

Jamaica Bay BioBlitz 2007!

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Friday, September 7 – Saturday, September 8

3:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join this 24-hour journey of discovery highlighting the biological diversity found within Jamaica Bay. Participate in field explorations and assist with species counts, learn about natural ecosystems through public walks, talks, and displays; or volunteer to assist with event operations. Visit <http://nbii-nin.ciesin.columbia.edu/jamaicabay/index.html>, call (718) 997-3104, or email JBbioblitz@yahoo.com for more information on how to take part in this celebration of biodiversity.

Public Programs

Jamaica Bay Sunset Walk

Friday, September 7

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

As sun sets below the horizon on the first day of the BioBlitz, the flurry and excitement of nature watching is well underway and will continue through the night. After an evening stroll around West Pond, help BioBlitzers back at the Visitor Contact Station lure, identify and count the little known moths of the park.

Birds Count!

Saturday, September 8

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Bird pro Ron Bourque leads this birding foray along the refuge trails. Residents and migrants are expected. Information gathered on the program will be contributed to the BioBlitz. Bring binoculars.

Jr. BioBlitz

Saturday, September 8

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

This BioBlitz is for kids! Get out into the field with a park ranger and examine a bit of prime habitat. Identify and count the plants and animals you find, compare with other Jr. BioBlitzers, and consider your results.

Dragonflies, Damselflies and Butterflies Too!

Saturday, September 8

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

The search is on for green darners, bluet damselflies, monarchs, and so much more!

Nature Sketching and Drawing

Saturday, September 8

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Join Patricia Wynne, children's book illustrator, for a special workshop on how to create your own field notebook that documents your observations of plants and animals with fast field sketches. For all ages.

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Late Blossoms and Early Fruits Sampler

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Goldenrods, Joe Pyes and even some native orchids will be the backdrop for this ranger-guided botany walk.