



Jamaica Bay Visitor Programs

Summer 2009

June

Horseshoe Crabs at the Pier

Canarsie Pier Picnic Area

Friday, June 5

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join this discussion about horseshoe crabs. Find out what they are, why they're important, and learn about the annual state-wide survey of these ancient creatures.

Horseshoe Crabs and the Rose Moon

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, June 6

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

It's almost the Rose Moon and the tide is high – just the time for the romancing routine of the horseshoe crab. Join a park ranger for a walk to a prime horseshoe crab spot and then for a moon-walk back. Bring a flashlight and insect protection. Wear waterproof footwear. Reservations required.

High Time

for Horseshoe Crabs

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, June 7

10 a.m. – noon

It's peak time to see horseshoe crabs in the midst of their mating season. Join a park ranger on this walk to see these ancient and fascinating creatures. Wear waterproof footwear. Bring drinking water, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Plumb Beach Horseshoe Crabs and Laughing Gulls

Plumb Beach Round House

Saturday, June 13

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Horseshoe crabs, laughing gulls, and other birds gather on the beach to engage in a dance of reproduction



Photo by Don Riepe

The horseshoe crab is this summer's featured visitor to Jamaica Bay, with several programs on the lives of these fascinating marine creatures.

and sustenance. Naturalist Ron Bourque will guide you through the steps of this amazing ritual. Bring binoculars, drinking water, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Tour Tilden by Bike

Fort Tilden, Bldg. 1

Saturday, June 13

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Enjoy a bike ride through the maritime uplands and historic back fort of Fort Tilden. Bikes and helmets required. Reservations are also required.

Let's Go Fishing

Canarsie Pier Ranger Station

Saturday, June 13

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon fishing at the pier. Fishing rods will be provided or bring your own.

Seining for Marine Treasures

Floyd Bennett Field

Main Entrance Ranger Station

Sunday, June 14

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

With American Littoral Society naturalist Mickey Maxwell Cohen, haul a seine net to see the many marine organisms that reside in Jamaica Bay. Wear waterproof footwear. Bring binoculars, drinking water, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Beach Cleanup

Canarsie Pier

Ranger Station

Saturday, June 20

10 a.m. – noon

Volunteer to keep our beaches clean! Please join us to clear debris from the shoreline. Wear old shoes and bring gloves and bottled water.

NYC Audubon

Summer Bird Walk

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, June 20th

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Hike around the refuge during the breeding bird season with naturalist Don Riepe. Look for summer birds, wildflowers, reptiles, and butterflies. Bring binoculars, drinking water, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Solstice Wildflower Walk

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, June 21

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Wildflowers have their own stories to tell and we have stories to tell about them. On this longest day of the year, celebrate the growing season during an exploration of the park's botanical treasures. Bring insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

**Gateway NRA
Jamaica Bay Unit
Floyd Bennett Field
Building 69
Brooklyn, NY 11234
(718) 338 – 3338**

For Reservations:

Canarsie Pier
(718) 763 - 2202

Floyd Bennett Field
(718) 338 - 3799

Fort Tilden
(718) 318 - 4300

Jacob Riis Park
(718) 318 - 4300

**Jamaica Bay
Education Programs**
(718) 338 - 4306

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
(718) 318 - 4340

Plumb Beach
(718) 338 - 3799

**Research Learning Center
Jamaica Bay Institute**
(718) 338 - 3338 ext. 222

Visitor Program Office
(718) 318 - 4300

**For information on other
programs at Gateway:**

**Staten Island Unit,
New York**
(718) 354 - 4500

**Sandy Hook Unit,
New Jersey**
(732) 872 - 5970

www.nps.gov/gate

**Gateway NRA
Office of Communications
and Public Affairs**
(718) 354 - 4606

The National Park Service preserves and protects the special places set aside by the American people so that all might experience our heritage.

Bike Jamaica Bay

Plumb Beach Round House
Saturday June 27

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join a park ranger on this relaxing bike tour of Jamaica Bay. Explore sights and their history along the trek from Plumb Beach to Floyd Bennett Field. Wear comfortable clothing and bring drinking water.

Jet Rally

Floyd Bennett Field
Radio Controlled Flying Field

Saturday, June 27 and

Sunday, June 28

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Pennsylvania Ave Radio Control Society will show off their expert flying skills in this unique model jet aircraft air show.

