

Sandy Hook BioBlitz 2015!

NPS Interpretive Program Schedule

Public Programs for Friday, September 18th

Sunset Seining [6:00 pm – 7:30 pm]

Join naturalists at Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook Bay for a seining adventure where you'll discover the diverse wildlife inhabiting our coast. Participants are invited to help pull our 40 foot seine net through the bay, and experience the excitement of learning about the fish and other marine life caught. We recommend wearing clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet.

Plum Island Natural History Hike [6:00 pm – 7:30 pm]

Take a walk with a National Park Service (NPS) ranger around the marshes of Plum Island and learn about the native flora and fauna.

Sky-Watching for Families [9:00 pm – 11:00 pm]

Led by Marc Rogoff of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), this session introduces novice sky-watchers to the pleasures of looking up! You will learn tips, tricks, and stories of what you see, how best to see, and where to go to see the best the sky has to offer, with telescopes set up to look at the moon, planets and other celestial objects. Participants are encouraged to bring folding chairs, flashlights, binoculars, hot chocolate and to dress for the weather.

Public Programs for Saturday, September 19th

Family Seining Program [9:30 am – 11:00 am]

Join naturalists at Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook Bay for a seining adventure where you'll discover the diverse wildlife inhabiting our coast. Participants are invited to help pull our 40 foot seine net through the bay, and experience the excitement of learning about the fish and other marine life caught. We recommend wearing clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet.

Explore the Outer Edges of Sandy Hook on the Old Dune Trail [10:00 am - 11:30 am]

You'll learn about the barrier beach ecosystem of Sandy Hook which includes a maritime forest, dunes, and swale habitat.

Spermaceti Cove Holly Forest Walk [1:00 pm – 3:00 pm]

Check out the country's largest stand of virgin holly trees, with some estimated to be older than 200 years old. You'll learn how holly trees adapt to thrive in such a harsh environment.