

2010 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

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Spring

Cold Spring Harbor: Day of Fishing Fun

Offered in conjunction with the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery, two 1-hour seminars are offered. First, NYSDEC's Aquatic Biologist Heidi O'Riordan takes an in-depth look at freshwater fishing on Long Island. Geared towards adults, locations, regulations, and basic identification are also discussed. Second, through an interactive game and original fish creations, I FISH NY staff present a hands-on look at fish biology and local species identification. This class is intended for children and families.

Date: Saturday March 27th

Time: 10a – 11a Fishing on Long Island presentation; 11a – 12p Fish Biology presentation;

Location: Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery

Age: All

Cost: Free seminars with admission to Hatchery \$6 for adults, \$4 for 3-12 and over

Directions:

From the East:

Take 495 west to exit 49 north (Route 110). Left on Main Street (Route 25A) in Huntington. Follow Route 25A until it crosses Route 108. Bear right on 25A. Hatchery is a few hundred feet on your left.

From the West:

Take Northern State Parkway east to exit 35 north (Route 106-107) or 495 east to exit 41 north (Route 106-107). Go one mile and take right fork (Route 106 north). Go three miles to Route 25A; make a right and head east. Hatchery is four miles down road on right side.

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 10th

Time: 10a – 4p

Location: Belmont Lake State Park

Age: All

Cost: \$6 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.

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 14th

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 7th

Time: 10a – 2p

Location: Hempstead Lake State Park

Age: All

Cost: \$6 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.

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 16th

Location: Hempstead Lake State Park

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Age: All

Cost: \$5 for participants 12 years and older plus \$6 parking fee; free with Empire Passport

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.