

Sandy Hook BioBlitz 2011!

NPS Interpretive Program Schedule

Public Programs for Friday, September 16th

Sunset Seining Adventure [6 – 7 pm]:

Seine Horseshoe Cove with the American Littoral Society and see the sunset over Sandy Hook Bay.

Moonlight Moth Hunt [8 – 9 pm]:

Observe Sandy Hook's nocturnal creatures as they are drawn into the spotlight.

Public Programs for Saturday, September 17th

Biodiversity Fest [10:00 am – 3:00 pm]:

Learn about the local organizations that help to protect New Jersey's biodiversity. Exhibits will include horseshoe crab discovery, plankton identification, plant pressing and more. Participating organizations: American Littoral Society, National Park Service, MAST, SeaGrant Consortium, Brookdale Community College, NOAA, Wild Birds Unlimited, and the NJ Mycological Association.

Holly Forest Ramble [10:00 - 11:30 am]:

Explore Sandy Hook's 64 acre holly forest with a NPS ranger and learn how these trees have adapted to sand blasting and salt spray through time.

What's Alive on the Old Dune Trail? [11:00 am – 12:30 pm]:

Learn about the barrier beach ecosystem of Sandy Hook. This area includes a maritime holly forest, dune system, swale habitat, and brackish pond.

Learn How to Build a Piping Plover Exclosure [12:30 – 2:00 pm]:

The piping plover is a native shorebird species protected under the Endangered Species Act. Learn how the NPS protect critical beach habitat for these birds by constructing plover exclosures designed to prevent both predator and human disturbance.

Junior BioBlitz [12:30 – 3:00 pm]

Local school groups will compete to identify the most species at Sandy Hook. The winning team will be announced at the closing ceremonies and will win a free field day with the American Littoral Society. Participants must be pre-registered with a school or scout group.