July 28

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

For information call the Artpark Box Office
at (716) 754-4375.)

Additionally, Regional Interpretive Centers are open June 30 – September 2 unless otherwise noted and Park entrance fees apply.

Beaver Island Nature Center

Beaver Island State Park
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – Sunday
For more information call (716) 282-5154.

Fort Niagara Nature Center

Fort Niagara State Park
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday - Sunday
For more information call (716) 282-5154.
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Evangola Nature Center

Evangola State Park
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday
For more information call (716) 549-1050.

Four Mile Creek State Park Campground

Saturdays & Sundays
June 30 – September 2

While camping at Four Mile Creek, take part in some of the FREE fun programming provided by state park naturalists. Take a hike, learn about the wildlife and create “nature-themed crafts” for fun! Information and flyers are posted at the campground! For more information call (716) 282-5154.

Historic 30 Mile Point Lighthouse

Golden Hill State Park
Summer months

Tour the lighthouse and climb the tower, weather permitting, then stroll over to the visitor’s center and enjoy the maritime displays featured there. For fees and hours of operation call (716) 795-3885.

Niagara Gorge Trailhead Building

Niagara Falls State Park
Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Get information on the trails before making your trek into the Niagara Gorge. Trail maps are available. For more information call (716) 282-5154.

Whirlpool Natural History Room

Whirlpool State Park
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursday - Sunday

Stop in and look at the displays and talk to a naturalist about local geology and history of the area. Room will be closed if naturalist is leading a gorge hike.

Park tours, hikes, walks, in-park and outreach programs for GROUPS are offered throughout the year in the Niagara Frontier State Park Region, which consists of 13 state parks in Erie and Niagara Counties, and 3 state parks in Chautauqua County. Contact the Niagara Region Interpretive Programs Office at (716) 282-5154 for more information.