



Staten Island Visitor Programs

Fall 2008

September

Battery Weed Open House

Fort Wadsworth Battery Weed
Saturday, September 6,
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore the lower casemates and cannon of Battery Weed while children play Civil War games on the lawn. (Parking at the ball field parking lot.)

Dragonfly Migration

Great Kills Park

Education Field Station

Sunday, September 7 at 1 p.m.

Join naturalist, Paul Lederer and a National Park Service ranger on a hike to view the migration of the monarch butterflies and dragonflies. Reservations required.

Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Wednesday, September 13
at 7 p.m.

Our most popular tour explores the historic sites of the fort by night. Bring a flashlight. Reservations required.

From Woods to Water

Greenbelt Nature Center

Sunday, September 14 at 10 a.m.

Join NYC Parks & Recreation Dept/Greenbelt Educator's, National Park Service rangers and Protector's of the Pine Oak Woods for this journey to Great Kills Park Blue Dot Trail. Moderate hiking terrain, three hours long. Bring water, a snack and appropriate footwear. The hike ends at Great Kills Park--please make arrangements for pickup at this location. Registration required. Call (718) 351-3450 for more details.

After-School Program

Huguenot Library,

Thursday, September 18 at 4 p.m.

Children ages 8-11 can explore the National Park Service portable discovery station to learn about native plants and animals.

Astronomy Night

Model Airplane Field

Saturday, September 20 at 7 p.m.

Join the Amateur Astronomer's Association for a tour of the evening sky. Telescopes will be available or you can bring your own. (Rain or cloudy skies will cancel.)

American Littoral Society Beach Clean Up

Fort Wadsworth Picnic Area

Saturday, September 20
at 10 a.m.

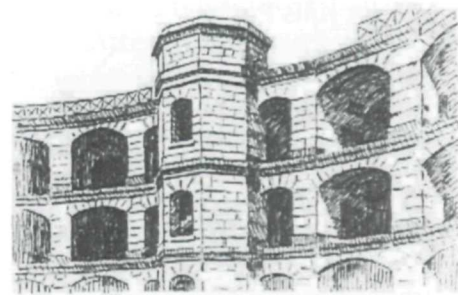
Meet at the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center parking lot for this annual international event. Bring water, gloves and sturdy shoes. Collection bags, directions, and forms will be supplied. Call for information. (Rain date: September 27 at 10 a.m.)

Celebrate the 15th National Public Lands Day

Great Kills Park Beach Center
Parking Lot G

Sunday, September 21
at 11 a.m.

Volunteer to clean up the beach and maritime dunes. Wear appropriate shoes and bring water. Call for information.



Drawing by Ruth Walker

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**Gateway NRA
Staten Island Unit
210 New York Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10305**

**Fort Wadsworth
(718) 354 – 4500**

The visitor center is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ranger-led tours of the fortifications are conducted Wednesday through Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

**Great Kills Park
(718) 987 – 6790**

The ranger station is open Friday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Miller Field
(718) 351– 6970**

The ranger station is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm.

Permits

Fishing and Bird Watching/Nature Study Parking permits are available for the 2008 season at Fort Wadsworth, Miller Field and Great Kills Park.

Boat Launch Permits are issued at Great Kills Park only.

For information on programs at other units of Gateway NRA contact:

Jamaica Bay Unit, New York
(718) 338 - 3338, extension 224

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

www.nps.gov/gate

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

Programs are subject to change due to weather or other concerns. Please call the park before attending.

October

International Beach Cleanup

**Great Kills Park Beach Center
Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m.**

This is the 23rd Annual International Coastal Beach Cleanup, locally sponsored by the American Littoral Society. Bring gloves and water. Meet at the Beach Center Parking Lot G. (Rain date: October 5th at 10 a.m.)

Astronomy Night

**Model Airplane Field
Saturday, October 4 at 6 p.m.**

Join the Amateur Astronomers Association for a tour of the evening sky. Telescopes will be available or you can bring your own. (Rain or cloudy skies will cancel)

**Photography Seminar
World War Veterans Park
at Miller Field Building 4
Sunday, October 5,
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

This seminar will aid the amateur photographer with helpful hints for expressing nature's bounties through still life photography. Rules and regulations will be discussed for the Seventh Annual Staten Island Unit Photography Contest. Reservations required.

