

# Sachem Public Library.

## Adventure Guide

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next adventure





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photo by Ellen Hobson

# The Adventure Park at Long Island

Adventure taken by Ellen Hobson

The Adventure Park at Long Island is an aerial adventure park featuring a variety of challenging ropes courses, ziplines, and bridges. Courses are color coated by difficulty level. After a safety briefing you are free to explore the courses on your own.

## One of the highlights was...

Riding a zipline into a rope net and climbing the net onto the next element

## Tips!

Check out the Glow in the Park events after sunset where the park is lit up with colorful LED lights and upbeat music is played. Or bring the kids and visit the Adventure Playground with scaled down elements for ages 3-6.



# Clayton, NY

Adventure taken by Laura Panter

Clayton has an Antique Boat Museum and some unique boutique stores. Alexandria Bay has tours to view Boldt Castle. Took the Thousand Islands International Bridge over to Wellesley Island to hike the state park. Viewed some of the Thousand Islands and Canadian coast from the park. Drove over to Cape Vincent to view Tibbetts Point Lighthouse. The only auto ferry across the St. Lawrence River to Canada operates out of Cape Vincent. Stopped at Sacketts Harbor on the loop back home. There are lots of campgrounds in this area.

## One of the highlights was...

Tibbetts Point Lighthouse, Rock Island Lighthouse, and Sunken Rock Lighthouse

## Tips!

Take a long weekend to view these towns and make sure to have your passport or enhanced license to go to Canada at the Thousand Islands International Bridge. There are lots of forest and outdoor activities both in the US and Canada.



photo by Sarah Protz



# Diggerland USA, West Berlin, NJ

Adventure taken by Sarah Protz

It's America's only construction themed amusement park and water park. All of the "dry" attractions are specially altered, real construction vehicles. The water park has great attractions too, like a wave pool and floating obstacle courses.

## Something unique...

Every ride is a unique experience. Have you ever taken a ride in the bucket of a large excavator or been behind the wheel of a backhoe when you were 7 years old? Once, we met mermaids at the waterpark.

## Tips!

An excellent place to visit if you have truck enthusiasts in your family! Be sure to check the height restrictions for the truck attractions on the website before you go (<https://diggerlandusa.com/>). Although Diggerland is close enough that it can be a single-day trip from Long Island, my family usually opts to purchase season passes and makes a long weekend of it. With unlimited visits and other in-park discounts, the pass pays for itself after the 3rd visit. I would recommend starting the day by driving trucks in the morning, then switch to the water park in the afternoon. And rainy days are still good days for Diggerland; yes, you get wet but the crowd is smaller and the lines, if any, are short.



# Hallock State Park Preserve

Adventure taken by Tina Evan

We took a day trip to the eastern end of Long Island to hike in Hallock State Park Preserve. We hiked through the woods which led us out to a beach. We saw groundhogs and a lot of cool birds that we don't commonly see.

## Something unique...

One unique experience is that when you are on the trails you can stop at a viewing point to overlook the beach. It's a really nice view and you end up on the beach that you were overlooking earlier in the hike.

## About this location

There are ten different trail markers that you can stop at along your adventure. You can see birds such as prairie warblers and bank swallows. You can find the trail guide by clicking [here](#) or online.



# Hampton Classic Horse Show

Adventure taken by Kristen Stroh

The Hampton Classic is one of the largest outdoor horse shows in the United States. Top equestrians from around the world compete. In addition to watching world class equestrian sport, enjoy onsite shops, food options, and daily activities in the kids' area. Hampton Classic Horse Show this year being held August 25–September 1, 2024.

<https://www.hamptonclassic.com/>

## Tips!

Daily admission: \$20 per carload, paid at entrance.

Monday: Free General Admission (no regular competition), but lots of Shopping!

Tuesday–Thursday: Free admission for seniors, veterans and current members of the military, or if you bring 3 or more non perishable food items for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry. Wear sunscreen, bring hats as it's in a field with not a lot of shade.

Hampton Classic Horse Show Dates this year are:

August 25th – September 1st, 2024

Main gates open at 8:30am daily. Monday is free admission.



photo by Allison Colletti

# Harvest Moon Farm and Orchard

Adventure taken by Allison Colletti

Harvest Moon Farm and Orchard is located in New Salem, NY in Westchester County. My sister and I went apple picking during the fall and explored the farm. On the weekend, they had a festival with all types of vendors and activities for all ages. They also have strawberry picking and events all year round.

## One of the highlights was...

Picking apples was a lot of fun. The orchard is huge so you can walk around for a long time, enjoying the scenery and picking apples. You pay just for your bag and then can pick as many apples as you like, as long as it can fit into your bag.

## Recommendations

Get the apple cider donuts! They are amazing!





