



SUMMER 2025

AFFORDABLE THINGS TO DO ON LONG ISLAND

ADMISSIONS FEES: \$15 AND UNDER!

**Please note: the information in this list was accurate at the time of publication and will be updated when possible. Be sure to check with the attraction first for the most up-to-date hours and pricing information before going.*

ALL LOCATIONS

Home Depot - Workshop Kit of the Month

Any Home Depot location

Keep kids engaged with projects and activities. Pick up your free Kids Workshop Kit on the first Saturday of each month between 9am - 12pm from your local store - while supplies last.

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/kids-workshop>

DIY-U by Lowe's

Any Lowe's location

Bring your mini-DIYer into Lowe's at one of the select time slots. Workshops hosted by one of our Red Vest experts are held from 9:00am – 12:00pm, in-store only. We look forward to building with you and your little ones! Don't forget – if you are unable to attend during your selected timeslot, your kit may be given away to Walk-Ins starting at 12:00pm, the day of the workshop.

Register here <https://www.lowes.com/diy-projects-and-ideas/workshops>

Michael's Craft Store

Any Michaels' Craft Store location

Kids Club with Camp Creatology - Dig into creative fun this summer starting June 16th for ages 6+ with Kids Camp Creatology. 12 projects 4 way to explore in store, live online, on demand, or self-guided see more information here <https://www.michaels.com/campcreatology>

Check out the Kids Club Online-FREE online classes for mini makers!

Discover fun and engaging projects the whole family can enjoy! Join online for creative classes designed for kids ages 3 and up. <https://www.michaels.com/onlineclasses?category=Kids>

BRIDGEHAMPTON

The South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike

Bridgehampton, NY

631-537-9735

<https://sofo.org/>

Hours: Open daily 10 AM - 4 PM.

Fee: Museum Admission - \$15.00 per adult; \$10.00 per child (ages 3-12); children 2 years and under are free.

Experience the museum's scientifically accurate galleries, featuring live and recreated natural habitat exhibits; a Marine Touch Tank where visitors can, in the water, hold sea stars, crabs, urchins, and whelks; and terrariums and aquariums featuring local wildlife. Outside features SOFO's Native Butterfly Garden, Native Wildflower Garden, Educational Pond, Purple Martin nesting gourd site and more. Visitors can take nature walks through the 40 acre Vineyard Field Preserve bordering the museum, and explore the six-mile trail system of the Long Pond Greenbelt, which features an expanse of interconnected ponds, woods and wetlands abounding with rare plants, animals, and ecological communities.

BROOKHAVEN

Long Island Live Steamers

Southaven Park

Gerard Road Entrance

Brookhaven, NY 11719

631-345-0499

<http://lilivesteamers.org/>

Hours: Typically the 2nd and last Sunday of each month from the middle of May until the end of October from 10:30 AM – 3 PM. Last tickets are sold at 2:30 pm. Check the calendar on their website, because there can be some exceptions to these dates.

Fee: There is no charge for rides. They do accept small donations of your choice.

This railroad model club has made mini trains that you and your kids can ride on! There is also a picnic area, as well as train items for sale.

Brookhaven National Laboratory – Summer Sundays

PO Box 5000

Upton, NY 11973

631-344-2651

<https://www.bnl.gov/sundays/>

Hours: Please check website for specific program dates and times

Fee: Free

For several Sundays this summer, the Brookhaven Lab will be bringing their science into communities with Summer Sundays in Suffolk. Check website for more details.

June 29 - Family Fun

July 13 - Dazzling Discoveries

August 3 - Fascinating Physics

September 14 - Discovery and Innovation

BAY SHORE

Fire Island Lighthouse

Robert Moses Causeway

Bay Shore, NY 11706

631-583-5901

www.fireislandlighthouse.com

Hours: Open Daily 10 AM-4 PM. Tower closes at 3:30.

Fee: Fee: \$10 Adults / \$5 Seniors (65 and older) / \$5 Child (12 and under- must be 42" tall / Active Military Personnel- Free with ID / \$2 Members / Scout Groups- \$5 reservations required.

Experience Fire Island's natural beauty and Maritime History. Explore the nature trails, the bay and ocean that surround the lighthouse.