North Channel

Beach Cleanup

North Channel Bridge – East Lot

Sunday, June 28

10 a.m. – noon

Sometimes a beach just needs a little care. Help us clean the shoreline of Jamaica Bay. Gloves and bags provided. Bring drinking water, sun and insect protection. Reservations required. Call (718) 318 – 4340.

July

Beach Campfire

Jacob Riis Park Bay 14

Friday, July 3

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

The July 4 weekend begins with a National Park Service tradition. Park rangers and volunteers talk about the treasures found at the park. A sing-along follows. Bring a chair or blanket. Reservations required.

Terrapin Tour

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, July 5

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join a morning or afternoon ranger tour of promising terrapin terrain. You might get to see these marvelous turtles come ashore from their brackish homes to nest and lay eggs. Bring binoculars, sun and insect protection. Reservations required.

Tour Tilden by Bike

Fort Tilden, Bldg. 1

Sunday, July 12

10 a.m. – noon

Enjoy a bike ride through the maritime uplands and historic back fort of Fort Tilden. Bikes and helmets required. Reservations required.

Kite Flying

Canarsie Pier

Ranger Station

Sunday, July 12

noon – 2 p.m.

Assemble, design and fly your very own kite! All supplies will be provided.

Night of the Moths

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Friday, July 17

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Discover these often overlooked and seldom seen inhabitants of the night with moth expert Steve Walter. After an introduction to the moths of Jamaica Bay, step outside into their world. Reservations required.

Surf Casting Clinic

Jacob Riis Park

Bathhouse Entry Pavilion

Saturday, July 18

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of surf fishing with the Gateway Striper Club during a morning of fun and fish. Afterwards continue fishing along Fort Tilden Beach. Bring a rod and reel if you have one. Reservations required.

Osprey Observation

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, July 18

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

You have two opportunities today to experience the excitement of observing an Osprey family with a park ranger, plus get a sense of the nature of the West Pond Trail. Bring binoculars, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Breezy Birds

Fort Tilden

Building 1

Sunday, July 19

8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Piping plovers, common terns, and black skimmers are raising their young on the beaches of Breezy Point. Come visit the beach bird families with naturalist Ron Bourque. Participants will carpool from Fort Tilden to program site. Bring binoculars, drinking water, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Afternoon Eco-Cruise

Riis Landing

Sunday, July 19

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$6.00 per person

Come aboard and join the National Park Service for this waterborne eco-tour and exploration of Jamaica Bay's natural wonders. Bring binoculars, insect and sunscreen protection. For more information call (718) 318-4340.

Sunset Eco-Cruise

Riis Landing

Thursday, July 23

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$6.00 per person

Discover the early evening beauty of one of New York City's natural treasures during this ranger-guided eco-tour of Jamaica Bay. Bring binoculars and insect protection. For more information call: (718) 318-4340.

NYC Audubon Summer Bird and Nature Walk

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, July 26

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

See shorebirds, dragonflies, butterflies and wildflowers and learn about the history and ecology of the refuge with naturalist Don Riepe. Bring binoculars, drinking water, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

August

In the Air, In a Tree and On the Ground – The Birds!

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, August 2

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

It's all about the birds for children four years and up, accompanied by an adult. Listen to a bird story, make a birdhouse, and take a bird-oriented nature walk. Bring binoculars, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Sunset Eco-Cruise

Riis Landing

Thursday August 6

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$6.00 per person

Discover the early evening beauty of New York City's natural treasure during this ranger-guided eco-tour of Jamaica Bay. Bring binoculars and insect protection. For more information call (718) 318-4340.

Warbird and Giant Scale

Model Aircraft

Floyd Bennett Field

Radio Control Flying Field

Saturday, August 8 and

Sunday, August 9

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

On Saturday see model replicas of warbirds perform aerial stunts and return on Sunday to enjoy the sights of giant scale models flying overhead.

Jamaica Bay

Shorebird Festival

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, August 9

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The National Park Service, American Littoral Society, and NYC Audubon present the 3rd annual shorebird festival at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Naturalists Kevin Karlson, Don Riepe, and Lloyd Spitalnik will lead walks and give indoor presentations on shorebirds that are sometimes difficult to identify but always entertaining to observe. Bring binoculars, waterproof footwear, drinking water, lunch, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Morning Walk with a Ranger

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, August 15

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Explore the nature of the refuge with a park ranger. Bring binoculars, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Shorebirds: 101

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, August 16

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Beginning birders are invited to learn the tips and tricks to identifying shorebirds. Wear waterproof footwear. Bring binoculars, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

Kite Flying

Canarsie Pier

Ranger Station

Sunday, August 16

noon – 2 p.m.

