

# West Meadow Beach

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

January – March 2012\*

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### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:



#### **Become a Junior Beach Ranger Ages 9-12**

This yearlong program, which meets once a month, will give participants the opportunity to discover West Meadow Beach in all seasons. Rangers will keep a nature diary, hike, explore the salt marsh, learn to read animal sign, solve nature mysteries, identify the plants and animals of West Meadow's varied habitats, and help with species monitoring programs. An official Ranger patch is earned at the end of each season completed.

**DATES:** January 14, February 11, March 10 10 am – 12 noon OR 1 – 3 pm

**SAVE THE DATES OF THESE IMPORTANT SPRING EVENTS!**



#### **Beach Cleanup – April 21, 1:00 pm (Rain Date April 22)**

In honor of Earth Day (4/22) and the upcoming beach season, why not come down to West Meadow and help clean up debris deposited by winter storms. This is a great community service activity, and scouts can satisfy badge requirements. (Latex gloves supplied. Work gloves, closed shoes recommended.)

#### **International Migratory Bird Day**

**Saturday, May 12th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

West Meadow Beach is a stopover destination for many species of beautiful and fascinating migratory birds. Come and celebrate the incredible journeys of our fine-feathered friends during this fun-filled, educational, family event. This year's theme is *Connecting People to Bird Conservation*.



**Bird Walks ~ Children's Crafts & Games ~ Displays ~ Live Bird Demonstrations**

## ***FAMILY PROGRAMS:***

### **Full Moon Hikes**

Enjoy a rare opportunity to hike down Trustees Road by moonlight. Participants will learn about the nocturnal animals that live at West Meadow Beach by searching for clues and solving riddles. If the skies are clear we will use a spotting scope to look at the basic features of the moon such as mares and craters.



<b>January 7</b>	<b>4:30 – 6:30 pm</b>
<b>February 4</b>	<b>5:00 – 7:00 pm</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>6:00 – 8:00 pm</b>

## ***ADULT PROGRAMS:***

### **Birding Walks**

Our winged winter visitors have arrived. These walks will highlight several species of wintering ducks, but we'll also be on the lookout for dark-eyed juncos, finches, white-throated sparrows, black-capped chickadees, and other winter residents. Walks last approximately 2 hours.



<b>January 7</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>January 28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>March 24</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>



### **Seasonal Nature Walks - Winter**

Learn about the flora and fauna of West Meadow Beach. These hikes highlight animals that are seasonal visitors, in addition to yearlong residents of the peninsula, and will focus on the plant communities that make up beach habitats. Binoculars suggested. Walks last approximately 2 hours.



**January 28, 1:00 pm      February 18, 1:00 pm      March 24, 1:00 pm**

Meet at Pavilion

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

Call Eileen at 631 751-7863 or e-mail your reservation to [egerle@brookhaven.org](mailto:egerle@brookhaven.org)

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