BETHPAGE

Batter Up Bethpage Mini Golf

130 Hicksville Road

Bethpage, NY 11714

516-731-2020

<http://batterupli.com/>

Hours: Weather permitting- Weekdays 10:00 AM - 9 PM, Saturday 9 AM - 9 PM, Sunday 9 AM-9:30 PM

Fee: Mini Golf - \$8 for kids, adults, and seniors

CALVERTON

Grumman Memorial Park

4670 NY-25

Calverton, NY 11933

(631) 369-1826

<https://www.longisland.com/business/grumman-memorial-park.html>

Hours: Daily 9 AM – 5 PM

Fee: Free

Grumman Memorial Park celebrates the many years that the Grumman Corporation had a Long Island presence. See actual planes like the F-14A Tomcat and the A-6E Intruder, all for free.

Lavender by the Bay

Calverton Farm

47 Manor Road

Calverton, NY 11933

(631)-477-1019

<https://lavenderbythebay.com/>

Hours: Open 7 days a week 9 AM- 6 PM throughout the summer. Timed ticket slots are required for entry for 1.5 hour time slots. Tickets must be purchased online.

Fee: \$8 per person, under six years old is free. Check social media for more details.

New York's premier lavender farm and one of the largest in the USA. A family run farm, they have been growing the highest quality lavender on Long Island for over fifteen years and in Calverton since 2018.

CENTEREACH

Nature Explorium @ Middle Country Public Library

101 Eastwood Blvd.

Centereach, NY 11720

631-585-9393 x559

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

Hours: See website or call for the most current hours.

Fee: Free

An outdoor learning space for children and families. Whether they're reflecting on a poem under a willow tree, climbing on a tree stump, or expressing artistic talent through song and dance on the Play It stage, children will discover the gift of nature.

CENTRAL ISLIP

Islip Town Fire & EMS Museum

4 Courthouse Dr.

Central Islip, NY 11722

631-778-6621

Hours: Alternating Sundays 10 AM - 3 PM

Fee: voluntary donation

Exhibits display the 125-year history of volunteer Fire & EMS agencies serving the Town of Islip.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Cold Spring Harbor Fire House Museum

84 Main Street

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

631-367-0400

<https://www.cshfirehousemuseum.org/>

Hours: Saturday/Sunday 12-5 PM

Fee: \$2 Adults / Children are free

Preserving the community's first fire house the museum features the Department's very first piece of fighting equipment, one of two hundred Ford Model TT Chemical Trucks built in the 1920's, a 1919 Ford Model TT Delivery Truck, original ledgers dating back to 1852 within which the history of the Department, its members, and of fires fought have been hand recorded, fire hats, articles of clothing and gear worn by members of the Department over 160 years ago, a 9/11 memorial and so much more.

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

1660 Route 25A

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

516-692-6768

<http://cshfishhatchery.org/>

Hours: Open daily 10 AM- 5 PM (June - August open Saturday & Sunday 10 am- 6pm)

Fee: Free under 2, \$5 Ages 3-12, \$7 Adults, \$6 Ages 65+. Members are free.

The Hatchery is proud of having the largest living collection of New York State freshwater reptiles, fish, and amphibians. Visitors are given a self-guided tour sheet and can purchase food to feed the hungry trout. Check their calendar for special events and programs.

Cold Spring Harbor State Park

95 Harbor Rd

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

631-423-1770

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/115/details.aspx>

Hours: Parking, hiking, bird watching, jogging, walking and photography are permitted year round.

Fee: No fees are collected, and both the park and parking field are open year-round from sunrise to sunset.

The park is comprised of 40 acres of hilly terrain that offer scenic vistas of the Cold Spring Harbor. It features a mixed hardwood forest with notable large oak specimens that measure three feet in diameter, as well as thickets of wild mountain laurel.

Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum

301 Main Street

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

631-367-3418

www.cshwhalingmuseum.org

Hours: Summer hours - Open daily except for Monday, 11-4 pm (Last Week of June - Labor Day)

Fee: \$8 Adults, \$6 Seniors & Kids ages 4-17, Children 0- 3 & Active Military w/ ID are free. Features 19th century whaleboat, whaling history exhibits, scrimshaw collection, whale conservation exhibits, Family Activity Center, films, special events and changing exhibits.

