

2024 JULY-SEPTEMBER NATURE/PARK PROGRAMS

It is time to head back outdoors to enjoy all the beauty that this Summer has to offer! Please note that these walks will occur rain or shine (except in cases of lightning and/or thunder). Space is limited so register early!

JULY

5&6 | 8:45–approximately 10:00pm

Firefly Nights at Walton Woods Park

Have you ever seen fireflies in flight? Come see for yourself while strolling through the magical forest at Walton Woods Park. Open to all ages; children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Appropriate footwear (hiking boots or sneakers) recommended. Trail is paved and fully accessible. Interested participants may register online at [amherstyouthandrec.org](https://www.amherstyouthandrec.org).

14 | 10am-2pm

Market at Bassett Park

Get ready to enjoy another fun market at Bassett Park. Pick up the freshest produce and products from local farmers and artisans. Live music, food trucks and vendors. Free parking.

Fishing Derby Weeks

Please check Amherst Town Parks Facebook page for dates.

Please fish within posted fishing hours as per DEC rules–A 2 week-long kickoff to the Summerfest at Veterans Canal Park. Try your hand at catching the biggest fish in Amherst! Licensed participants may register at www.amherstyouthandrec.org and submit entries to egraczyk@amherst.ny.us. For more contest information, please visit the events page for Amherst Town Parks–facebook.com/amhersttownparks. Winners will be announced at the Summerfest event on August 3 at Veterans Canal Park.

AUGUST

3 | 12:00–3:00pm

Summerfest and Final Fishing Derby Day

Join Amherst Town Parks for a day of play at Veterans Canal Park. Our premier waterfront destination park will host guided nature hikes on a looped, 1-mile trail, e-bike demonstrations, giveaways, food trucks, DJ dancing and karaoke, lawn games, and more! Enjoy this “recreation carnival” free–no tickets or registration required. Free public boat and kayak launch. Kayak rentals may be available for a fee. Learn more about this super summer event and receive regular updates by visiting Amherst Town Parks page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/amhersttownparks/events>, Town of Amherst Website, under the Town Parks section, or on the Youth & Recreation website at [amherstyouthandrec.org](https://www.amherstyouthandrec.org).

10 | 1:00–3:00pm

Insect Bingo at Billy Wilson Park

It's August and the bugs are out! How many can you spot? Join the Parks team for a walk-through Billy Wilson Park on a mission to find the most insects! Open to all ages, children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Interested participants may register online at [amherstyouthandrec.org](https://www.amherstyouthandrec.org).

11 | 10:00am-2:00pm

Market at Bassett Park with Arts in the Park

Returning for its fourth year, Amherst Parks welcomes local and regional artists to participate in the monthly market at Bassett Park. Arts in the Park will feature over 50 local artists and vendors; each with unique talents and skills. Stop by and purchase hand-made creations, enjoy live music, and grab a bite to eat from local food trucks and vendors. Free parking, and no tickets are required.

30 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Walk/Hike with a Naturalist

There's so much to explore at this beautiful, picturesque Amherst park. With large fields, but also tree stands and trails, Bassett is the perfect park for a summer evening adventure. Walk with Naturalist, Carol Rogers and learn about the wildlife, trees, and history of Bassett Park. Meet at the Amphitheater at Bassett Park (359 Klein Road). Register online at [amherstyouthandrec.org](https://www.amherstyouthandrec.org).

SEPTEMBER

1 | 11:00am–12:00pm

Bird migration walk and talk at Walton Woods

While some of our migrating, feathered friends have already begun their flight to warmer areas; many birds can still be observed preparing for their own migratory flights. Bring along your binoculars and join us on gentle, quiet stroll to view several avian species in their seasonal habitat. Walk will be held rain or shine. Meet at the park entrance between the Police Station and Senior Center (400 John James Audubon Parkway). Register online at [amherstyouthandrec.org](https://www.amherstyouthandrec.org).

4, 18, 25 | 11:00am–12:00pm

Senior “Walk-it Wednesdays” through Walton Woods Park

A casual walk on the trails in the woods on select Wednesday mornings throughout the month of September. Participants will meet at the Amherst Senior Center. Please register through the senior center at <https://www.amherstcenterforseniorservices.com/register>.

8 | 10:00am–2:00pm

Market at Bassett Park

Join Amherst Parks for the FINAL 2024 Market at Bassett Park. Get your Bills Spirit on and gather everything you need for the perfect tailgate or game party! Live music, food trucks and vendors, free parking, and no tickets are required.

17 | 9:00–10:30pm

Super Harvester Moon Walk at Walton Woods

Experience the sights and sounds of a full harvest moon while exploring Walton Woods Park. Participants are encouraged to engage with the guide and learn about seasonal changes in foliage, habitat, wildlife, and moon phases. Ideal for participants of all physical levels and abilities. Walk will be held rain or shine. Meet at the Walton Woods trailhead between Amherst Senior Center and Police Station at 400 John James Audubon Parkway. Register online at [amherstyouthandrec.org](https://www.amherstyouthandrec.org).

19 | 12:00–2:00pm

Senior Lunch at Veterans Canal Park

Together with staff from Amherst Senior Center, Amherst Town parks will host a free hot dog lunch for members and interested members at Veterans Canal Park. Lawn games, pop-up concert, and an optional nature walk will be available for guests to enjoy. Current members may register at <https://www.amherstcenterforseniorservices.com/register>. Just interested in coming for the lunch and enjoying an afternoon at the park? Call the Senior Center to register as a guest - 716-636-3050.

20 | 6:00–7:00pm

Geology of the Onondaga Escarpment Walk/Hike

The what? You know, rocks, fossils, that sort of thing! Participants will meet at the Glen Park Gazebo located adjacent to the main parking lot on Glen Ave. Learn about the history of the park and surrounding park area, and maybe even find a fossil or two! Open to all ages, children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Interested participants may register online at [amherstyouthandrec.org](https://www.amherstyouthandrec.org).