

Summer 2010

AFFORDABLE THINGS TO DO ON LONG ISLAND
ADMISSION FEES: \$6 AND UNDER!

CLASC, Inc.
The Children's Librarians
Association of Suffolk County

ALL LOCATIONS

Home Depot – Kids Workshop

Any Home Depot location

Hours: First Saturday of each month between 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

<http://tinyurl.com/kstuoz>

Fee: Free

Kids Workshop is an award winning program that has been offered at The Home Depot stores since 1997. The workshops are free, how-to clinics designed for children ages 5-12, available on the first Saturday of each month between 9am and 12 noon at all The Home Depot stores. Children accompanied by an adult, use their skills to create objects that can be used in and around their homes or communities.

Lowes Free Build and Grow Clinics

Free Build and Grow Clinics

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

Hours: Sign up for individual Build and Grow Clinics through the Lowes website.

Fee: Free

Build on your kid's talent with regularly scheduled clinics designed just for children. Build and Grow Clinics will teach your kids how to safely complete a variety of projects.

Michael's Craft Store

Any Michael's Location

Free Demos & Events

http://www.michaels.com/art/online/static?page=store_events

Hours: Various (Check the website)

Fee: Many are free, some require a purchase (Check the website)

Various projects and demos for families - many of them are free of charge. There are some that require a craft supply purchase. These are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please check the online calendar for more information.

BROOKHAVEN

Brookhaven Amphitheater Arts Cultural Center at Bald Hill (Family Movie Nights)

1 Bicycle Path

Farmingville, NY 11738

631-732-4011

<http://brookhavenamphitheatre.com/>

Hours: Each Wednesday during July & August at 7:00pm

Fee: \$5 per carload

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax on the great lawn for a family movie on the huge screen. Call or visit the website for movie details.

Long Island Live Steamers

3 Smith Court
Stony Brook, NY 11790
631-345-0499

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

Hours: 2nd and last Sunday's of each month from the middle of May until the end of October from 10:30 – 3:00pm.

Fee: Small donation 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

Building 400C
Upton, NY 11973
631-344-2651

http://www.bnl.gov/community/summer_sunday.asp

Hours: Gates open 10:00am – 3:00pm

Fee: Free

For several weeks this summer, the Laboratory welcomes members of the public to its site. The lab plans days that include visits to their facilities, opportunities to speak with researchers, special activities for adults and children and much more. No reservations are needed and it's recommended for ages 1 and over. Visitors over the age of 16 must bring a photo ID. Check the website for descriptions of the featured topics.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

1660 Route 25A
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
516-692-6768

www.cshfha.org

Hours: Open daily 10:00 – 5:00pm

Fee: \$6 Adults / \$4 Ages 3-12 & over 65 / Free under 3.

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 Whaling Museum

Main Street PO Box 25
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
631-367-3418

www.cshwhalingmuseum.org

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday 11:00 – 5:00pm (open summer Mondays)

Fee: \$6 Adults / \$5 Students ages 5-18 / \$19 per family / Children under 5 & Military members are free. **Sundays 11am – 12pm is "pay what you wish"***

Features 19th century whaleboat, whaling history exhibits, scrimshaw collection, whale conservation exhibits, Family Activity Center, films, special events and changing exhibits.

COMMACK

Verizon Telecom Pioneer Museum

445 Commack Road
Commack, NY 11725
631-543-1371

Hours: 1:00 – 4:00pm 1st Sunday of the month (except holidays)

Fee: Free, donations appreciated.

This volunteer-run museum has re-creation of Alexander Graham Bell's workshop, wire used in first telephone transmission, models of early phones, photos, animated figures, and library.

EAST ISLIP

South Shore Nature Center

50 Irish Lane
East Islip, NY 11730
631-227-5436

http://www.estuary.cog.ny.us/access_guide/site49.html

Hours: The property is open 9 am to 5 pm every day from April through October. During the other months, it is closed on weekends.

