

SPRING EVENTS BLOOM AT STATE PARKS

Spring has finally sprung in Western New York and the Office of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has a full calendar of events to help everyone get back outdoors again!

**Saturday, April 9
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Earth Day Activities
New York Power Authority**

Join in the fun at this event sponsored by NYPA. Visit our state parks display and make a nature craft.

For information call (716) 286-6661.

**Saturday, April 16
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Frog Frenzy
Evangola State Park**

Don't be a fool, a toad on a stool, come discover a seasonal pool! Inflating their throats, with a balloon-like sack, an amphibian attack, with a wood frog quack. Blue-spotted salamanders, perform breeding dances too, and stick their eggs to branches like glue. Feathery gills, its part of the thrills, gee this is cool, I love vernal pools! *For information & registration call (716) 549-1050.*

**Saturday, April 16
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**Boom Days
LaSalle Yacht Club**

Celebrate spring and removal of the ice boom. Visit our state parks display at this event.

For information call (716) 523-3980

Friday, April 29

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Arbor Day Tree Celebration
DeVeaux Woods State Park**

The United Nations has designated 2011 as the *International Year of Forests*. A power point presentation on Old Growth Trees will be followed by a walk in the woods. *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Saturday, April 30

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Open House

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

Stop by our state parks bear display at this Open House sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For information call (585) 948-5445 ext 200.

Friday, May 6

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Wildflower Sunset Stroll

Wilson Tuscarora State Park

Spring is in the air! Come and enjoy the many glorious wildflowers found this time of year as we take a relaxing stroll through the woods. We will end the evening by watching the sunset on Lake Ontario and making s'mores over a grill fire! *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Friday, May 13

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday the 13th Adventure

DeVeaux Woods State Park

A naturalist will also be stationed at the pedestrian bridge to Green Island with a park display. *For information call (716) 282-5154. Park admission fees apply.*

Saturday, June 4
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
National Trails Day Gorge Hike
Whirlpool State Park

The recipe for the day: beautiful scenery, peacefulness, happiness and good for your health! Get out your hiking gear and join us as we hike the Whirlpool Rapids Trail to an old observation area of the former Great Gorge Route trolley line. A display highlighting some of Niagara's Daredevils will precede the hike. National Trails Day is an annual event celebrated across the United States. "Made with all natural ingredients" is this year's theme. For information go to <http://www.americanhiking.org/>
For program information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

Saturday, June 4
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fish and Wildlife Festival
Hyde Park, Niagara Falls, NY

Come celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week, and visit our state parks display and activities at this event. *For information call (716) 691-5456, ext 122.*

Sunday, June 5
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fairy House Festival
Sponsored by Artpark and Company
Artpark State Park

Join the various fun activities. Make your own fairy house to contribute or to take home. Visit state park naturalists at their display on local mammals and Niagara area minerals and fossils. Hands-on activities included. *For information and fees call the Artpark Box Office at (716) 754-4375.*

Friday, June 10
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Candle Lantern Hike into the Niagara Gorge
Niagara Falls State Park

Let's explore the Great Gorge Railway Trail and experience a delightful walk by candlelight after making your own lantern. This time of year, the fireflies should be out to greet us with their sparkling glow! *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Friday, June 17
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Goat Island Adventure Walk
Niagara Falls State Park

Calling all walkers! Join a park naturalist to explore the oldest state park in the United States. Learn and discover interesting facts and stories surrounding Niagara Falls. Join us and see what you have been missing. *For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Saturday, June 25

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Free Fishing Day!

Buckhorn Island State Park

See how much fun fishing can be on a special day when no N.Y. Fishing license is required! We will bring the fishing equipment to teach “catch and release” fishing techniques, fish identification and aquatic ecology. *For information & registration call (716) 549-1050.*