



# Staten Island Visitor Programs

## Summer 2007

### June

#### Kites

**Saturday, June 2 at noon  
Miller Field Ranger Station**

Come join a National Park ranger to make and design your own kite. Supplies will be provided. All ages are welcome.

#### Tour of Fort Wadsworth in Russian

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Sunday, June 3 at 1 p.m.**

Rich in history and natural beauty, Fort Wadsworth affords the visitor the opportunity to observe an important part of our nation's history while offering views of New York Harbor. Ranger Lana Merzlyakov will lead a tour of Fort Wadsworth in Russian. For reservations call: 718-354-4500.

#### Boating Safely Course

**Great Kills Park  
Education Field Station  
Sundays: June 3 & 10  
from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

This course is offered by the Staten Island Power Squadron and is a National Association of State Boating Law Administrator's approved course. To receive credit, it is required to attend both days. For reservations call Ted at the Staten Island Power Squadron: (718) 667-6598

#### Boating Safely Course

**Great Kills Park  
Education Field Station  
Saturdays: June 9 & 16  
from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

This course is offered by the United



Explore Battery Weed on the *View from the Top* program.

States Coast Guard Auxiliary and is a National Association of State Boating Law Administrator's approved course. To receive credit, it is required to attend both days. Please call (718) 966-4496 or (718) 448-6879 for reservations.

#### View from the Top

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m.**

A tour of Battery Weed and its top tier (weather permitting) for a special view of New York Harbor. Minimum height requirement for children is 48 inches. Children will also be treated to a storytelling / craft program during the tour. For information and reservations call (718) 354 - 4500 or 4556

#### Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth

**Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Thursday, June 14 at 8 p.m.**

Our most popular tour explores the historic sites of the fort by night. Bring a flashlight. Reservations needed. Call (718) 354 -4500. (Space is limited - reserve early)

#### Horseshoe Crab Walk

**Great Kills Park  
Education Field Station  
Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m.**

Join a National Park Service ranger and search Crooke's Point for the horseshoe crab as this ancient species comes ashore to spawn.

#### Astronomy Night

**Great Kills Park  
Model Airplane Field  
Saturday, June 16 at dusk**

Join the Amateur Astronomers Association for a tour of the evening sky. Telescopes will be available or you can bring your own. In the event of inclement weather the program will be cancelled.

#### Campfire on the Beach

**Miller Field Veteran's Circle  
Saturday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m.**

Families are invited to spend an evening around a beach campfire. Activities include storytelling, marshmallow-roasting, and music. Bring a blanket.

## The Four Seasons: A special photo-walking tour

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Sunday, June 24 at 1 p.m.

A special walking tour of the secret places of Fort Wadsworth in collaboration with the Staten Island Photography contest. Call the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center for more information and reservations.

### Permits

Fishing and Bird Watching/  
Nature Study Parking Permits  
are available for the 2007  
season at Fort Wadsworth,  
Miller Field and Great Kills  
Park.

Boat Launch Permits are issued  
at Great Kills Park only.

Call (718) 987-6790 for more  
information.

**Gateway NRA  
Staten Island Unit  
210 New York Avenue  
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 p.m.

## July

**Staten Island Out LOUD:  
Declaration of Independence,  
the Bill of Rights and the  
Emancipation Proclamation**  
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Sunday, July 1 at 2 p.m.

A participatory reading of the  
Declaration of Independence,  
the Bill of Rights and the  
Emancipation Proclamation.  
All ages are welcome. Please  
bring a lawn chair. For more  
information, call (718) 354-4500.

**Arts and Crafts**  
Miller Field Ranger Station  
Saturday, July 7 at noon

Come join the National Park  
Service Rangers for an afternoon  
of arts and crafts activities. Dress  
comfortably. All supplies will be  
provided.

**Discovery Station**  
Great Kills Park Beach Center  
Sunday, July 8  
Ongoing activities from  
noon – 2 p.m.

Come explore the National Park  
Service portable discovery station  
and learn about native plants and  
animals.

**Junior Ranger Program**  
Great Kills Park  
Education Field Station  
Monday, July 9-Thursday,  
July 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon

The Staten Island Unit Junior  
Ranger Program is self-guided  
and available year-round.  
(See the complete description on  
page 3 or call (718) 987-6790.

**Summer at Mont Sec House**  
112A Mont Sec Avenue  
Fort Wadsworth  
Wednesday, July 11, 18, 25 &  
August 1 at 1 p.m.  
Children ages 8 --12 can join us

for an afternoon visit at historic  
Mont Sec House and learn about  
the lifestyle of people living in a  
bygone era. Each week will  
feature a different activity  
exploring the history of the  
house. On the last day of the  
program receive a Junior Ranger  
Badge and a certificate.  
**Reservations required.**  
For information call (718) 354-  
4500

**Boating Safely Course**  
Great Kills Park  
Education Field Station  
Saturdays, July 14 & 21 from  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This course is offered by the  
United States Coast Guard  
Auxiliary flotilla 14-02 and is a  
National Association of State  
Boating Law Administrator's  
approved course. To receive  
credit, it is required to attend  
both days. Please call (718) 966-  
4496 or (718) 448-6879 for  
reservations.