Fee: \$2 Residents; \$4 Non-Residents

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

GREENPORT

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

<http://www.greenportvillage.com/mitchellpark.html>

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, railroad museum, and more. See below for more information...

1920's Antique Carousel

Mitchell Park

Winter Hours: Saturday & Sunday 11:00am – 6:00pm

Summer Hours: Open daily 10:00am – 9:00pm starting the 3rd week in June

Fee: \$2 Adults & Children over 3; Under 3 are free, but must be accompanied by 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

On the dock, west of Claudio's

631-477-2100

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

Hours: June – Mid-September, Saturday & Sunday 11:00am – 5:00pm

Fee: \$2

This is a replica of a working blacksmith shop.

East End Seaport Museum & Marine Foundation

3rd Street, in the former railroad station

631-477-2100

<http://www.eastendseaport.org>

Hours: Mid-may – June Weekends 11am – 5pm; July & August Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11am – 5pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:30am – 5pm; September weekends 11am – 5pm.

Fee: \$2

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.

Ice Skating Rink

Mitchell Park

631-477-2200 ext. 2

<http://www.greenportvillage.com/schedule.html>

Hours: Refer to the website for exact times

Fee: \$5 Adults; \$3 Children under 18 Weekdays. It is more expensive on the weekends; please refer to the website for more details.

Railroad Museum of Long Island (Greenport)

4th Street at the Tracks

631-477-0439

http://www.rmlt.us/RMLI/Greenport_Site.html

Hours: Open Saturdays & Sundays 11:00am – 4:00pm – Memorial Day – Columbus Day Weekends

Fee: \$5 Adults (13+); \$3 children 5 – 12 yrs; Under 5 is Free

1890 LIRR freight station has photos, displays, uniforms, operating control tower and a railroad model of Greenport; outside is a 1907 snowplow "Jaws" and a 1925 wooden caboose. There is also a gift shop.

HOLTSVILLE

Holtsville Ecology Center & Animal Preserve

249 Buckley Road

Holtsville, NY 11742

631-758-9664

<http://www.brookhaven.org/ThingsToDoInYourTown/EcologyCenterAnimalPreserve/tabid/241/Default.aspx>

Hours: Monday – Sunday 9:00 – 4:00pm

Fee: Free

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

HUNTINGTON STATION

Walt Whitman Birthplace

246 Old Walt Whitman Road

Dix Hills, NY 11746

631-427-5240

www.waltwhitman.org

Hours: June 15th – Labor Day Monday – Friday 11:00 – 4:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 12:00 – 5:00
Closed major holidays. Winter Hours: Wednesday – Friday 1:00 – 4:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 11:00 – 4:00pm. Closed major holidays.

Fee: \$5 Adults / \$4 Students & Seniors / Children under 5 and 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 11760

631-853-2727

<http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/departments/parks/Lakeland%20County%20Park.aspx>

Hours: Office/Restrooms open Memorial Day – Labor Day.

Fee: Free

Includes a nature trail boardwalk over the headwaters of the Connetquot River, picnic area with gazebo, boardwalks, shuffleboard, basketball courts and fishing.

ISLIP

Seatuck Environmental Center

550 South Bay Avenue

Islip, NY 11751

631-581-6908

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

Hours: Park & Trails – Wed. – Sun. 7:00am – 7:30pm; Nature Center & Gift Shop – Wed. – Sun. - 10:00am – 4:30pm; Closed Monday & Tuesday (Please check the website for changes)

Programs Fee: \$6 Non-Members; \$4 Members (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 pre-school children, students, adults, and families. Browse upcoming education programs from their event calendar online.

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 Saturday & Sunday 1:00pm – 4:00pm July 4 – October.

Fee: Free, donations appreciated

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

MIDDLE ISLAND

The Longwood Planetarium

35 Yaphank Middle Island Road

Middle Island, NY 11953

631-345-2741

<http://www.longwood.k12.ny.us/showtime.html>

Hours: Call for individual show times.

Fee: \$4 Adults / \$2 Students & Senior Citizens / \$6 per Family.

