

Jamaica Bay BioBlitz 2010!

NPS Interpretive Program Schedule

Public Programs for Friday, June 11:

Flowers, Ferns and Floyd Bennett Field

3 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Delve into the hidden lives of plants growing in unlikely places and help document our findings for the Gateway Bioblitz. Bring sun-screen, insect repellent, drinking water, and binoculars.

Walk this Beach

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Walk the shoreline of Jamaica Bay with a park ranger and discover all things coastal, all things marine. Bring sun/insect protection, drinking water, and binoculars.

Keys to the Kingdom

4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Know the difference between a frog and an elm tree? Probably. But is that plant a tree or a shrub? And just what species is that fern, rose, or grass? Learn to use a simple tool - the dichotomous key - to help you identify what is what and who is who in the world of nature.

Sunset Seine Survey

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Use a seine net to sample and survey Jamaica Bay's rich marine life while the sun sinks below the horizon.

Public Programs for Saturday, June 12:

Beginning Birding

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Glean a few bird-watching tips and tricks. Bring binoculars.

Keys to the Kingdom

10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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Marine Invaders

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Invasive crabs have hit our shores! Be part of this citizen science effort to investigate and document invasive crab species in Jamaica Bay.

Junior Bio-Blitz

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Kids ages 6 and up and their adult(s) will help explore a small area of Floyd Bennett Field to look for plants, insects, birds, and other wildlife, and record our observations. Bring sun/insect protection, drinking water, and a magnifying glass if you have.

GRAMPS Botany

Saturday, June 12

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Walk the grasslands of Floyd Bennett Field and discover the plants there. Learn tips for plant identification, flower folklore, pollination, and natural history. Document your findings for the Bioblitz. Bring sun/insect protection and drinking water.