

# Summer 2018

## AFFORDABLE THINGS TO DO ON LONG ISLAND ADMISSION FEES: \$10 AND UNDER!

### \*ALL LOCATIONS\*

#### **Home Depot – Kids Workshop**

Any Home Depot location

**Hours:** First Saturday of each month between 9am – 12pm.

<http://workshops.homedepot.com/workshops/kids-workshops>

**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.

#### **Michael's Craft Store Kids Club**

Any Michael's Location

<http://www.michaels.com/classes-and-events/classesandevents>

**Hours:** Saturday mornings, half-hour sessions from 10am – 12pm.

**Fee:** \$2 per child

Let your kids explore their creativity while you shop. Classes are for children ages 3 and up.

#### **Long Island Live Steamers**

Southaven Park

Brookhaven, NY 11719

631-345-0499

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

**Hours:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Sunday of each month from the middle of May until the end of October from 10:30am – 3pm.

**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

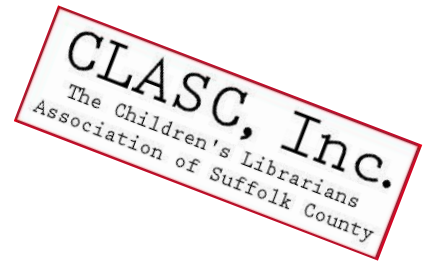
631-344-2651

[http://www.bnl.gov/community/summer\\_sunday.asp](http://www.bnl.gov/community/summer_sunday.asp)

**Hours:** Gates open 10am – 3pm.

**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; however, all activities are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Activities are recommended for ages 1 and up. Visitors over the age of 16 must bring a photo ID. Check the website for descriptions of the featured topics.



## **\*BAY SHORE\***

### **Fire Island Lighthouse**

Robert Moses Causeway  
Bay Shore, NY 11706  
631-661-4876

[www.fireislandlighthouse.com](http://www.fireislandlighthouse.com)

**Hours:** July 1 to Labor Day 9:30am – 6pm. Tower closes one hour before closing.

**Fee:** \$7 Adults / \$4 Seniors (65 and older) / \$4 Child (12 and under) / \$4 Military (Active Duty with ID) / \$2 Members

Experience Fire Island's natural beauty and Maritime History. Explore the nature trails, the bay and ocean that surround the lighthouse.

## **\*BETHPAGE\***

### **Batter Up Bethpage Mini Golf**

130 Hicksville Road  
Bethpage, NY 11714  
516-731-2020

<http://batterupli.com/>

**Hours:** Monday – Friday 12pm – 7pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am – 7pm

**Fee:** \$7.50 per person for all ages

This beautiful 18 hole miniature golf course can be enjoyed day or night.

## **\*CALVERTON\***

### **Grumman Memorial Park**

New York 25  
Calverton, NY 11933  
631-727-3200

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

**Hours:** Daily 9am – 5pm

**Fee:** Free

Grumman Memorial Park celebrates the many years that the Grumman Corporation (now the Northrop Grumman Corporation) had a Long Island presence. See actual planes like the F-14A Tomcat and the A-6E Intruder, all for free.

## **\*CENTEREACH\***

### **Nature Explorium @ The Middle Country Library**

101 Eastwood Blvd.  
Centereach, NY 11720  
631-585-9393 x559

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

**Hours:** See website or call for the most current hours.

**Fee:** Free

An outdoor learning space for children and families. Whether they're reflecting on a poem under a willow tree, climbing on a tree stump, or expressing artistic talent through song and dance on the Play It stage, children will discover the gift of nature.

