



My whole family loves the Preserve. Between the months of April and October, we spend a day there almost every week. We always start at the playground and end up at the beach, with some hiking, exploring, and a picnic lunch in between!

THE PRESERVER

APRIL 2025 | VOL. 1: ISSUE 3



A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP: *Welcome Spring!*

Dear Neighbors,
We are so excited to see the first signs of spring here at the Preserve. Flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and animals are coming out of their sleepy winter hideouts. There is so much to see and do at the Preserve - hiking trails, picnic spots, scenic views, museums, a playground, and more. Come spend a day with us! We can't wait to welcome you.

All the Best,
Karli Hagedorn Jeremiah Bosgang
Chair of the Board *Executive Director*

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

- AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES**
Multiple Sessions • April - June
- MEDITATION**
Thursday, April 3 • 6 - 7 pm
- WILDERNESS SURVIVAL**
Saturday, April 5 • 10 am - 12 pm
- ECOTHERAPY**
Saturday, April 12 • 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- HEMPSTEAD HOUSE TOURS**
Sundays, April 13 & 27 • 12 & 2 pm
- GUIDED NATURE WALK**
Saturday, April 26 • 10 - 11:30 am
- EARTH DAY BEACH CLEANUP**
Saturday, April 26 • 12 - 2 pm

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



ARTIE CLARK, Facilities Manager, has been with the Preserve for over ten years. He and his team work behind the scenes to keep the grounds and buildings pristine. He coordinates with filming crews, caterers, and the Preserve's own events team to make sure every visitor's experience is perfect. He also works with outside contractors and Nassau County to coordinate needed repairs and improvements.

Artie has a degree in Fine Art from Franklin Pierce College and extensive craftsmanship skills, which he uses to protect and restore the Preserve's historic and natural assets. Artie grew up in Sands Point and enjoys seeing old friends appreciating the beauty of the Preserve.

— Tickets on Sale Now! —

3RD ANNUAL LONG ISLAND FAIRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 3 • 12 - 4 pm (Rain date May 4)

For our full calendar and to purchase tickets, visit www.sandspointpreserve.org



Come Spend a Spring Day with Us!

11:00 am:

Arrive at the Preserve.

11:15 am:

Stop in at our Welcome Center and Gift Shop,¹ where you can pick up a Preserve map and attraction tickets.

11:30 am:

Take a hike on one of our six marked hiking trails² through native forests.

12:30 pm:

Enjoy a picnic by the pond or on our Great Lawn.

1:00 pm:

Let the kids run free to explore in our Woodland Playground, Outdoor Classroom, and Dino Trail.³

2:30 pm:

Learn about flight simulation at the Navy Simulation Museum.⁴

3:15 pm:

Take a leisurely stroll through the Hempstead House Gardens, around the pond, or along the beach.

4:00 pm:

End the day relaxing in our new outdoor Icehouse Lounge.⁵

5:00 pm:

Reflect on a fulfilling day of nature and history!

1. Welcome Center & Gift Shop:

Located under the Castle Gould clock and bell towers, visitors can learn about the Preserve's founding families and Gold Coast history, and purchase Conservancy memberships and tickets for mansion tours, the Navy Simulation Museum, and the seasonal Sands Point Preserve Express train. Varied merchandise, snacks, and beverages are also available.



2. Hiking Trails: With six marked hiking trails of various lengths and difficulty levels, there's a hike for everyone at the Preserve. Looking for a scenic view? Find the Long Island Sound on Trail 5. Interested in fitness? Take Trail 4, which is a one-

mile loop outfitted with exercise equipment. For a quieter hike, take Trail 2, located behind Castle Gould. Find a map of all the trails at the Welcome Center.

3. Woodland Playground, Outdoor Classroom, and Dino Trail:

Located together, the playground, outdoor classroom, and dino trail comprise a perfect area for kids. The playground boasts a castle with tunnels and slides, 75-foot zipline, swing set with adaptive swings,



seesaw, spinner, and dome climber. The outdoor classroom hosts a nature-based kaleidoscope and instruments, while the dino trail consists of a quarter-mile loop adorned with stationary ride-on dinosaurs.

4. Navy Simulation Museum:

The U.S. Navy Flight Simulation Museum in Castle Gould serves as an homage to the years 1946-1967, when members of the Navy's Training Device Center designed, developed, and tested flight simulators and other training tools on the Preserve's grounds. See an authentic Link Trainer from the 1940s, try a modern-day flight simulator, and view other exhibit items when the museum is open - Saturdays and Sundays, 12 - 4 pm.



5. Icehouse Lounge - Opening This Spring!



Located in the wooded area between the pond and Castle Gould, the Icehouse Lounge was transformed from a dilapidated historic structure into an idyllic spot to relax and unwind. Equipped with

comfortable patio furniture, airy sail roofs, and WiFi, this shady spot offers a welcome opportunity to take in the natural and historic beauty of the Preserve.

THE SANDS POINT PRESERVE CONSERVANCY

127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY 11050

516.571.7901 • info@sandspointpreserve.org

www.sandspointpreserve.org

JOIN OUR
EMAIL LIST!