CORAM

Wood Kingdom East

407 Middle Country Road

Coram, NY 11727

631-451-2200

<http://www.woodkingdomeast.com/>

TEMPORARILY CLOSED - CALL FOR UPDATES

Hours: Open Play Monday-Friday 12 - 5 PM, check Facebook for weekend & holiday hours

Fee: \$15 per child, adults are free

Includes open play on various playground sets, bouncers, climbers, and indoor swing sets.

EAST ISLIP

South Shore Nature Center

130 Bayview Avenue

East Islip, NY 11730

631-581-6908

<https://www.seatuck.org/index.php/nature-centers/south-shore-nature-center>

Hours: Nature Center open daily 9 AM – 5 PM throughout the week. The Visitor Center is open Saturday and Sunday from 1 – 4 PM.

Fee: Parking and grounds are free. There is a fee for student programs, adult programs, etc.

Includes 206 acres; 2.3-mile trail in salt marsh; oak and hickory forest; freshwater bottomland; indoor beehive, nature museum, saltwater fish tank, reptiles, and butterfly garden.

EAST MARION

Lavender by the Bay

7540 Main Road

East Marion, NY 11939

631-477-1019

<https://lavenderbythebay.com/>

Hours: Open 7 days a week 9 AM- 6 PM June-September. Timed ticket slots are required for entry for 1.5 hour time slots. Tickets must be purchased online.

Fee: \$8 per person, under six years old is free. Check social media for more details.

New York's premier lavender farm and one of the largest in the USA. A family run farm, we have been growing the highest quality lavender on Long Island for over fifteen years and in Calverton since 2018.

FLANDERS

The Big Duck

1012 NY-24

Flanders, NY 11901

631-852-3377

www.bigduck.org

Hours: Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturdays 10 AM – 3 PM, Sundays 10 AM – 5 PM. It is advised to call ahead before your visit, especially larger groups.

Fee: Free

The Big Duck, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, overlooks Reeves Bay in Flanders Bay in Flanders.

GREAT RIVER

Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park

440 Montauk Highway

Great River, NY 11739

Hours: Tuesday - Sunday 9 am - 4 pm.

Fee: \$8 per vehicle (April-November using the automated-pay meters)

<https://bayardcuttingarboretum.com/>

The grounds contain a collection of fir, spruce, pine, cypress, hemlock, yew, and other lesser-known conifers is still probably the most extensive to be found on Long Island. Also found are extensive plantings of dwarf evergreens, rhododendron, azaleas, hollies, and oaks. Wildflowers and daffodils are featured in many native woodland locations. Combined with the site's ponds and streamlets, these areas also provide opportunities to observe a broad range of land and aquatic birds and occasional glimpses of fox, raccoon, and other small wildlife.

Located in the former Cutting residence are magnificent fireplaces, woodworking, stained glass windows, and a small natural history display. The manor house also contains a café with an open porch overlooking the Connetquot River and the administration office.

GREENPORT

1920's Antique Carousel

Mitchell Park

115 Front Street

Greenport, NY 11944

631-477-2200

<https://villageofgreenport.org/carousel-greenport-village.php>

Summer Hours: School closing through Labor Day - open every day from 9 AM - 8 PM. Labor Day - open 10 AM - 6 PM.

Fee: \$3.00 Per Single Ride; under 4 are free, but must be with a paying adult.

Greenport's Antique Carousel, built in the 1920's and donated by the Northrop-Grumman Corporation in 1995 is located at Mitchell Park on Front Street in the Glass Carousel Pavilion. Bring the kids to ride the Carousel, or ride along and let the Carousel bring the kid out in you! Try to capture the Brass Ring and win a free ride!

Blacksmith Shop

Located at First St. & Front St. behind Schoolhouse, On the dock, west of Claudio's
East End Seaport Museum
103 3RD Street
Greenport, NY 11944
631-477-2100

<https://www.eastendseaport.org/village-blacksmith-shop/>

Hours: Saturday & Sunday 11 AM – 5 PM. Groups should call for a reservation.

Fee: Voluntary donation

This is a replica of a working blacksmith shop.

East End Seaport Museum

103 3rd Street
Greenport, NY 11944 in the former railroad station
631-477-2100

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

Hours: Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM

Fee: Voluntary donation

The museum boasts an array of exhibits on the maritime heritage of the area, including displays on the Greenport menhaden fishing industry, the oyster industry, lighthouse lenses, a model ship of the USS Ohio, and more. There is also a gift shop.