### **\*COLD SPRING HARBOR\***

#### **Cold Spring Harbor Fire House Museum**

84a Main Street

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

631-367-0400

<http://www.cshfirehousemuseum.org/cshfirehousemuseum.org/Welcome.html>

**Hours:** Saturday/Sunday 12-5 pm (April-December)

**Fee:** \$2 Adults / Children are free

Features the Department's very first piece of fighting equipment, one of two hundred Ford Model TT Chemical Trucks built in the 1920's, a 1919 Ford Model TT Delivery Truck, original ledgers dating back to 1852 within which the history of the Department, its members and of fires fought have been hand recorded, fire hats, articles of clothing and gear worn by members of the Department over 160 years ago, and more.

#### **Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium**

1660 Route 25A

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

516-692-6768

[www.cshfha.org](http://www.cshfha.org)

**Hours:** Open daily 10am – 5pm (June – August open Saturday & Sunday 10am - 6pm)

**Fee:** \$6 Adults / \$4 Ages 3-12 & over 65 / Free under 2.

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](http://www.cshwhalingmuseum.org)

**Hours:** Summer: Daily 11am – 5pm Memorial Day - Labor Day; Open until 7 pm on Wednesdays from July-August.

**Fee:** \$6 Adults / \$5 Seniors (62+) & Kids ages 4-18/Children under 3 are free admission; if participating in an event, \$5. Members & Active Military with I.D. are free. Welcome Wednesdays pay-as-you-wish admission on first Wednesdays in Spring, Fall and Winter from 12-4 pm & every Wednesday from 5-7 pm in July and August. Features 19th century whaleboat, whaling history exhibits, scrimshaw collection, whale conservation exhibits, Family Activity Center, films, special events and changing exhibits.

### **\*COMMACK\***

#### **Lazerland of Long Island**

54A Motor Parkway

Commack, NY 11725

631-542-2215

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

**Hours:** Please call ahead for open play hours, they change daily.

**Fee:** \$9 per game, per person

Visit this 5,500 square foot multi-level laser tag facility. All players welcome from novice to expert.

### **\*CORAM\***

#### **Wood Kingdom**

544 Middle Country Road

Coram, NY 11727

631-698-0212

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

**Hours:** Daytime/Playtime 10:30 am-5 pm Monday-Friday

**Fee:** \$10 per child

Includes open play on various playground sets and sheds and has sold playground equipment and sheds for over 30 years.

### **\*EAST ISLIP\***

#### **South Shore Nature Center**

130 Bayview Avenue

East Islip, NY 11730

631-224-5436

<http://www.theislips.com/southshorenaturecenter.php>

**Hours:** The property is open 9am to 5pm every day from April through October. Call for hours for winter months.

**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.

### **\*EAST MARION\***

#### **Lavender by the Bay**

7540 Main Road

East Marion, NY 11939

631-477-1019

<https://lavenderbythebay.com/>

**Hours:** Open 7 days a week June through September 9am – 5pm. Fields close at 4:30pm.

**Fee:** \$5 field entry fee during the blooms for ages 12 and up.

New York's premier lavender farm and one of the largest in the USA. A family run farm, we have been growing the highest quality lavender on Long Island for over fifteen years.

### **\*FLANDERS\***

#### **The Big Duck**

1012 Flanders Road

Flanders, NY 11901

631-852-3377

[www.bigduck.org](http://www.bigduck.org)

**Hours:** Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturdays 10am – 3pm, Sundays 10am – 5pm

**Fee:** Free

The Big Duck, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, overlooks Reeves Bay in Flanders.

## **\*GREENPORT\***

### **Mitchell Park**

115 Front Street

Greenport, NY 11944

631-477-2200

<http://www.greenportvillage.com/mitchell-park-2/>

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.

### **1920's Antique Carousel**

Mitchell Park

631-477-2200

<http://www.greenportvillage.com/antique-carousel/>

**Summer Hours:** Open daily 10am – 9pm school closing through Labor Day weekend.

**Fee:** \$2 Adults & Children 4 and over; under 4 are free, but must be with 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

<https://www.eastendseaport.org/village-blacksmith-shop/>

**Hours:** June – September, Saturday & Sunday 11am – 5pm

**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.greenportvillage.com/east-end-seaport-museum/>

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

**Hours:** Memorial Day – June 30 open weekends 11am – 5pm; July through Labor Day open daily from 11am – 5pm; closed Tuesday.