Located in the Longwood Middle School in Middle Island, NY, the planetarium offers high quality presentations on a variety of scientific and non scientific topics. Several programs are offered in non-English languages.

PORT JEFFERSON

Children's Maritime Museum

Waterfront, Adjacent to the Port Jefferson Village Community Center

631-331-3277

<http://www.childrensmaritimuseum.org/calendar.html>

Hours: Saturdays 3:00 – 5:00pm & Sundays 1:00 – 5:00pm

Fee: \$5 Child, No Charge for Adults

Family Fun at CMM - Come explore and learn about Long Island: A Working Waterfront. Children can visit various centers, such as "Engineer a Water Wheel", "Operate a Water taxi", "Design a Dock", "Open a Store", "Load Cargo", "Bail a Boat", and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Also, make sure to check out the website for a \$1.00 off admission coupon.

QUOGUE

Quogue Wildlife Refuge

3 Old Country Road

Quogue, NY 11959

631-653-4771

<http://www.quoguewildliferefuge.com>

Hours: Refuge Trails & Distressed Wildlife Complex are open every day from sunrise to sunset. Nature Center Building is open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 11:00am – 4:00pm.

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, wetlands, a field and a tidal sanctuary. 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 exhibits, turtles, snakes, a touch table and children's room.

RIDGE

Brookhaven's Volunteer Firefighters Museum

Fireman's Memorial Park

Route 25

Ridge, NY 11961

631-924-8114

<http://www.brookhavenfiremuseum.org>

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00am – 3:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Saturdays only November 1 – May 1.

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

11 West Main Street

Riverhead, NY 11901

631-208-8000

www.lisciencecenter.org

Hours: Winters Open Sunday 11:00am – 4:00pm. Vacation weeks, please call for availability.

July 6th – August 23rd open Wednesday – Sunday 11:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: \$2 Adults / \$5 Children

Hands-on science and technology museum with interactive exhibits of bubbles, magnets, structural engineering, archeology, bats; view mounted butterflies, Wireless Society exhibition about the history of wireless communication.

Railroad Museum of Long Island

416 Griffing Avenue

Riverhead, NY 11901

631-727-7920

http://www.rml.us/RMLI/Riverhead_Site.html

Hours: 10:00am – 4:00pm Saturdays, Mid-April - December

Fee: \$5 Adults (13+); \$3 children 5 – 12 yrs; Under 5 is Free
Retired railroad equipment on display outside: 3 steam locomotives, 2 LIRR diesel locomotives, the first LIRR all-aluminum double-decker passenger car, baggage cars, cars used in the LIRR steam-to-diesel conversion ceremony in 1955, and 2 retired M-1 cars. Ride the 1964-65 World's Fair mini train. Limited handicapped access on cars. Indoor museum features photos, railroad memorabilia, gift shop, and 16x8 O gauge model train layout.

RONKONKOMA

Wrong Island Railroad

679 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
631-467-1222

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

Hours: Noon – 5:00pm Saturday & Sunday (Thanksgiving – Last Sunday in January)

Fee: \$5; Younger than 12 is \$4

Toy train museum featuring interactive toy train display with Lionel trains running through the city, mountains, farmland, and forests; buttons activate animated scenes along the route.

SAG HARBOR

Sag Harbor Fire Department Museum

46 Church Street
Sag Harbor, NY 11963
631-725-0779

<http://www.sagharborfd.com/museum.htm>

Hours: Open daily (except Wednesdays) 11am. - 4pm July 4-Labor Day and during village's Harborfest Weekend in Sept. Tours by appointment.

Fee: \$1 Adults; Children \$0.50 cents. Under 10 is Free

On display: equipment dating to the 19th century, a Model T fire chief's truck and a mural depicting major fires in Sag Harbor. Collection of Code 3 fire trucks.

SAYVILLE

Long Island Maritime Museum

86 West Avenue
West Sayville, NY 11796
631-447-8679

<http://www.limaritime.org>

Hours: Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12pm – 4pm

Fee: \$4 Adults; \$2 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.