The Buffalo Soldiers: African Americans in the Armed Forces

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor
Center
Saturday, October 11 at 1 p.m.**

How persons of African ancestry have defended the US throughout its history, built some of the first National Parks, and protected those early parks for future generations. Reservations required.

Quilling

**Fort Wadsworth
Mont Sec House
112 A Mont Sec Avenue**

**Saturday, October 15
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Learn a popular craft from the 18th and 19th century in historic Mont Sec House. Quilling or paper filigree as it was called is an age-old art that creates flowers and other designs from long, thin strips of paper. This program is best suited for adults.

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Autumn at Miller Field
Photographer Eleanor Gurrrieri

Afternoon at Mont Sec House

Fort Wadsworth
112 A Mont Sec Avenue
Saturday, October 11 and 25
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Tour the house and learn about the lifestyle of people living during the late nineteenth century. Reservations required.

After-School Program

Richmondtown Library
Tuesday, October 14 at 4 p.m.
Children ages 8-11 can explore the National Park Service portable discovery station to learn about native plants and animals.

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Campfire on the Beach

Miller Field Beach
Friday, October 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Join park rangers, guest storytellers and singers for a family-oriented Halloween evening around a roaring campfire. Bring a blanket or chair.

Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth

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Friday, October 31 at 7 p.m.
Our most popular tour explores the historic sites of the fort by night. Bring a flashlight. Reservations required.

Healthy Parks—Healthy Living Early Morning Walk

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Sunday, October 26 at 9 a.m.
Join a "Healthy Parks-Healthy Living" intern for a brisk, 2-mile morning walk around Fort Wadsworth. Along the route walkers will stop at sites of historical significance. Dress for the weather.

November

Astronomy Night

Great Kills Park
Saturday, November 1 at 6 p.m.
Join the Amateur Astronomers Association for a tour of the evening sky. Telescopes will be available or you can bring your own. (Rain or cloudy skies will cancel.)

General Wadsworth: Do-Gooder

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
Saturday, November 8 at 1 p.m.
To celebrate James S. Wadsworth's 201st birthday, the program will highlight his efforts to end slavery in the US, to effectively prepare Freedmen for self-sufficiency, to rescue victims of the Irish Potato Famine, and to combat anti-Irish bias in NY politics. Reservations required.

Women in the Civil War

Fort Wadsworth
Mont Sec House
112A Mont Sec Avenue
Sunday, November 16 at 1 p.m.
Join us for a presentation about the non traditional yet vital roles women played in the Civil War. Learn how these women were breaking through the gender barrier as early as 1861. Reservations required. (Parking is in Visitor Center parking lot)

Waterfowl Walk

Great Kills Park
Education Field Station
Sunday, November 16 at 1 p.m.
Come see and learn about the waterfowl that winter in Great Kills Harbor. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars.

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Seventh Annual Staten Island Unit Photography Contest

Photographs can only be submitted at World War Veterans Park at Miller Field or mailed to:

PHOTO CONTEST
National Park Service
210 New York Avenue
Staten Island NY 10305
Attention: Steve Salgo

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2008
Amateur photographers are invited to participate in our annual photography contest. Subject matter is limited to the cultural, natural, and recreational resources of Fort Wadsworth, Great Kills Park and World War Veterans Park at Miller Field. Images may include historic buildings, fortification and scenic landscapes, as well as plants, recreation and wildlife in the natural environment.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Print size requirements must be 8x10, 8x13 or 11x14.
2. Do not mount or frame the prints.
3. Photographer's name, contact information, location of the photo and title must be written on the back of each print.
4. No more than three photos submitted from each photographer.
5. All photographers will receive a receipt if dropped off at the Miller Field Visitor Center Wednesday-Sunday.

CATEGORIES:

1. Color
2. Black & White
3. Photo-shop Enhance
4. High School Students
5. Fourteen years and under

All photographs will be exhibited in Building 4 at World War Veterans Park at Miller Field, winter 2008. Call for information.



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(718) 338-3988

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



Environmentally friendly: our herd of goats clear the weeds at Fort Wadsworth.