**Fee:** Voluntary donation

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/mitchell-park-ice-skating-rink/>

**Hours:** Hours of operation are weather permitting.

**Fee:** \$5 Adults; \$3 Children under 18 Weekdays. Family Night Fridays from 5pm – 7pm, \$7 includes rentals. It is more expensive on the weekends; please refer to the website for more details.

### **Railroad Museum of Long Island**

4<sup>th</sup> Street at the tracks

Greenport, NY 11944

631-477-0439

[http://www.rmli.org/RMLI/Greenport\\_Site.html](http://www.rmli.org/RMLI/Greenport_Site.html)

**Hours:** Open Saturdays beginning May 26th at 11 am

**Fee:** \$10 Adults / \$5 Children 5-12 / Children under 5 are free

The RMLI established itself at Greenport in the historic 1892 freight house of the Long Island Rail Road. The approximately 3.4 acres that make up “the yard”, including the passenger station, railroad dock, turntable and the museum, appear on the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places.

### **\*HOLTSVILLE\***

Holtsville Ecology Center & Animal Preserve

249 Buckley Road

Holtsville, NY 11742

631-758-9664

<https://www.brookhaven.org/Departments/Highway-Department/Wildlife-Ecology-Center>

**Hours:** Monday – Sunday open 9am– 4pm from May 27th - September 24th

**Fee:** Zoo & Ecology Center are free; \$5 parking fee per car/per day

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

Huntington Station, NY 11746

631-427-5240

[www.waltwhitman.org](http://www.waltwhitman.org)

**Hours:** June 15<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day open Monday – Friday 11am – 4pm, Saturday & Sunday 11am – 5pm. Closed major holidays.

**Fee:** \$6 Adults / \$4 Students / \$5 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.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Parks/OurParks/LakelandCountyPark.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 open Wednesday – Sunday from dawn to dusk. Building open Wednesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm; Sunday 12pm – 4pm.

**Programs Fee:** \$8 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 by appointment Saturday & Sunday from May – September

**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.

## **\*NORTHPORT\***

### **Northport Harbor Family Nights**

Main Street in Northport (Street is closed from Gunther's to Skippers)

<http://www.villageofnorthport.com/home/index.php/events>

**Hours:** Tuesday Evenings in July and August 6:30pm – 9:30pm

**Fee:** Free (No Vehicular Traffic Permitted)

Live music, outdoor dining, vendor sidewalk sales, antique cars and entertainment for children.

## **\*Patchogue\***

### **Alive After Five**

Main Street in Patchogue

<http://aliveafterfive.com/>

**Hours:** Thursdays June 28th, July 19th, August 2nd and August 16th from 5 pm - 9:30 pm. Rain date August 23rd

**Fee:** Free

A free summer street fair with six stages of live music and entertainment, more than 90 craft and retail vendors, 11 food trucks, children's activities and amusement, a Chinese auction and much more!

## **\*PECONIC\***

### **Catapano Dairy Farm**

33705 North Road

Peconic, NY 11958

631-765-8042

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

**Hours:** Open daily from 10am – 5pm from May through September

**Fee:** Free

Visit this family-run farm filled with baby goats, llamas and horses. Free to roam the grounds and pet the animals.

## **\*PORT JEFFERSON\***

### **Children's Maritime Museum**

Waterfront, Adjacent to the Port Jefferson Village Community Center

631-331-3277

<http://maritimeexplorium.org/>

**Hours:** Saturday & Sunday 1pm – 5pm; July - August open Wednesday - Sunday 1pm – 5pm

**Fee:** \$5 per person, No Charge for Children under 1

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.