# Heritage Museum and Gardens, Sandwich, MA

Adventure taken by Kristen Stroh

This place is soo cool! Has an old car exhibit, a Native American Wetu, a working carousel, several museum displays, a windmill, a tree house, and children's area plus 100 acres of gardens and grounds.

<https://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/>

## One of the highlights was...

The car display was really amazing, plus their gorgeous gardens.

## Tips!

Wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen. Wear weather appropriate clothing. Bring a picnic lunch and waters, there is also a cafe. Tickets must be purchased for entry.



# Ithaca, New York

Adventure taken by Joan Albano

Ithaca is located in the Finger Lakes Region of central New York State, four hours from New York City, three hours from Niagara Falls, two hours from Rochester and four hours from Philadelphia.

It was very relaxing we saw different waterfalls and there was a nice New York state park many different things to see.

## One of the highlights was...

Walking by the water falls at the Buttermilk Falls Park..

## Waterfalls to visit

- Buttermilk Falls State Park
- Cascadilla Creek George
- Denison Falls at Cayuga Nature Center
- Foaming Falls on Fall Creek
- Forrest Falls on Fall Creek
- Ithaca Falls of Fall Creek
- Lick Brook Falls at Sweedler Nature Preserve
- Ludlowville Park on Salmon Creek
- Potter's Fall on Six Mile Creek
- Enfield Falls at Robert H. Treman State Park
- Lucifer Falls at Robert H. Treman State Park
- Rocky Falls on Fall Creek



photo by Wendy Schlactus

# Long Island Aquarium, Riverhead, NY

Adventure taken by Wendy Schlactus

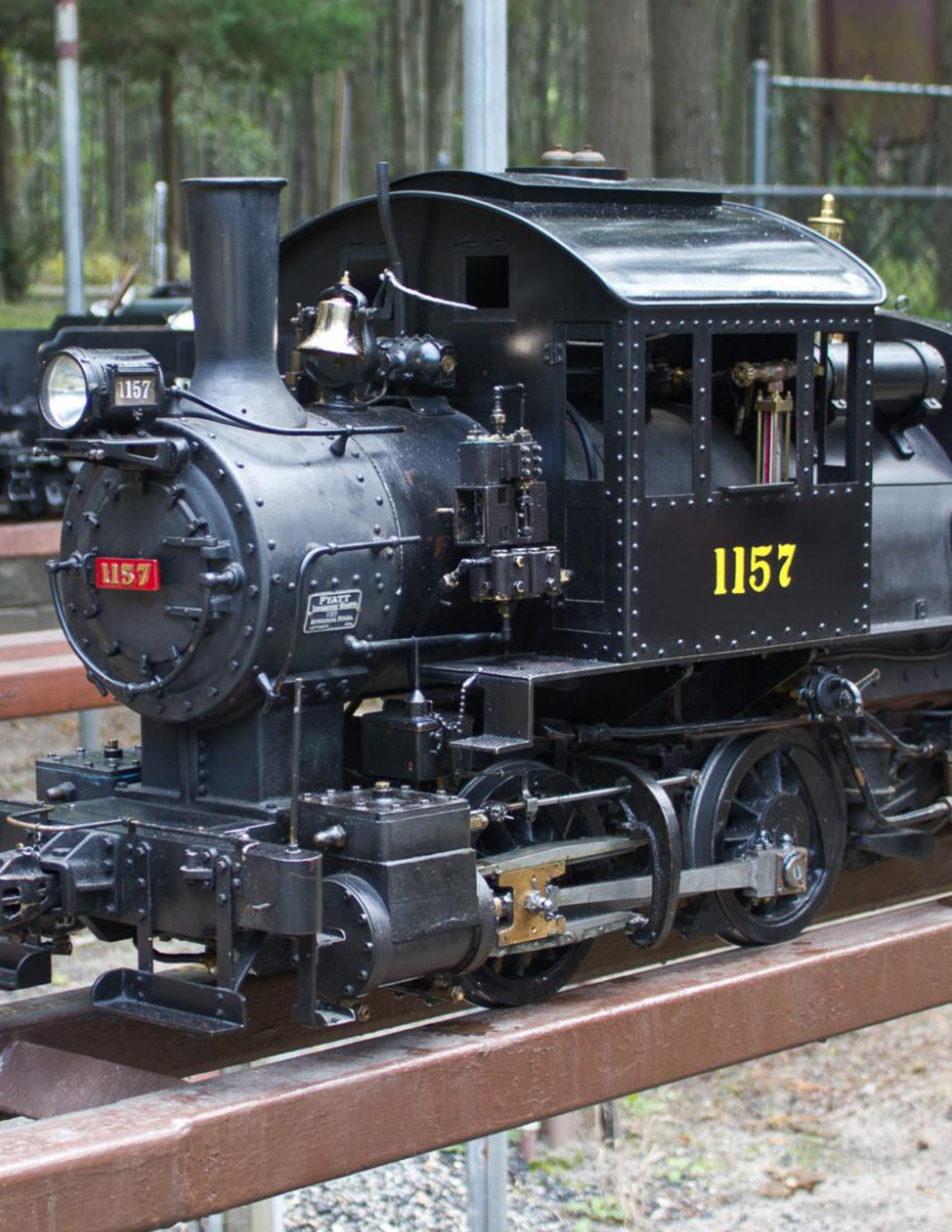
I visited the aquarium with my family. My three year old granddaughter really enjoyed herself, especially the sea lion show. There are many tanks of beautiful fish and even a shark! There is also a very nice butterfly exhibit.