Mitchell Park

115 Front Street
Greenport, NY 11944
631-477-2200

<https://villageofgreenport.org/mitchell-park-greenport-village.php>

Mitchell Park, described as the "jewel" of the Village of Greenport, is a four acre park located on the beautiful waterfront of the village. The park is home to the antique carousel that was donated by the Northrop Grumman Corporation. It also has an ice rink, blacksmith shop, camera obscura, and more.

HOLTSVILLE

Holtsville Ecology Center & Animal Preserve

249 Buckley Road
Holtsville, NY 11742
631-451-5330

<https://www.brookhavenny.gov/197/Holtsville-Ecology-Site>

Hours: Open Daily 10 AM– 4 PM from May 27th - September 29th. During inclement weather, please call 631-451-5330 to see if they are open.

Fee: Zoo & Ecology Center are free; \$5 parking fee per car/per day

Features an exercise-trail fitness course; zoo and ecology center, including buffalo, mountain lions, eagles, children's petting zoo; ecology exhibits and tours; free compost; greenhouses; picnic area. Contact for special events/programs.

HUNTINGTON

Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge

12 Target Rock Road

Huntington, NY 11743

(631) 286-0485

www.fws.gov/refuge/target-rock

Hours: Open ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset

Fee: Vehicle - \$4.00. Pedestrian/bicycle - \$2.00

Target Rock refuge consists of mature oak-hickory forest, a half-mile of rocky beach, a brackish pond and several vernal ponds.

HUNTINGTON STATION

Walt Whitman Birthplace

246 Old Walt Whitman Road

Huntington Station, NY 11746

631-427-5240

www.waltwhitman.org

Hours: Summer hours: June 15th – Labor Day open Monday – Friday 11 AM – 4 PM, Saturday & Sunday 11 AM – 4 PM. Closed major holidays.

Fee: \$10 Adults / \$8 Students / \$9 Seniors & Veterans / Children under 5 & members are free.

Visit the 19th century farmhouse with 19th century furnishings and unusual architecture.

Interpretive Center exhibits: 130 Whitman portraits, original letters, manuscripts, artifacts, Whitman's voice on tape, and schoolmaster's desk. Guided tours, audio-visual show, library, museum shop/bookstore, and picnic area.

ISLANDIA

Lakeland County Park

Johnson Avenue

Islandia, NY 11749

631-853-2727 (General info - seasonal)

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Parks/OurParks/LakelandCountyPark.aspx>

Hours: Office/Restrooms open Memorial Day – Labor Day. See website for hours.

Fee: Free

This 70 acre, fully accessible park facility includes a nature trail boardwalk over the headwaters of the Connetquot River, picnic area with gazebo, boardwalks, shuffleboard, basketball courts and birdwatching.

ISLIP

Suffolk County Environmental Center

550 South Bay Avenue

Islip, NY 11751

631-581-6908

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

Hours: Property open daily 8:30 AM to dusk. Building open Monday– Friday 10 AM - 4 PM

Fee: Parking and grounds are free. There is a fee for student and adult programs and registration is required & can be limited.

The 70-acre property, which contains diverse wetland and upland forest habitats, is open for hiking, birding, etc. They offer programs for preschool children, students, adults, and families. Browse upcoming education programs from their event calendar online.

LONG BEACH

Liddle Bites Play Café

132 E Park Ave

Long Beach, NY 11561

516-442-3131

<http://www.liddlebites.com/>

Hours: Open Play is available Mondays - Fridays. Check website for hours. Sign up online or drop in (drop ins are allowed if space is available)

Fee: \$15 per child, \$12 per sibling. This pricing is per visit.

Liddle Bites Play Café is a uniquely styled play space for kids. Known for a life size doll house and an indoor play space with imaginative play houses and shops. There is a range of toys and activities from crawlers to children up to age 8 that love imaginative play. There are also pre-packaged snacks and beverages that can be enjoyed in the café area. Adults and children must wear socks (socks will be on sale for \$2 or bring your own).

MATTITUCK

Mattituck-Laurel Historical Society and Museum

Main Road (Route 25) at Cardinal Drive

Mattituck, NY 11952

631-298-5248

<http://www.mlhistoricalsociety.org>

Hours: Open by appointment Saturday & Sunday from May – September

Fee: Free, donations appreciated

Buildings on the site include 2 houses (1799) and (1840), a schoolhouse (1846), milk house (circa 1850) and a farm outbuilding with 19th century farm implements and machines on display. Permanent exhibits also include American Indian artifacts recovered in Mattituck.

