

GROUP PROGRAMS

Connect with nature through our hands-on environmental education programs at our 265-acre forested park!



BOOK A PROGRAM

- All programs are **free!**
- Programming is offered year-round.
- School programs are offered **Wednesday-Friday** mornings. Other groups may book Tuesday-Saturday afternoons.
- Most programs include an indoor and outdoor component, we can adapt certain programs to be entirely indoors.
- Up to 60 students per program.
- Email **ClayPitPondsSP@parks.ny.gov** to book a program.
- Cannot make it out to the park? Ask about our virtual field trips!



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Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation**

2025 PROGRAMS

Nature Explorers

K-2nd / Year-round / 1 mile hike

Get outside and explore the forest!

Animal Detectives

K-2nd / Year-round / 1 mile hike

Who lives in our forest? Search for clues to discover the mystery animal hiding in our forest!

Tree Huggers

Level 1: K-2nd, Level 2: 3rd - 5th / May-Nov / 1 mile hike

Learn how to identify trees & the essential role they play in our ecosystem!

Brave Birds

K-5th / March-Nov / 0.5 mile hike

Through games & a bird walk learn about the miracle of migration!

Don't Hate, Pollinate!

2nd-5th / May-Oct / 0.5 mile hike

The relationship between plants and pollinators supports life on Earth! Go on a bug hunt with us to learn about NYC's pollinators & how we can help them.

Adapt to Survive

3rd-6th / Year-round / 0.5 mile hike

Why do roses have thorns? Why do ducks have webbed feet? Discover these answers and more in this adaptation-focused lesson.

Farm Tour

3rd - 8th / May-Nov / Outdoors only

Tour the historic Gericke Farm and learn what it takes to grow food!

Navigating Naturalists

3rd-8th / March-Nov / 1 mile hike

Hunt for treasure and learn to navigate our trails using various types of tools.

Eco-Heroes

3rd-8th / Year-round / 0.5 mile hike

Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Learn what happens to your waste and how to keep NYC and its forests clean. Includes a volunteer trash clean-up component.

Oh, Deer!

6th-12th / Year-round / 1 mile hike

Discover human impacts to our forests through the lens of deer overpopulation. Includes a volunteer invasive species removal component.

Brick by Brick

6th-12th / Year-round / 1 mile hike

Discover the exciting history of Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve.

Pond Investigators

6th-12th / April-Oct / 1 mile hike

Become a community scientist! Conduct a field study to test the health of our ponds including sampling for macroinvertebrates!

Poetry for the Planet

7th-12th / Year-round / 1 mile hike

Connect with nature through poetry! Learn and use common techniques of nature poetry.

Art in the Park

All ages / Year-round / 1 mile hike

Connect with nature through sketching and painting out on the trails.

Maple Syrup Science

All ages / Jan-Feb / 0.5 mile hike

Learn how we make maple syrup, from tap to table, and help us make some of our own!

Note: Matching NYS Standards
are available upon request.