SETAUKET

Benner's Farm

56 Gnarled Hollow Road
East Setauket, NY 11733
631-689-8172

<http://www.bennersfarm.com>

Hours: Saturdays & Sundays, April, May & October 12pm– 4pm

Fee: \$6 Adults; \$5 Children, plus tax (includes food for animals)

Visit with the animals, walk through the nature trails, and enjoy the world famous swing in the woods! Each admission includes give a cup of feed for the animals.

SMITHTOWN

Sweetbriar Nature Center

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

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

Hours: Office: Open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday; 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Preserve: Open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm everyday. Vivarium: Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm daily (In Season).

Fee: Free, donations accepted; butterfly house \$3, Seniors and Children \$2.

Includes 54 acres, hiking with views of Nissequogue River; butterfly house. Mock rain forest. Long Island Greenbelt Trail runs through the preserve. Wildlife rehabilitation with eagles, hawks, and owls.

SOUTHAMPTON

Parrish Art Museum

25 Jobs Lane
Southampton, NY 11968
631-283-2118

<http://www.parrishart.org>

Summer Hours: Open 7 days a week from June 1 – September 13. Monday – Saturday 11am – 5pm & Sunday 1pm – 5pm.

Winter Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11am – 5pm & Sundays 1pm – 5pm. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the winter.

Fee: \$5 Adults / \$3 Seniors; Children under 18 are free

Focusing on American art from the nineteenth century to the present, with a particular focus on Long island's East End. Check the website for Family Fun Days and Festivals held throughout the year.

Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum

100 Montauk Highway & Westgate Road
Shinnecock Reservation
Southampton, NY 11969

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

Hours: Open Friday – Sunday 11:00am – 4:00pm

Fee: \$5 Adults; \$3 Seniors and ages 5 – 12, Children under 5 are free

Museum houses 10,000 years of Shinnecock history that features “A Walk With the People”, containing murals and sculpted totems, a replica of a wigwam, a centuries-old birch-bark canoe, mounted animals, implements, jewelry, beadwork, weavings and photos of ancestors and elders. There is also a museum shop.

STONY BROOK

Stony Brook Grist Mill

Harbor Road off Main Street

Stony Brook, NY 11790

631-751-2244

<http://www.wmho.org/WMHOGristMill.asp>

Hours: May through October, Saturdays & Sundays 12pm – 4:30pm

Fee: \$2 Adults; \$1 Children

Long Island's most completely 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.

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 9:00am – 3:00pm

Fee: Free, but you must sign-in at 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

<http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/police/historicalsociety.htm>

Hours: Open daily 10:00am – 4:00pm

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. There is even a real police motorcycle that youngsters (and oldsters too!) can climb aboard wearing a police jacket and helmet to get the "feel" of what it's like to be a motorcycle police officer or even get their picture taken while red lights are flashing or the siren is wailing!

Helpful Quick Links to Fun

Find Free Fun @ Your local Library

<http://www.suffolkweb.org/index.php/page/5.html>

Suffolk County Community Pools

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

Parks, Beaches & Playgrounds by Town:

Babylon (Parks & Beaches): <http://www.townofbabylon.com/guidelist.cfm>

Brookhaven (Beaches & Pools):

<http://www.brookhaven.org/ThingsToDoInYourTown/ThingsToDoInYourTown/BeachesandPools/tabid/240/Default.aspx>

Brookhaven (Parks & Playgrounds):

<http://www.brookhaven.org/ThingsToDoInYourTown/ParksPlaygrounds/tabid/250/Default.aspx>

Islip (Parks & Pools):

<http://www.townofislip-ny.gov/departments/parks-recreation-and-cultural-affairs#pools>

Riverhead (Parks): <http://www.riverheadli.com/parks-recreation.html>

Smithtown (Parks):

<http://www.smithtowninfo.com/ParksDepartment/templateproc.cfm?PageID=107>

Southold (Parks & Beaches): http://southoldtown.northfork.net/Parks_Beaches.htm



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