

2013 Event Schedule

I FISH NY-LI provides loaner rods and free bait at every event. Event and parking fees are listed below. Pre-registration is required where noted (*). For more information or to pre-register, please contact I FISH NY staff via phone at 631-444-0283 or email IfishNY@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

This schedule is subject to change!

Spring

Spring Family Freshwater Fishing Festival

Kick-off the spring season with a day of fishing for the whole family! NYSDEC also stocks Belmont Lake with over 1,000 trout for the event. Children's activities include: inflatable slide, environmental exhibits, and "Spring Fling" casting contest.

Date: Saturday, April 13th

Time: 10a – 4p

Location: Belmont Lake State Park

Age: All

Cost: \$8 parking fee; free with Empire Passport

Directions: Take Southern State Parkway to exit 38 or take Sunrise Highway (Route 27) to Belmont Avenue exit 38. Follow to signs to park, ticket booths. Belmont Lake is on your left.

Summer

Lakeside Fishing Clinic*

Take a break from the blistering summer sun and try some cool, evening fishing. Geared to families, basic instruction focuses on fish identification, techniques, regulations and stewardship practices. Open fishing to follow.

Date: Wednesday, July 10th

Time: 6p – Dark

Location: Lake Ronkonkoma-Town of Brookhaven Beach

Age: All

Cost: Free

Event Limit: 50 participants

Directions:

From the East: Take 495 to exit 60 Ronkonkoma Avenue. Continue on service road until Pond Road. Make a right onto Pond Rd/Lake Shore Rd. Follow about 1.3 miles; make a left into the Park.

From the West: Take 495 to exit 59 Ocean Avenue. Follow service road to second light. Make a left onto Pond Road/Lake Shore Rd. Follow about 1.3 miles; make a left into the Park.

Family Freshwater Fishing Clinic*

Spend the day with the family fishing and learning about the aquatic environment. This event starts with education stations and follows with open fishing. A children's casting contest is held throughout the day.

Date: Saturday, August 3rd

Time: 10a – 2p

Location: Hempstead Lake State Park

Age: All

Cost: \$8 parking fee; free with Empire Passport

Event Limit: 150 participants

Directions: Take exit 18 off Southern State Parkway. Follow the drive into the Park. Make your second right into the ticket booths. Make an immediate left after the booths. Follow to the end of the parking lot. Walk along the path to MacDonald and South Ponds.

I FISH NY Children's Saltwater Fishing Clinic*

Come join us for some snapper fishing at Town of Brookhaven's West Meadow Beach, located in Stony Brook, NY. This event is geared towards children ages 10-15 years old. Participants will learn about local saltwater species, fishing regulations, casting, and stewardship practices.

Date: Saturday, August 24th

Time: 2:00pm-4:30pm

Location: West Meadow Beach, Stony Brook, NY

Age: appropriate for ages 10-15

Cost: Free for Town of Brookhaven residents with a parking sticker, parking is \$20 for non Town of Brookhaven Residents, \$5 for Town of Brookhaven residents without a parking pass

Event Limit: 50

Directions: Coming from the LI Expressway, take exit 62 onto CR-97-N (Nicholls Road) to its very end. Turn left onto Route 25a and right again after 0.5 miles onto Quaker Path. Follow Quaker Path for 1.2 miles and turn slightly left onto Mount Grey Road. After 0.7 miles turn left onto West Meadow Road which turns into Trustees Road after about half a mile. The parking lot is now on your right.

I FISH NY Saltwater Clinic*

As summer winds down, come out and join us for some playful snapper fishing and crabbing. Loaner rods and free bait will be provided. This clinic will focus on both snapper fishing & crab fishing techniques, fish biology, and stewardship. Participants must bring 1-2 uncooked package(s) of boned chicken pieces and a flashlight. Optional items include: kite string, crab net(s), crab trap(s), a bucket, and fishing poles.

Date: Wednesday, August 28th

Time: 5:30p-dark

Location: Corey Beach, Blue Point

Age: All

Cost: Free, parking is free for Town of Brookhaven Residents

Event Limit: 50 participants

Directions: Take 495 to exit 62. Take Nicolls Road south to end. Turn left onto Montauk Hwy. Turn right onto Atlantic Avenue. Bear right on Middle Road. Make a left onto Corey Avenue.

Please Note* Any adults who would like to participate at this event will need to register for the Recreational Marine Fishing Registry. Registration information can be found online at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/54950.html/>

Fall

Fall Family Fishing and Children's Festival

Come out and enjoy a day of fishing with the entire family! Headlining the event is a children's "Casting for Pumpkins" contest. Over 1,000 trout are stocked for the festival.

Date: Saturday, October 19th

Location: Hempstead Lake State Park

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Age: All

Cost: \$6 for participants 12 years and older

Directions: Take exit 18 off Southern State Parkway. Follow the drive into the Park. Make your second right into the ticket booths. Make an immediate left after the booths. Follow to the end of the parking lot. Walk along the path to MacDonald and South Ponds.