



Connecticut Department of

**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

**The Great Park Pursuit:
Interpretive Centers Open House Day
Saturday, May 24, 2014**

Great Park Pursuit Family Adventure #3 - May 24, 2014, Times Vary

The proof of attendance will be a photo of your Team taken on May 24 with a poster provided by the staff at the park. The photo for this event will need to be either turned in at the guided event on June 14 or emailed by June 15 to diane.joy@ct.gov

1. Chatfield Hollow State Park, 381 Route 80, Killingworth

10 AM - 5 PM, **Oak Lodge Nature Center open**

2. Dinosaur State Park, 400 West St., Rocky Hill

Dogs are not allowed in the museum or on the trails

10:00, 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30 - **Films**

11:00 AM - **Animal Program**

11:30 AM - **Track Talk**

1:00 PM & 2:30 PM - **Nature Walk or Animal Program** (nature walks are weather dependent)

10 AM -4 PM - **Mining Activity, Extra Fee**

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM - **Track Casting Area - Visitors must bring their own materials - one per casting group.**

9:00 AM - 4 PM - **Hiking Trails** - Outdoor Bingo Cards available (no fee - everyone gets a prize).

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM - **Craft Area**

3. James L. Goodwin Conservation Center, 23 Potter Road, Hampton

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM - **Ponds, Pools and other Puddles** - From plants to insects, crayfish and frogs we will get dirty with nets and buckets and a magnifying glass to take a closer look at the ecosystem in our streams and ponds. **Pre-registration is requested**, contact Emma Lorusso (860) 455-9534 or emma.lorusso@ct.gov

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4. Kellogg Environmental Center, 500 Hawthorne Ave., Derby

9:30 AM & 1:30 PM - **How to Find and Make Your Family Tree** - Children will be able to create their own family tree to take home with them and can tour the homestead museum to learn about Frances Osborne Kellogg's family tree.

10:30 AM & 2 PM - **Tracing Family Roots** - steps you can take to begin or continue searching your family's roots with tips on materials and networks.

11:00 AM - **Wild Relatives** - Take a walk in the fields and woods with Kellogg staff to find and learn about wild relatives - the family groups of plants and animals.

12 Noon - **Purple Cows** - see how genetics works while you learn how to make and enjoy a purple cow.

3:00 PM - **Ivanhoe the Bull** - Bonnie Burr from UCONN Department of Agriculture will present on the impact the Kellogg family had on helping advance the Holstein breed and dairy industry.

5. Meigs Point Nature Center, Hammonasset Beach State Park, 1288 Boston Post Rd., Madison

Please, no dogs!

6:00 AM - Early Morning Bird Walk - Meet for a guided bird walk near the beach. Spotting scopes and experts will be available to help ID the birds. An easy walk for all ages. Bring binoculars.

11:00 AM - Beach Seining - Find out what you've been swimming with! Pull a seine net along the shore and try to catch some amazing animals.

2:00 PM - Ethnobotany - Learn how Native Americans used local plants for food, medicine, and building materials.

7:30 PM - Sunset Beach Combing - REGISTRATION REQUIRED!! 203-245-8743 Enjoy great views of the sunset and learn what the tide has left behind on the beach on this walk led by Ranger Russ Miller.

6. Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, 341 Milford St.(Route 69), Burlington

8:00 AM - **Bird Walk** led by Paul Fusco

10:00 AM - **Survivor Skills Workshop** by Hillary Clifton

11:00 AM - **Archery Instruction & Shooting**

1:00 PM - **Salamander Art Activity** led by Judy Bird

8 AM - 3 PM - **Make a Wildlife Track** Activity

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7. Sherwood Island Nature Center, Sherwood Island State Park, Exit 18 off I-95, Westport

Please, no dogs!

10 AM - 4 PM **Nature Center Open**

11 AM - **Horseshoe Crab Workshop**

8. Squantz Pond State Park, 178 Shortwoods Road, New Fairfield

9 AM to 6 PM - **Nature Center Open** (visit the new History of Squantz Pond exhibit)

12 noon - **"Meet the Commander"** - Park Supervisor will portray, in period uniform, the Commander of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Hook at Squantz Pond. Hear their story and go on a brief hike to the camp ruins.

1:00 PM - Hike with the Naturalist **"Vernal Pools of Pootatuck"**

2:30 PM - Ranger lead **"Hike to Council Rock"**

4:00 PM - Ranger lead hike **"The Park and its Environment"**

9. Stratton Brook State Park, 149 Farms Village Road (Route 309), Simsbury

Please, no dogs!

10 AM - 12 PM, **Fishing Program**, for children ages 9 and up. **The Nature Center will not be open**, but there are beautiful hiking trails and a beach.