

Spring Events

Program size may be limited.
Preregistration recommended.
Please call **(315) 482-2479** to register.
Face covering encouraged when indoors.

APRIL, MAY, JUNE
2022

APRIL

NEST BUILDERS

Saturday, April 2 // 2:00pm

Would you like to help our native birds? Assist our feathered friends by making a nest builder! A nest builder is an ornament on a tree that you fill with soft, natural materials. This will help nesting birds find the right things to build their nests.

STORY WALK

Saturday & Sunday, April 9–10 // 9:00am–2:00pm

Explore the trails while traveling through a storybook! Take a self-paced hike through woods reading pages of a book that have been placed along the trail.

OSPREY WATCHING

Saturday, April 16 // 10:00am

Ospreys migrate up to the North Country to return to their nests. Join us on a guided hike along our shoreline to see if we can spot these beautiful birds.

EARTH DAY at Zoo New York

Saturday, April 23 // 10:00am–3:00pm

Come join the Earth Day celebration at the Thompson Park Zoo! Learn about the natural world around you and the importance of protecting our natural resources. Discover new places and ways to enjoy the outdoors. There will be numerous family friendly activities and many different organizations at the event, including the Nature Center! For additional information, please call the Thompson Park Zoo at (315) 782-6180.

ARBOR DAY at TILT's Sissy Danforth Rivergate Trail

Saturday, April 30 // 10:00am–2:00pm

Celebrate Arbor Day and the Thousand Islands Land Trust' (TILT) 9th Annual "For the Trees" Celebration by planting trees at the S. Gerald Ingerson Preserve along the Sissy Danforth Rivergate Trail. Bring the whole family to get their hands dirty! There will be numerous family friendly activities, workshops, games, and exhibits from TILT and many different organizations, including the Nature Center! For more information, please visit tilandtrust.org or call (315) 686-5345.



New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation



Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
Wellesley Island State Park

MAY

I LOVE MY PARK DAY

Saturday, May 7 // 9:00am—Noon

Show your Nature Center some love! Volunteer to spruce up the Nature Center for spring and another busy summer season. This is the day when we get out our mop buckets, sponges, garden trowels, rakes, and clippers, and work to beautify our Nature Center. Preregistration is required. To preregister visit ptny.org/ilovemypark or call the Nature Center at (315) 482-2479.

LOON MIGRATION GAME

Saturday, May 14 // 10:00am

The common loon is one of many birds that migrates to the North Country. Migrating birds have a lot to deal with traveling long distances. Come play this interactive life-sized board game and learn about the hazards of migrating.

PICNIC HIKE TO THE NARROWS

Saturday, May 21 // 11:00am

Pack a lunch and join us for a hike to the Narrows! We will sit overlooking the St. Lawrence River and enjoy a picnic lunch. This is a 2.5 mile roundtrip hike over steep and varied terrain.

NATURE “DRAWING FROM MEMORY” GAME

Saturday, May 28 // 2:00pm

Think you have a good memory? Come test your memory skills on our trails. We will take a short hike, find an interesting thing to look at, walk back to the Nature Center, and put your memory to the test. Sound easy? Come try it, it is not as easy as it sounds. Great for all ages.

JUNE

BARK ART

Saturday, June 4 // 2:00pm

Ruff, smooth, jagged are all different ways to describe tree bark. Take a walk in search of different textures to create a unique work of art.

SWALLOW-WORT PULL

Saturday, June 11 // 10:00am—12:00pm

Help us protect our native habitat by removing an invasive plant species called swallow-wort.

FROG WATCHING

Saturday, June 18 // 10:00am

Join us for a hike to our wetlands in search of bullfrogs, spring peepers, and green frogs! Please wear pants and waterproof hiking boots. We will be exploring off-trail for a chance to spot these awesome amphibians!

FREE FISHING DAY

Saturday, June 25 // 10:00am

Join us on the Nature Center's dock on Eel Bay to celebrate Free Fishing Weekend! No fishing license required to attend this class. Learn the basics of freshwater fishing. Equipment will be provided; bringing your own bait is appreciated.