## One of the highlights was...

The sea lion show was very enjoyable!

## Tips!

There is a parking lot near the aquarium which cost \$12. There is a shuttle bus which will take you from the parking lot to the aquarium if you don't want to walk the few blocks. We bought our discounted aquarium tickets at the Welcome Desk.



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# Long Island Live Steamers

Adventure taken by Kristen Stroh

Located in Southaven County Park, in Brookhaven (between exits 57 & 58 off Route 27), Long Island Live Steamers is a 501(c)3, not for profit organization, operating for the education and enjoyment of the public, and to preserve the history and wonderment of the glory days of railroading.

Twice monthly Sunday Public Run Days find rideable steam, diesel and electric trains operating on eight acres of scale tracks. <https://lilivesteamers.org/>

## Tips!

Check out the webpage for public run days. Tickets must be purchased to ride the trains. Children must be able to walk to ride.

## About this location

LONG ISLAND LIVE STEAMERS, INC. was founded in 1966 to preserve the fine art of precision steam model making. You can find the next run days [here](#).



ALICE'S LITTLE HAUNTED BOOKSHOP

photo by Christine Latham



# Mystic, CT

Adventure taken by Christine Latham

We took a long weekend and went to the Pez factory, walked on the beach, went shopping, and visited state parks.

## One of the highlights was...

I visited Alice's Little Haunted Bookshop in Mystic. One of the coolest themed bookstores I have ever seen!

## About this location

The Village opened on September 11, 1973. There are over thirty locations to shop, ten restaurants and a theatre. You can also take a trip to the Mystic Aquarium which is conveniently located next to Mystic Village.



photo by Tracy Rietmann

# Niagara Falls

Adventure taken by Tracy Rietmann

"Niagara Falls is a beautiful must-see for anyone in the Tri-state area. The falls are impressive, to say the least. Over 3,000 tons of water, fed by four of the great lakes, plummets from three famous features: American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, and Horseshoe Falls.

While we were there, we were able to enjoy the Maid of the Mist tour over the waters at the base of the falls. The trip truly brought to life the amount, height, and power of the water pounding into the basin. Although ponchos are provided, be prepared to get wet.

In addition to the Maid of the Mist there are other experiences to enhance the views. Beginning at dusk each day you can view beautiful Illuminations, an LED presentation of colorful lights that drape the falls and make them glow during the evening hours. Love fireworks? Every night from May through October (weather permitting) you can view lovely displays exploding over the Illuminations show adding an additional color-filled sight.

With the addition of other experiences such as the Cave of the Winds, hiking trails, the observation tower, and separate local attractions, Niagara Falls is a perfect place to spend a week or just a weekend with the family."

## One of the highlights was...

Our visit to Niagara Falls was prompted by our visit to the area to view the 2024 solar eclipse.

### Tips!

Most attractions are outdoors, so be sure to wear sunscreen.



photo by Marybeth Kozikowski

# Satterly Landing Park, Mt. Sinai, NY

Adventure taken by Marybeth Kozikowski

Discover this tiny hidden gem on LI's north shore in Mt. Sinai. Bring your kayak -or your dogs- and love for the water and you'll find absolute beauty and tranquility.

## One of the highlights was...

Loved watching turtles pop their heads out of the water!

## Tips!

High tide recommended as it gets pretty shallow in Mt. Sinai harbor. It's a Town of Brookhaven Park, pass required (available online) to park your car.



photo by Kelly Furnari

# Shelving Rock Falls, NY

Adventure taken by Kelly Furnari

This is a beautiful hike through the Adirondack mountains. Easy to moderate terrain. The hike to the falls is about 1 mile round trip and the water runs cool and clear. You can also hike to the base of the mountain to Lake George, this hike is about 3.5 miles round trip. The views on this hike are outstanding!

## One of the highlights was...

We swam at the bottom of the waterfall!