Assemble, design and fly your very own kite! All supplies will be provided.

Shorebirds Stopover

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, August 22

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

With naturalist Ron Bourque, take a look at migrant shorebirds and learn why Jamaica Bay is a hot spot for these long distance travelers. Wear waterproof footwear. Bring binoculars, drinking water, sun and insect protection. Reservations required.

Ft. Tilden

Backwoods and Beach

Building 1

Sunday, August 23

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

American Littoral Society naturalist Mickey Maxwell Cohen will guide you through hidden woods in search of birds, botany, and military history. Then walk along the beach as the tide recedes. Bring binoculars, drinking water, insect and sun protection. Reservations required.

The Scoop on Jamaica Bay Salt Marshes

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, August 29

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Beat the heat as National Park Service ecologist Patricia Rafferty gives you the scoop on Jamaica Bay's salt marshes. This is an indoor discussion. Reservations required.

Afternoon Eco-Cruise

Riis Landing

Sunday, August 30

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$6.00 per person

Come aboard and join the National Park Service for this ranger-guided eco-tour and exploration of the natural wonders of Jamaica Bay. Bring binoculars, insect and sunscreen protection. For more information call (718) 318-4340.

Beach Campfire

Jacob Riis Park

Bay 14

Friday, September 4

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Kick off the Labor Day weekend with a National Park Service tradition. Rangers will give talks on the natural and historic treasures found at the park, all in a beautiful beach setting. A sing-along will follow. Bring a chair or blanket. Reservations required.

Why do we ask for reservations?

The National Park Service asks for reservations on many programs for a variety of reasons. While we do our best to accommodate everyone, group size on some programs may be limited.

Additionally, some programs may be cancelled or changed due to issues beyond our control, such as severe weather. If a program is cancelled, we will make every effort to contact the people or groups that have made reservations. However, sometimes this is not possible. When planning to attend a park program, please call ahead.

Continuing Programs

Canarsie Concert Series

Canarsie Pier

Thursday Nights

July 9 – August 27

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Listen to the live sounds of jazz, R & B, pop, and old school music. And make sounds of your own on Open Mike Nights: July 16, August 6, and August 27; arrive 30 minutes early to register for open mike.

Flight of the NC – 4

Jacob Riis Park

Bathhouse Entry Pavilion

Saturday, June 6, July 11 August 1

Sunday, June 14, July 19, August 16

noon – 1 p.m.

Join a park ranger for a talk on the 90th Anniversary of the world's first transatlantic flight, a flight that took off from the Rockaway Naval Air Station, the present day site for Jacob Riis Park.

HARP

Floyd Bennett Field

Hangar B

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The volunteers from the Historic Aircraft Restoration Project will be available to give tours of the vintage aircraft they work so hard to restore.

Jacob Riis Park Tour

Jacob Riis Park

Bathhouse Entry Pavilion

Saturdays and Sundays

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join a park ranger on a walking tour of historic Jacob Riis Park.

Kayaking "Try – out"

Canarsie Pier

East Beach

Friday – Monday

July 10 – August 31

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

First timer paddlers can try kayaking on Jamaica Bay. Kayaks and life vests will be provided. Wear comfortable clothing. For ages 10 and up. Call (718)338 – 3799 for more information.

Introduction to Canoeing

Gateway Marina

(Across from Floyd Bennett Field)

Saturday, June 21, July 12, 26 and

August 2, 9, 30

10 a.m. – noon

No boating experience required. Participants should expect physical exertion. Bring water and sunscreen. There is a fee. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Individual Sailing Instruction Program

Gateway Marina

(Across from Floyd Bennett Field)

Thursdays, June 25 – August 27

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

This program will provide beginner and intermediate sailing instruction. There is a fee and space is limited. Make reservations after June 1st. Call (718) 338 – 3799.

Youth Group Camping

Floyd Bennett Field

Ecology Village

Mondays through Thursdays

July 6 – August 27

Kids camp overnight in tents, prepare meals outdoors, practice teamwork and explore nature in the urban outback of Floyd Bennett Field. Call (718) 338- 4306 for information on leader training, fees and scheduling.

Youth Group Sailing

Gateway Marina

(Across from Floyd Bennett Field)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays, July 6 – August 27

9 a.m. – noon

Youth groups develop an appreciation of local natural resources while learning the basics of sailing. Program accommodates 25 participants per day. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (718) 338 – 3799.