## **\*QUOGUE\***

### **Quogue Wildlife Refuge**

3 Old Country Road

Quogue, NY 11959

631-653-4771

<http://quoguewildliferefuge.org/>

**Hours:** Refuge Trails & Distressed Wildlife Complex are open every day from sunrise to sunset.

Nature Center Building is open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 11am – 4pm.

**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  
725 Route 25 (Middle Country Road)  
Ridge, NY 11961  
631-924-8114

<http://www.brookhavenfiremuseum.org>

**Hours:** Call for hours. Closed Sundays. Closed on all holidays.

**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\***

### **Garden of Eve Fun Fields Play Area**

4558 Sound Avenue  
Riverhead, NY 11901  
631-722-8777

<https://gardenofefefarm.com/funfields/>

**Hours:** Open daily from April 1 - Thanksgiving

**Fee:** \$5 per person (adults and children)

Children can interact with chickens, ducks, turkeys, sheep, goats and sometimes a few new surprises! Free hayrides on weekends (weather permitting) 11 am - 4 pm Saturdays and Sundays. Climb the huge hay tower for a gorgeous view of the farm. There is a large children's play area with a wooden castle, a giant spider web, a pedal kart track for all ages, a tube slide, hop dots, a sandbox, and more! Stop by the organic market for snacks or take-home groceries and other treats.

### **Railroad Museum of Long Island**

Griffing Avenue at the tracks  
Riverhead, NY 11901  
631-727-7920

[http://www.rmli.org/RMLI/Riverhead\\_Site.html](http://www.rmli.org/RMLI/Riverhead_Site.html)

**Hours:** Open Saturdays 10am - 4pm beginning April 7th

**Fee:** \$10 Adults / \$5 Children 5-12 / Children under 5 are free

Visitors are invited to "be interactive" with the museum. Ride the Long Island Railroad miniature park train from the 1964-65 New York World's Fair, climb inside a 1960's LIRR caboose, activate the fifty-seven accessories on the Historic Lionel Layout and watch scale model trains operate on two indoor train layouts and one outside garden railway.

## **\*ROCKY POINT\***

### **Long Island Science Center**

21 North Country Road  
Rocky Point, NY 11778  
631-208-8000

[www.lisciencecenter.org](http://www.lisciencecenter.org)

**Hours:** Saturdays, 9am-1pm

**Fee:** \$7 per person (Children under 2 are Free)

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.

## **\*SAG HARBOR\***

### **Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge**

2595 Noyak Rd.  
Sag Harbor, NY 11963  
631-286-0485

[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/elizabeth\\_a\\_morton/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/elizabeth_a_morton/)

**Hours:** Refuge hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

**Fee:** Per Vehicle \$4.00 - Pedestrian/bicycle \$2.00

The nature trail at Morton passes through upland areas and onto the beach. You can then follow the peninsula for almost 2 miles, travel an upland trail or visit a brackish pond (partial beach closure April 1st – August 31st). Saltwater fishing from shore is permitted (state regulations apply). Enjoy nature photography, wildlife observation, hiking, nature interpretation and environmental education. An information kiosk and restrooms are provided for visitor convenience.

### **SAG HARBOR WHALING AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

200 Main Street  
Sag Harbor, NY 11963  
631-725-0770

[www.sagharborwhalingmuseum.org](http://www.sagharborwhalingmuseum.org)

**Hours:** Open seasonally each April. Check website for current hours.

**Fee:** \$6 Adults / \$5 Seniors & Students / Children 11 and under \$2

A collection of historical objects related to the village's whaling history, as well as the presentation of contemporary exhibits and events that reflect the culture of the village today.