MOUNT SINAI

Heritage Park

633 Mount Sinai-Coram Road

Mt. Sinai, NY 11766

631-403-4846

<https://www.brookhavenny.gov/facilities/facility/details/Heritage-Park-Wedge-30>

Hours: open daily

Fee: Free

Heritage Park offers two separate playgrounds. There is a smaller playground for children up to age 5, with climbing apparatuses, and a larger one with a rock wall and a number of slides. Scattered benches and tables give parents places to lounge. Heritage is one of only a handful of parks in its area to offer ball fields and a walking/jogging/bike trail. On the grounds, the Heritage Center offers classes and events, hosts festivals and movie nights, and is available to rent for private parties. There are also community gardens and beautiful landscaping, plus a small waterfall. A splash park and concession stand complete the amenities.

NORTHPORT

Northport Harbor Family Nights

Main Street in Northport (Street is closed from Gunther's to Skippers)

Call the Chamber Office for further details 631-754-3905

<http://www.villageofnorthport.com/home/index.php/events>

Hours: See website for 2024 schedule

Fee: Free (No Vehicular Traffic Permitted)

Live music, outdoor dining, vendor sidewalk sales, antique cars and entertainment for children.

PATCHOGUE

Alive After Five

Main Street in Patchogue

<http://aliveafterfive.com/>

Hours: Check website for 2025 dates

Fee: Free

A free summer street fair with live music and entertainment, craft and retail vendors, food trucks, children's activities and amusement, and more!

PECONIC

Catapano Dairy Farm

33705 North Road

Peconic, NY 11958

631-765-8042

<http://www.catapanodairyfarm.com/>

Hours: Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Fee: Free

Visit this family-run farm filled with baby goats, llamas and horses. Free to roam the grounds and pet the animals.

PORT JEFFERSON

Long Island Explorium

101 East Broadway

Port Jefferson, NY 11777

<https://longislandexplorium.org/>

631-331-3277

Hours: check website for summer hours

Fee: Children: \$6.00. Adults: \$8.00.

The Explorium is recognized as Long Island's Family Maker Space, a place for families to play, create, build and grow together.

Theatre Three Children's Theatre

412 Main Street

Port Jefferson, NY 11777

631-928-9100

https://theatrethree.com/child_theatre.html#

Hours: Box Office: Mon-Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 2 hours before showtime. Business Office: Tues-Fri 10 AM – 4 PM

Fee: \$12 for each ticket

Theatre Three is Long Island's only children's theatre exclusively committed to presenting original musicals for young audiences. Family-friendly shows such as Snow White, Puss-In-Boots, and Sleeping Beauty. Sensory friendly performances are also offered.

QUOGUE

Quogue Wildlife Refuge

3 Old Country Road

Quogue, NY 11959

631-653-4771

<http://quoguewildliferefuge.org/>

Hours: Refuge Trails & Distressed Wildlife Complex are open every day from sunrise to sunset. Nature Center Building is open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 11 AM – 4 PM

Fee: Free

The center is a 305-acre expanse of protected land with over seven miles of trails where you can explore a variety of habitats including Pine Barrens, bogs, and wetlands. The main trail is wheelchair and stroller friendly and all of the trails can be enjoyed in every season. There is also a Distressed Wildlife Complex which houses animals that have been injured and would not be able to survive in the wild. Inside the Nature Center, you can observe wildlife through huge windows that overlook Old Ice Pond, as well as visit a variety of wildlife exhibits, live animals, a nature library, and a gift shop.

RIDGE

Brookhaven Town Volunteer Firefighters Museum

Fireman's Memorial Park

725 Route 25 (Middle Country Road)

Ridge, NY 11961

631-924-8114

<https://brookhaventownfirefightersmuseum.weebly.com/>

Hours: Call for hours. Closed Sundays. Closed on all holidays.

Fee: Free, donations appreciated

The museum is the restored 1889 Centre Moriches Fire House and contains two floors of firematic apparatus, photos, equipment, patches, old toys, badges and extinguishers. A second Truck House Building has six trucks including a 1956 85' Seagrave Ladder, a 1943 Brush Truck and a Class "C" Racing Rig.