For updated program information, visit us at www.nps.gov/gate

Floyd Bennett Garden Association

FBGA offers community gardens and educational workshops to the public at Floyd Bennett Field. FBGA is a not-for-profit volunteer membership organization in partnership with the National Park Service. For more information call the FBGA at (718) 338-4255.

Eat the Weeds

Floyd Bennett Field
Community Garden Gazebo
Saturday, June 6
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Take a wild walk through the community gardens to identify and sample edible wildflowers and greens. Collect, prepare and dine on a colorful wild salad.

Container Gardening

Floyd Bennett Field
Community Garden Gazebo
Saturday, June 13
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

No yard or need more space? A great garden is still possible. Make the most of limited space. Learn to grow flowers, herbs, and vegetables in containers.

Native Plants

Floyd Bennett Field
Building 69 Conference Room
Saturday, June 27
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Native grasses and wildflowers bring beauty to the garden, while providing food and shelter for birds and pollinating insects. Learn about natural options for your garden.

Indoor Composting with Worms

Floyd Bennett Field
Community Garden Gazebo
Sunday, June 28
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Composting with worms is a great way to reduce the organic waste going to landfills while creating rich compost for your garden. Come learn the basics.

Extending your Season

Floyd Bennett Field
Community Garden Gazebo
Saturday, July 11
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

There is still plenty of time to grow when the tomatoes are done! Learn tips on how to extend your growing season with cold frames, row covers, and more.

Herbal Oils and Vinegars

Floyd Bennett Field
Building 69 Conference Room
Saturday, June 27
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Learn how to make gourmet vinegar and oils with fresh herbs from the garden. We will supply a jar and the ingredients. Space is limited; advance registration required. Call (718) 338-3799 or email: FBGAgardens@aol.com.



Native Blackberry

Rockaway Artists Alliance

Fort Tilden
Studio 6 and Studio 7
Saturdays and Sundays
noon – 4 p.m.

All exhibits are free of charge.
For more information call the RAA at (718) 474-0861 or visit www.rockawayartistsalliance.com.

Geometric

On view June 6 – June 28,
Saturdays noon. – 4 p.m.
Sundays 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Opening reception Sunday, June 7
from 1 – 3 p.m. in T-6.

Carol Rickey Solo Show

On view June 6 – June 21,
Saturdays noon – 4 p.m.
Sundays 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Opening reception Sunday, June 7
from 1 – 3 p.m. in T-6.

Music

Open Mic every Thurs night in T7.
7:45p.m. sign up.
Make Music NY live concert event:
June 21 at noon

Rockaway Theater Company

The Rockaway Theater Company presents a selection of musicals, comedies and dramas at Fort Tilden's historic Post Theater. For additional information, including audition dates or to purchase tickets call (718) 850-2450.

Oklahoma!

July 2, 3, 9, 10 11, 17 & 18
at 8 p.m.
Matinees – July 12, 19 at 2 p.m.

Come Back to the Five and Dime – Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean!

August 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29
at 8 p.m.

Matinees – August 16, 23 & 30
at 3 p.m.

Summer Ferry Service

Rockaway – Brooklyn – Manhattan
Fares \$6.00 each way.
Call (718) 474 – 0555 for more information.

Weekends and Holidays

Morning Service

Depart Pier 11 – Wall St., Manhattan
9:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m.

*Depart Brooklyn Army Terminal,
Bay Ridge*
9:40 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Arrive Riis Landing, Rockaway
10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Service

Depart Riis Landing, Rockaway
2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

*Arrive Brooklyn Army Terminal,
Bay Ridge*
3:20 p.m., 5:50 p.m.

Arrive Pier 11 – Wall St., Manhattan
3:45 p.m., 6:15 p.m.

Weekday Service

Morning Service

Depart Riis Landing, Rockaway
5:45 a.m., 7:45 a.m.

Depart Brooklyn Army Terminal
6:25 a.m., 8:25 a.m.

Arrive Pier 11 – Wall St., Manhattan
6:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m.

Afternoon Service

Depart Pier 11 – Wall St., Manhattan
3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Depart Brooklyn Army Terminal
3:50 a.m., 5:50 p.m.

Arrive Riis Landing, Rockaway
4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

Fireworks Cruise

Starting Friday, June 19
For 8 consecutive weeks
at 8:00 p.m.

\$15.00 per person

Weekly cruises depart from Riis Landing. Enjoy the evening beauty of New York City's national park and the excitement of the fireworks show from Coney Island. Return schedule depends on the length of the Brooklyn Cyclone games. No alcohol permitted. For more information call (718) 474 – 0555.