## **\*SAYVILLE\***

### **Long Island Maritime Museum**

88 West Avenue  
West Sayville, NY 11796  
631-854-4974

<http://www.limaritime.org>

**Hours:** Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm, Closed Wednesday, Sunday 12pm – 4pm.

**Fee:** \$8 Adults / \$6 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.

### **Sayville Falls Miniature Golf**

30 Hanson Place  
Sayville, NY 11782  
631-256-5632

<http://sayvillefallsminigolf.com/>

#### **Hours:**

**Fee:** \$9.95 Adults / \$8.95 Kids 6-12 / \$6.95 Children 5 and younger / \$6.95 Seniors

This 18 hole course features a hole in which you play through a double-sided waterfall and multiple holes that are surrounded by water, as well as an aquatic life viewing platform.

### **\*SELDEN\***

### **Jungle Bob's Reptile World**

984 Middle Country Road  
Selden, NY 11784  
631-737-6474

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

**Hours:** Monday-Saturday 11 am-8 pm/ Sunday 11 am-6 pm

**Fee:** Free

New York's biggest reptile only pet shop. A wide variety of reptiles on display such as turtles, frogs, snakes, lizards, salamanders, scorpions and more. Includes "The Outback," which is an outdoor educational nature center for all ages.

### **\*SMITHTOWN\***

### **Sweetbriar Nature Center**

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

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

**Hours:** Nature Center: Open 9am - 4pm daily. Preserve: Open 9 am - 4:30 pm daily. Vivarium: Open 10am - 4pm daily (Second week of June-September, weather dependent).

**Fee:** Free, donations accepted; butterfly house \$5, Seniors and Children under 12, \$3.

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

### **St. James Summer Nights**

Lake Avenue  
St. James, NY 11780

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamessummernights/>

**Hours:** Wednesday evenings, June 27th, July 11th, July 25th, August 8th and August 22nd, from 5-9 pm

**Fee:** Free

Five separate nights of music, food and children's activities as well as other family entertainment. During the event, all guests will be offered a fine selection of food and desserts from several local restaurants and vendors.

### **Summer Outdoor Movie Nights**

Deepwells Farm  
2 Taylor Lane  
St. James, NY 11780  
631-584-8510

<http://stjameschamber.org/> (go to upcoming events July and August)

**Hours:** Tuesdays, July 17th and August 14th 2018 at 7:45 pm. Rain dates: Tuesday, July 24th and Tuesday, August 21st 2018.

**Fee:** Free

Enjoy family friendly movies on the great lawn at Deepwells Farm County Park on the giant screen at dark. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. "Coco" will be screened in July and "A Wrinkle in Time" in August.

### **\*SOUTHAMPTON\***

#### **Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum**

100 Montauk Highway  
Shinnecock Reservation  
Southampton, NY 11968  
631-287-4923

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

**Hours:** Open Thursday – Sunday 11am – 5pm (March-December)

**Fee:** \$8 Adults / \$5.50 Seniors (55 & up) or Students (with ID) / \$4.75 children 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\***

#### **Avalon Park & Preserve**

200 Harbor Road  
Stony Brook, NY 11790  
631-689-0619

<http://www.avalonparkandpreserve.org>

**Hours:** The park is open 365 days a year from dawn until dusk

**Fee:** Free

Avalon is a re-creation of the natural environment that greeted the first indigenous people to settle New York State. Its five distinct natural habitats populated entirely by native flora hold the story of our past, and quite possibly, the seeds of our future.

#### **The Carriage Museum - The Long Island Museum**

1200 Route 25A  
Stony Brook, NY 11790  
631-751-0066

<https://longislandmuseum.org/exhibitions/the-carriage-museum/>

**Hours:** Thurs. - Sat. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. from 12 pm - 5 pm

**Fee:** \$10 per person, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students ages 6-17. Children under 6 and museum members are free

The Long Island Museum is dedicated to inspiring people of all ages with an understanding and enjoyment of American art, history and carriages as expressed through the heritage of Long Island and its diverse communities.