RIVERHEAD

Long Island Science Center

Riverhead Tanger Outlet Center, Tanger 1, Suite 401

Riverhead, NY 11901

631-208-8000

<https://www.sciencecenterli.org/>

Hours: check website

Fee: \$15 per person & free for members

Hands-on science and technology museum with interactive exhibits of bubbles, magnets, structural engineering focusing on STEAM concepts. View events calendar to learn more about upcoming educational programs and events.

SAG HARBOR

Elizabeth Alexandra Morton National Wildlife Refuge

2595 Noyac Rd.

Sag Harbor, NY 11963

631-286-0485

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/elizabeth_a_morton/

Hours: Refuge hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Fee: Per Vehicle \$4.00 - Pedestrian/bicycle \$2.00

The nature trail at Morton passes through upland areas and onto the beach. You can then follow the peninsula for almost 2 miles, travel an upland trail or visit a brackish pond (partial beach closure April 1st – approx. August 31st). Saltwater fishing from shore is permitted (state regulations apply). Enjoy nature photography, wildlife observation, hiking, nature interpretation and environmental education. An information kiosk and restrooms are provided for visitor convenience.

Sag Harbor Whaling and Historical Museum

200 Main Street

Sag Harbor, NY 11963

631-725-0770

www.sagharborwhalingmuseum.org

Hours: Summer Hours- Wednesday-Sunday 10 AM- 4:30 PM with the last entry at 4 pm.

Closed Mondays & Tuesdays,

Fee: \$8 Adults / \$6 Seniors & Students / \$3 Children 11 and under

A collection of historical objects related to the village's whaling history, as well as the presentation of contemporary exhibits and events that reflect the culture of the village today.

SAYVILLE

Family Fridays at the Common Ground

The Common Ground is located between Gillette and Candee Avenues in

Sayville, NY 11782

631-459-6603

www.thecommonground.com

Hours: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Fee: Free

Free performances on Friday evenings July through mid-August. Past performers included Strummin' & Drummin', Joshy K, Darlene Graham Song and Dance, Jester Jim, and more. Check website for updated list of performers.

Islip Grange

10 Broadway Ave

Sayville, NY 11782

631-595-3500

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Fee: free

<https://islipny.gov/community-and-services/town-calendar/location/5-grange>

The Grange was founded in 1974 and was planned as a repository for historic buildings and landmarks to be placed in a park-like venue that reflects the aspects of living in pre-Civil War Long Island. Includes a cluster of historic buildings, including a church, carriage shed, barn and windmill. Seasonal activities take place at the Grange such as Farmers' markets, the Apple Festival, and Civil War Weekend.

Sayville Falls Miniature Golf

30 Hanson Place
Sayville, NY 11782
631-337-1650

<http://sayvillefallsminigolf.com/>

Hours: Summer Hours: Open daily 10 AM- 11 PM, weather permitting.

Fee: \$14 Adult / \$12 Kids 15 and under

This 18-hole course features flowing water falls throughout the entire course, as well as aquatic life viewing platforms overlooking ponds filled with fish and turtles.

SELDEN

Jungle Bob's Reptile World

984 Middle Country Road
Selden, NY 11784
631-737-6474

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

Hours: Monday-Sunday 11 AM-6 PM

Fee: Free

New York's biggest reptile only pet shop. A wide variety of creatures on display such as turtles, frogs, snakes, lizards, salamanders, scorpions and more. Includes "The Outback," which is an outdoor educational nature center for all ages.

SETAUKET

Frank Melville Memorial Park

1 Old Field Road
Setauket, New York 11733
631-689-6146

<https://frankmelvillepark.org/>

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Fee: Free

Summer Programs

Various programs for families with children. Everyone is welcome and attendance is free. Families will meet at the Red Barn. Check the website for more information.

SMITHTOWN

Sweetbriar Nature Center

62 Eckernkamp Drive
Smithtown, NY 11787
631-979-6344

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

Hours: Nature Center: Open 9 AM – 4:30 PM daily. Preserve: Open 9 AM - 4:30 PM daily.
Vivarium: Open 10 AM - 4 PM daily (Second week of June-September, weather dependent).