Afternoon Eco-Cruises

Riis Landing
Sunday, July 19
Sunday, August 30

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$6.00 per person

Join the National Park Service for this ranger-guided eco – tour exploration of the natural wonders of Jamaica Bay. Bring binoculars and sun protection. For more information call (718) 318 – 4340.

Sunset Eco-Cruise

Riis Landing
Thursday, July 23
Thursday, August 6

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$6.00 per person

Discover the early evening beauty of New York City's natural treasure during this ranger-guided eco – tour of Jamaica Bay. Bring binoculars. For information call (718) 318 – 4340.

Concessions

Gateway National Recreation Area's concessionaires offer a variety of recreational opportunities. For information call the concession that offers activities in your area.

Aviator Sports and Recreation

Floyd Bennett Field
Hangars 5 – 8
(718) 758 – 9800
Sports and athletic complex

Brooklyn Golf Center

(718) 253 – 6816
Driving range and lessons

Gateway Marina

Floyd Bennett Field
(718) 252 – 8761
Boating and boat docking facilities

Jacob Riis Park Golf Course

(718) 474 – 1623
18 hole par 3 pitch and putt golf course

Jamaica Bay Riding Academy

Bergen Beach
(718) 351 – 8949
Horseback riding and lessons

Riis Landing

Fort Tilden
(718) 318 – RIIS (7447)
Excursion cruises and ferry service



Getting To Jamaica Bay



Floyd Bennett Field

By Mass Transit: IRT #2 (also #5 at rush hours) subway to Flatbush Avenue. Transfer to Rockaway Park - bound Q-35 bus. Ask driver to let you off at the park entrance.

By Car: Belt parkway to Exit 11S; take Flatbush Avenue south to main entrance.

Fort Tilden and Jacob Riis Park

By Mass Transit: IRT #2 (also #5 at rush hours) subway to Flatbush Avenue. Transfer to Rockaway Park - bound Q-35 bus. Or take IND A subway to Rockaway Park, then transfer to Q-35 or Q-22 bus.

By Car: Belt parkway to Exit 11S; take Flatbush Avenue south across the Marine Parkway Bridge. Follow signs to either Fort Tilden or Jacob Riis Park. Or use the Cross Bay Bridge to Beach Channel Drive west.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

By Mass Transit: IND A subway to Broad Channel Station. Walk west on Noel Road to Cross Bay Boulevard. Turn right and walk about 3/4 of a mile to the Refuge Visitor Contact Station. Or take the Q-21 from Liberty Avenue (Queens) or 116th Street (Rockaway) to the Refuge entrance. Also, the Q-53 express bus from 61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Queens to the Refuge entrance.

By Car: Belt Parkway to Exit 17 S; take Cross Bay Boulevard south across the Congressman Joseph A. Addabbo (North Channel) Bridge. The Refuge entrance is approximately 1 1/2 miles past the bridge on the right. Or take the Cross Bay Bridge from Rockaway to Cross Bay Boulevard. Proceed north through Broad Channel. The Refuge entrance is approximately 1 1/2 miles from the bridge on the left.



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Gateway National Recreation Area
Office of Communications and Public Affairs
210 New York Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10305

Standard Mail
Postage and Fees
PAID
Interior
G-83

Visitor Programs Jamaica Bay Unit Summer 2009

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

Gateway National Recreation Area
Jamaica Bay Unit
New York

General Superintendent
Gateway National Recreation Area
Barry T. Sullivan

Acting Superintendent
Jamaica Bay Unit
Pete McCarthy

Acting Assistant Superintendent
Jamaica Bay Unit
Joseph Green

Chief of Interpretation
Jamaica Bay Unit
Kathy Krause

Program Guide Production
John Lincoln Hallowell

www.nps.gov/gate

United States Park Police
24 - Hour
Emergency Number:

(718) 338 - 3988



Jamaica Bay can provide a vacationer's paradise for the visitors to America's first urban national park, and there's no better time than summer to explore the bay. You can discover the many facets of Jamaica Bay by land or sea by joining one of the many programs offered by the park this summer; you're sure to find one to your liking.

Watch the sunset as you take a leisurely ferry ride around the bay, learn to paddle a kayak, or pilot a small sailboat. Join a ranger or volunteer for a hike along the park's beaches and trails, or read a good book on the beach. This year take your summer vacation in the national park in your own back yard...Gateway's Jamaica Bay!