### **Stony Brook Grist Mill**

100 Harbor Road

Stony Brook, NY 11790

631-751-2244

<http://www.stonybrookvillage.com/what-to-do-attractions/stony-brook-grist-mill-circa-1751/>

**Hours:** Mid-April through Mid-October, Saturdays & Sundays 12pm – 4:30pm (weather permitting)

**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.

### **Stony Brook Village Events**

<http://www.stonybrookvillage.com/what-to-do-events/>

A list of family events in the village.

### **\*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 9am – 3pm

**Fee:** Free, but you must sign-in at the 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://apps.suffolkcountyny.gov/police/historicalsociety.htm>

**Hours:** Open daily 8:30 am - 4 pm

**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.

## **Helpful Quick Links to Fun**

*Listed below are some quick ways to find out what is going on in your area. Always remember that your local library is a great resource for events in your community. Click the link below to find out where your library is located, go for a visit and get a library card.*

### **Find Free Fun @ Your local Library**

<http://www.live-brary.com>

*Ask your local library if they have a **Museum Pass Program**...this allows your family to check out a pass that is used for free admission to many of the local museums.*

### **Geocaching**

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

A modern-day treasure hunt where players hide and seek cached containers using GPS-enabled devices like smartphones or GPS navigators. This site will get you started.

### **The Kindness Rocks Project**

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

Go for a hunt around your neighborhood and find rocks that others have decorated with an inspirational message and have hidden in the community. You can even decorate rocks of your own and hide them! Post what you find on social media with the hashtag #thekindnessrocksproject. You can also add this hashtag to the rocks you decorate. This is how you connect with others. Use this website for more information.

### **Letterboxing**

<http://www.letterboxing.org/kids/>

A fun outdoor activity that combines treasure hunting with rubber stamping.

### **Suffolk County Chambers of Commerce**

[http://www.longislandbrowser.com/community/chambers\\_of\\_commerce/](http://www.longislandbrowser.com/community/chambers_of_commerce/)

A listing of each town's Chamber of Commerce website to see the events going on near you!

### **Free Summer Concerts**

<http://longisland.about.com/od/artsentertainment/tp/Free-Summer-Concerts-On-Long-Island.htm>

The list of free summer concerts is updated every year...usually a week or two before the start date. Listed are both Suffolk & Nassau County locations. You usually have to bring your own blankets and chairs.

## **Parks, Beaches, Pools & Playgrounds**

### **General Info:**

#### **Suffolk County Community Pools**

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

#### **New York State Parks in Suffolk County**

<http://longisland.mommypoppins.com/kids/new-york-state-parks-in-suffolk-county>

## **By Town:**

### **Babylon (Parks & Playgrounds):**

<http://secure.townofbabylon.com/parksportal/ParksandPlaygrounds.html>

### **Brookhaven (Parks & Recreation):**

<http://www.brookhaven.org/Departments/Parks-Recreation>

### **Huntington (Parks & Recreation):**

<http://www.huntingtonny.gov/content/13749/13843/default.aspx>

### **Islip (Parks & Pools):**

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

### **Riverhead (Parks):**

<http://www.townofriverheadny.gov/pview.aspx?id=2485&catID=118>

### **Smithtown (Parks):**

<http://www.smithtownny.gov/Facilities.aspx>

### **Southold (Parks & Beaches):**

<http://www.southoldtownny.gov/index.aspx?NID=136>

## **Websites to find family friendly events in your area...**

### **Explore LI**

<http://www.newsday.com/lifestyle/family/events-for-kids-1.2989792>

This is a Newsday site that has a listing of events going on all over Long Island.

### **Life on Long Island**

<http://www.lifeonlongisland.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.display>

Another site that lists events going on all over Long Island.

### **Macaroni Kid Blog**

<http://national.macaronikid.com/>

Entertain, Stimulate, Exhaust! Those three words sum up our Macaroni Kids' mission. Each week they deliver the best in family events and activities in your local community. Check out the "Find Your Town" box and zero in on great local things to do this week with your family.

### **Mommy Poppins Blog**

<http://longisland.mommypoppins.com/>

Great site for family fun!



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