Fee: Free, donations accepted; Butterfly house \$5 Adults, \$3 Seniors and Children under 12

Situated on 54 acres of varied garden, woodland, field and wetland habitats on the Nissequogue River. Activities include hiking with views of Nissequogue River, Butterfly House, Rainforest Room, Reptile Room, and Discovery Area for play. The Long Island Greenbelt Trail runs through the preserve and wildlife rehabilitation occurs here too. at the preserve.

ST. JAMES**St. James Summer Nights**

Lake Avenue
St. James, NY 11780

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamessummernights/>

Hours: Check Facebook page for updates

Fee: Free

St. James Summer Nights is a family fun night, gathered on the lawn of the St. James Elementary School , and spreading into the street on Lake Avenue. Three separate nights of music, food and children's activities as well as other family entertainment.

Summer Outdoor Movie Nights

Deepwells Farm
2 Taylor Lane
St. James, NY 11780
631-584-8510

<https://stjameschamber.org/calendar-of-events>

Hours: Dates & Times TBD

Fee: Free

Enjoy family friendly movies on the great lawn at Deepwells Farm County Park on the giant screen at dark. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Movies TBA.

STONY BROOK**Avalon Park & Preserve**

200 Harbor Road
Stony Brook, NY 11790

631-689-0619

<http://www.avalonparkandpreserve.org>

Hours: Open daily 6 AM- 8 PM June - August, Closed Mondays

Fee: Free

Avalon is a re-creation of the natural environment that greeted the first indigenous people to settle New York State. Its five distinct natural habitats populated entirely by native flora hold the story of our past, and quite possibly, the seeds of our future.

Avalon offers approximately 5 miles of trails for your boot soles, classes, talks and other activities throughout the four seasons. Check the website for current information.

The Carriage Museum - Long Island Museum

1200 Route 25A

Stony Brook, NY 11790

631-751-0066

<https://longislandmuseum.org/exhibitions/the-carriage-museum/>

Hours: Thursday- Sunday from 12 PM - 5 PM

Fee: \$15 per person, \$10 for seniors (62 and older), \$10 for students ages 6-17 & college students with ID. Person with disability (personal care assistants are admitted free) \$5.00. Children under 6 are free and active & retired military are free.

The Long Island Museum is dedicated to inspiring people of all ages with an understanding and enjoyment of American art, history and carriages as expressed through the heritage of Long Island and its diverse communities.

Stony Brook Grist Mill

100 Harbor Road

Stony Brook, NY 11790

631-751-2244

<https://wmho.org/attractions/the-stony-brook-grist-mill-c-1751-2/>

CHECK FOR UPDATES ON RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

<https://wmho.org/news/stony-brook-mill-pond-grist-mill-and-mill-creek-rd-updates/>

Hours: Sunday 1 PM – 4 PM through October

Fee: \$4 Adults, \$2 Children

Long Island's most fully equipped working Grist Mill, the Stony Brook Grist Mill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Sample a slice of colonial life while touring a working grist mill, open to the public for guided tours with a miller and a Country Store.

***WADING RIVER ***

The Carousel at East Wind (inside the Shoppes at East Wind)

5768 NY-25A

Wading River, NY 11792

631-929-3500

<https://eastwindlongisland.com/shoppes/the-carousel/>

Fee: \$5/ride token or 5 tokens for \$20. ATM and Token Machine can be found at the Carousel.

Hours: Wednesday 12 -6 pm, Saturday & Sunday 11 am - 7 pm

The carousel is handicap accessible with a unique variety of animals for all to enjoy! It includes twelve galloping horses, a hungry cat, a radiant zebra, a prancing reindeer, a stately rooster, a cheerful bunny, and a majestic dragon. As well as, a chariot with enough seating for the whole family. All eighteen animals are jumpers. The twelve horses are “Country Fair” style, with vibrant colors and jewels.

WEST SAYVILLE

Long Island Maritime Museum

88 West Avenue

West Sayville, NY 11796

631-854-4974

<http://www.limaritime.org>

Hours: Monday – Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM, Closed Wednesdays in the winter, Sunday 12– 4 PM

Fee: \$10 Adults / \$8 Children & Seniors

The museum is located on the waterfront with a collection of over 10,000 objects and five historic buildings. Kids will discover the links between the Island’s maritime and natural histories. They will encounter some of the amazing sea creatures living in our local waters. Festivals such as the Seafood Festival and the Halloween Boat Burning take place here.