## About this location

Shelving Rock Falls is a 50-foot cascade that lies to the east side of Lake George. It is an easy hike with a wide, unmarked dirt trail that leads straight to the cascade's top.



photo by Amber Terranova



# Sleepy Hollow, New York

Adventure taken by Amber Terranova

If you are already thinking about pumpkin spice lattes, apple picking, spooky folklore and galivanting among the golden fall foliage in the charming countryside, then a trip to Sleepy Hollow would be the perfect destination for a fun and unique family-friendly adventure.

Sleepy Hollow and it's neighboring village, Tarrytown, are filled with walkable streets lined with coffee and ice cream shops, antique stores, bars, and casual dining. The Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow Farmers Market is a great way to spend an afternoon in picturesque Patriots Park. The artisanal breads, chocolates and apple cider donuts are to die for! <https://visitsleepyhollow.com/>

## Tips!

Make sure to buy tickets to all events in advance. Spectators are encouraged to dress up and participate in the Halloween spirit. Make sure to bring a folding chair and/or a blanket so you have a place to sit. If you need a hotel, I highly recommend the Courtyard by Marriot in Tarrytown or the Comfort Inn and Suites located in Hawthorne, about a 15-minute drive from downtown Sleepy Hollow.

## Recommendations

I highly recommend attending the nighttime performance of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow, which takes place on the front green at Washington Irving's Sunnyside estate – a whimsical, two-story 19th century Dutch-Tudor style house wrapped in ivy and wisteria. Chairs are set up on the lawn, providing a comfortable space for the audience to enjoy the show. Though, be aware, the headless horseman may be lurking about!



photo by Kelly Sulima

# Sweetbriar Nature Center

Adventure taken by Kelly Sulima

Sweetbriar Nature Center is situated on 54 acres of varied garden, woodland, field and wetland habitats on the Nissequogue River. Hundreds of species of plants and animals make homes here. I enjoyed walking the trails and visiting the animals.

## One of the highlights was...

The employees and volunteers are amazing and so knowledgeable.

## What else this location offers

Sweetbriar Nature Center offers events all year round for all ages. You can also contact them if you've found a sick, orphaned or injured animal in need.



# The Thousand Islands and Alexandria Bay

Adventure taken by Gab Reese

I went to The Thousand Islands and Alexandria Bay in upstate New York. It is located on the St. Lawrence River between Canada and the United States. The best part of the trip was visiting the two castles. They are named Boldt Castle and Singer Castle. Both are old mansions with beautiful rooms and Gothic architecture. You have to take a ferry to both castles. One unique thing about the trip is you have to be careful when boarding the ferries, because there are ferries from Canada that visit the castles as well. They warn you many times not to get on the wrong ferry, especially if you don't have a passport. On the way to the islands, you pass a bridge that takes you to Canada. Another fun fact about the region is it is where the salad dressing, thousand island, comes from.

## Tips!

A tip for visiting is to pack snacks and play the license plate game, because it is a long drive. It takes about 7 hours to get there.



photo by Kelly Sulima

# Wertheim Wildlife Refuge, Shirley, NY

Adventure taken by Kelly Sulima

Enjoy nature walking the trail of this National Park. Keep your eyes open looking for birds and wildlife. Check out the visitors center and programs for kids. Experience the interactive exhibit hall featuring Long Island ecosystem dioramas, Discovery Island touch table and night room. You can also visit the nature store run by the non-profit Friends of Wertheim Refuge.

## One of the highlights was...

I saw a bald eagle flying along the Carmen's River.

## Tips!

Summer is tick and bug season. Stay in the trails.

# Museum Passes available at our library.

\*must have an Adult Sachem Public Library Card

- The American Airpower Museum
- American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog
- Brooklyn Botanical Garden
- Children's Museum of the East End
- Cradle of Aviation
- Empire Pass
- Fire Island Lighthouse
- Garvies Point Museum and Preserve
- Guggenheim
- Harbes Barnyard Adventure
- Heckscher Museum of Art
- Hofstra University of Art
- Horton's Flower Farm
- Intrepid Museum
- The Jazz Loft
- Long Island Children's Museum
- Long Island Explorium
- Long Island Maritime Museum
- Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages
- LT Michael Murphy Navy SEAL Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- Montauk Lighthouse
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum
- Nassau County Museum of Art
- New York Hall of Science
- New York Transit Museum
- New York Historical Society
- Old Bethpage Village Restoration
- Old Westbury Gardens
- Raynham Hall Museum
- Vanderbilt Museum
- Walt Whitman Birthplace
- Whaling Museum and Education Center at Cold Spring Harbor

## Discounted Tickets for Purchase at the Library.

- Adventureland
- Bronx Zoo
- Long Island Aquarium
- Museum of Natural History







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