**Astronomy Night**  
Great Kills Park  
Model Airplane Field  
Saturday, July 14 at dusk  
Join the Amateur Astronomers  
Association for a tour of the  
evening sky. Telescopes will be  
available or you can bring your  
own. In the event of inclement  
weather the program will be  
cancelled.

**Discovery Station**  
Great Kills Park Beach Center  
Sunday, July 22  
Ongoing activities from  
noon – 2 p.m.  
Come explore the National Park  
Service portable discovery station  
and learn about native plants and  
animals.

**The 1964 World's Fair**  
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Saturday, July 28 starting at  
11 a.m.  
Marathon presentation of 24  
short films about New York's  
spectacular World's Fair. The  
program includes 5 rare movies  
shown at World's Fair pavilions.

**Staten Island Out Loud  
Fifth Annual Melville Festival**  
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Saturday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
A majestic view of New York  
Harbor will be the backdrop as  
*Staten Island Out Loud* reads  
selections from Moby Dick and  
plays music from the era.  
All ages are welcome.  
Please bring a lawn chair.  
For more information call:  
(718) 354 – 4500.

## August

**Astronomy Night-Meteor  
Shower**  
Great Kills Park  
Model Airplane Field  
Saturday, August 11 at dusk  
Join the Amateur Astronomers  
Association for a tour of the  
evening sky. Telescopes will be  
available or you can bring your  
own. In the event of inclement  
weather the program will be  
cancelled

**View From the Top**  
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Sunday, August 12 at 1 p.m.  
A tour of Battery Weed and its  
top tier (weather permitting) for a  
special view of New York  
Harbor. Minimum height  
requirement for children is 48  
inches. Children will also be  
treated to a storytelling / craft  
program during the tour.  
For information and reservations  
call (718) 354 - 4500 or 4556

**Junior Ranger Program**  
Great Kills Park  
Education Field Station  
Monday, August 6 & Thursday,  
August 9 from 9:30 a.m. – noon  
(See description below.)

**Lantern Tour of Fort  
Wadsworth**  
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Thursday, August 16 at 8 p.m.  
Our most popular tour explores the  
historic sites of the fort by night.  
Bring a flashlight. Please call (718)  
354-4500 for reservations. (Note:  
space is limited-reserve early.)

**Discovery Station**  
Great Kills Park Beach Center  
Sunday, August 19  
Ongoing from noon– 2 p.m.  
Explore the National Park Service  
portable discovery station and learn  
about native plants and animals.

**Four Seasons: A Special  
Driving—Walking Tour**  
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Sunday, August 19 at 1 p.m.  
In celebration of the Staten Island  
Photography Contest we are  
offering a special 3-hour driving /  
walking tour of Great Kills Park  
and Miller Field. This event will be  
offered each season with future  
dates listed in the program guide.  
Visitors must provide their own  
transportation. For more  
information and reservations  
call (718) 354 - 4500 or 4556.

**Founders Day Campfire**  
Great Kills Park Beach Center  
Saturday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m.  
On August 25, 1916 the National  
Park Service was created. Enjoy an  
evening campfire listening to  
stories, music and roasting  
marshmallows.

**“The Inheritance” (1965)**  
Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center  
Saturday, August 25 at  
10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
Rare Photos, documents and  
newsreel footage tell the moving  
story of the start of the American  
Labor movement in the squalid  
conditions of Manhattan's lower  
east side sweatshops. The film  
features original songs performed  
by Pete Seegar and Judy Collins.

**“Superliners: End of an Era”**  
Saturday, August 25 at  
11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Nostalgic look at the historic ocean  
liners that docked on Manhattan's  
west side during the 20th Century.

### Staten Island Unit Junior Ranger Program

#### Self –Guided Junior Ranger Program

The Junior Ranger Program is self-  
guided and available year-round.  
Children ages 7 to 12 years  
participate by picking up a free  
booklet at the Great Kills Park  
Ranger Station, the Miller Field  
Ranger Station or the Fort  
Wadsworth Visitor Center. The  
booklet contains self-guided and  
ranger-led activities. For more  
information, call (718) 987-6790.

#### Guided Junior Ranger Program

Great Kills Park  
Education Field Station  
July 9 – July 12 &  
August 6 –August 9  
9:30 a.m. – noon

This program for ages 7 to 12 years  
will be conducted as a four day  
session. Both weeks will cover the  
same topics. Programs focus on  
various topics in nature study.  
Participants who attend all four  
days will earn a badge and a patch.  
Dress for the weather, wear  
appropriate shoes for the outdoors  
and bring a snack and water.  
For reservations call: (718) 987-  
6790.



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



Learn about the oldest living fossils and experience the annual mating ritual of the horseshoe crab.