YAPHANK

Suffolk County Farm & Education Center

350 Yaphank Avenue

Yaphank, NY 11980

631-852-4600

<http://ccesuffolk.org/suffolk-county-farm>

Hours: Seven days a week 9 AM – 3 PM, except certain holidays

Fee: Free, but you must sign-in at the Visitor’s Center

Visitors are able to see a century old working farm which still holds a tie to the past through the historic hay barn, while showcasing present-day agriculture. You can visit with the farm animals and even feed them with food purchased at the main desk.

Suffolk County Police Department Museum

30 Yaphank Avenue

Yaphank, NY 11980

631-852-6011

<https://patch.com/new-york/deerpark-northbabylon/suffolk-county-police-museum-renamed-dedicated-memory-founder>

Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM

Fee: Free

The Police Museum traces the evolution of policing in Suffolk from the 16th century Sheriff to the present day law enforcement professional. Featured are: interpretive displays such as the 1925 station house, Constable Miller's 1915 Traffic Booth, the old Riverhead Jail and a talking 1960 Police Car and Police Booth depicting the first year of operations of the County Police.

Helpful Quick Links to Fun

Listed below are some quick ways to find out what is going on in your area. Always remember that your local library is a great resource for events in your community. Click the link below to find out where your library is located, go for a visit and get a library card.

Find Free Fun @ Your local Library

<http://www.live-brary.com>

*Ask your local library if they have a **Museum Pass Program**...this allows your family to check out a pass that is used for free admission to many local museums.*

Farms- U-pick Farms on Long Island

<https://pickyourown.org/nylongisland.htm>

Geocaching

<http://www.geocaching.com/>

A modern-day treasure hunt where players hide and seek cached containers using GPS-enabled devices like smartphones or GPS navigators. This site will get you started.

The Kindness Rocks Project

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

Go for a hunt around your neighborhood and find rocks that others have decorated with an inspirational message and have hidden in the community. You can even decorate rocks of your own and hide them! Post what you find on social media with the hashtag #thekindnessrocksproject. You can also add this hashtag to the rocks you decorate. This is how you connect with others. Use this website for more information.

Suffolk County Chambers of Commerce

http://www.longislandbrowser.com/community/chambers_of_commerce/

A listing of each town's Chamber of Commerce website to see the events going on near you!

Free Summer Concerts <https://www.longisland.com/summer-concert-series.html>

The list of free summer concerts is updated every year...usually a week or two before the start date. Listed are both Suffolk & Nassau County locations. You usually have to bring your own blankets and chairs.

Parks, Beaches, Pools & Playgrounds

Suffolk County Community Pools:

<http://www.lifun4kids.com/pools-suffolk-name.htm>

New York State Parks:

Suffolk County

<https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Parks/Our-Parks>

<https://www.discoverlongisland.com/suffolk-county/parks-preserves/>

Long Island

<https://mommypoppins.com/long-island-kids/parks-playgrounds/15-long-island-state-parks-worth-a-visit>

<https://parks.ny.gov/regions/long-island/default.aspx>

<https://www.discoverlongisland.com/listings/parks-reserves/>

By Town:

Babylon (Parks & Playgrounds): <https://www.townofbabylon.com/449/Parks-Playgrounds>

Brookhaven (Parks & Recreation): <https://www.brookhavenny.gov/233/Parks>

Huntington (Parks & Recreation): <https://www.huntingtonny.gov/content/13749/13843/default.aspx>

Islip (Parks & Pools): <https://islipny.gov/departments/parks-recreation-and-cultural-affairs>

Riverhead (Parks): <http://www.townofriverheadny.gov/pview.aspx?id=2485&catID=118>

Smithtown (Parks): <http://www.smithtownny.gov/Facilities.aspx>

Southold (Parks & Beaches): <http://www.southoldtownny.gov/index.aspx?NID=136>

Websites to find family friendly events in your area...

Mommy Poppins Blog

<https://mommypoppins.com/long-island>

NY Metro Parents

<https://www.newyorkfamily.com/26-things-to-do-on-long-island-with-kids/>

Real Long Island

<https://www.reallongisland.com/things-to-do-on-long-island-with-kids/>

Discover Long Island

<https://www.discoverlongisland.com/things-to-do/kids-family/>