

Get To Know Your Town Bucket List

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD EDITION



Complete at least 10 items on this list.

This is completed “on your honor.” Once you’ve completed the minimum requirements, you can purchase the patch in the shop for \$2 by going to <https://gsnc.wufoo.com/forms/shop-order-form/>

1. Get to know the history of your town. Find the answers to the following questions:

- Who “discovered” the Town of Hempstead and how did they discover it?
- How did your town get its name?
- Who do you feel is the most famous resident to live in the Town of Hempstead, so far?
- What are some key historical facts about the Town of Hempstead?

2. Visit Tanglewood Preserve Tanglewood Rd in Lakeview, to walk the trails that are the site of the first Revolutionary War battle on Long Island.

3. Take your family or troop on a bike ride on one or more of the seven bike trails in the Town of Hempstead:

Eisenhower Park: Merrick & Stewart Aves., East Meadow (516) 572-0348

North Woodmere Park: Branch Blvd. & 750 Hungry Harbor Rd., Valley Stream (516) 571-7800

Oceanside Town Park: 3800 Mahlon Brower Dr., Oceanside (516) 763-0710

Cedar Creek Park: Merrick Rd. East of Wantagh Pkwy, Seaford (516) 571-7470

Seamans Neck Park: 2700 South Seamans Neck Rd., Seaford (516) 783-3200

Valley Stream State Park: Southern State Pkwy exit 15A, Valley Stream (516) 825-4128

Mill Pond Park (Adam D. Rand Memorial Trail): Merrick Road, Wantagh

4. Have a family picnic at Eisenhower Park or...

5. Stroll through the Eisenhower Memorial Garden and learn about our military heroes. Walk around the duck pond.

6. Or... do the fitness course with your family, located throughout the park.

7. Have a scavenger hunt to find as many of the local designated landmarks in the Town of Hempstead with your family:

- Bedell House
2455 South Saint Marks Avenue Bellmore
- Bellmore Schoolhouse 2451 Orange Street
- East Rockaway Grist Mill
Atlantic Avenue and Woods Avenue
- Franklin Square National Bank
925 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square
- Herman House
19 Herman Boulevard, Franklin Square
- SchoenleinMott House
94 Madison Avenue, Franklin Square
- A.T. Stewart Era Buildings
 - Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Streets and
 - Cathedral and Cherry Valley Aves, Garden City
 - Apostle House
109 Eleventh Street, Garden City
- Garden City Post Office, Garden City
- Old Nassau County Courthouse, Garden City (Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building) 1550 Franklin Avenue
- Carman Irish House, 160 Marvin Ave., Hempstead
- Clowes Homes 52 and 54 Orchard St., Hempstead
- Hempstead Post Office 5601700
- Hofstra University Arboretum 516-463-6623 Hempstead
- Longman House, 42 William Street, Hempstead
- Rectory of St. George’s Episcopal Church, 217 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead
- St. George’s Episcopal Church, Hempstead
- Hempstead Town Hall
- Inwood Seaside Lodge, #260 Odd Fellows Hall 148 Doughty Boulevard, Inwood
- Lawrence Rock Hall Museum, Lawrence 516-239-1157, Lawrence

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- Levittown Jerusalem District No. 5 Schoolhouse, Old Jerusalem Road
- Weber House 52 Oaktree Lane Levittown Southard House 891 Bellmore Avenue, North Bellmore
- North Merrick Campgrounds Chapel, 4 Peck Avenue, North Merrick
- Campgrounds Minister's House, 2 Wesley Avenue, North Merrick
- Geischen Manor, 2526 Oceanside Road, Oceanside
- Rockville Centre Post Office 516-766-0479
- Seaford Historical Museum 516-826-1150
- Valley Stream Pagan Fletcher Restoration 516-872-4159
- Birdsall House, 1682 Old Mill Road
- Jackson House, 1542 Wantagh Avenue
- Jerusalem Avenue Schoolhouse, Old Jerusalem | Road and Wantagh Avenue
- Lawrence House, 1880 Old Mill Road, Wantagh
- Seamen Venier House, 1844 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh
- Wantagh Railroad Complex, 1700 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh

8. Build a sandcastle, collect sea shells, walk the board walk or attend an event at one of our six beaches:

- Jones Beach State Park, P.O. Box 1000, Wantagh 516-785-1600
- Lido Beach Town Park, 630 Lido Blvd., Lido Beach 516-431-6650
- Town Park at Point Lookout, Lido Blvd., Point Lookout 516-431-3900
- Lido West Town Park, 200 Lido Blvd. Lido Beach 516-432-0940
- Town Park at Sands, 710 Lido Blvd., Lido Beach 516-431-6910
- Harbor Isle Beach, Island Parkway, Harbor Isle 516-432-5554
- Hewlett Point Park, 130 Hewlett Point Ave. Bay Park 516-599-4064

9. Take your family to a free Town of Hempstead concert! All concerts start at 7:30p.m.

June 26 (Rain Date June 27): Veteran's Salute, The Commodores /Fireworks Pt Lookout Town Park

July 6: Dance the night away as Decadia plays tribute to the music from 80's & Beyond at New-bridge Rd. Park, So. Bellmore

July 7: "Shake it Off" with Fearless, a Tribute to Taylor Swift at Speno Park, East Meadow

July 8: You'll be "Over the Rainbow" with Lenny Del and the Demensions as they sing your favorite Doo Wop songs at Rath Park, Franklin Square

July 9: 45 RPM presents C'mon Get Happy the Super '70s Show, a Tribute to some of the happiest music and the biggest pop stars of the '70s. ****A SPECIAL EVENING REMEMBERING DANNY CALVAGNA**** at Merrick Rd. Park, Merrick

July 12: Dance the night away with the Kamellot Band at Walker Memorial Park, Lakeview.

July 13: There may just be a "Heatwave" when Blue Bayou hits the stage with a tribute to Linda Ronstadt at Forest City Park, Wantagh

July 14: You won't feel "Alone" with Bad Animals as they pay tribute to Heart at Oceanside Park, Oceanside

July 15: You'll need those bell bottoms and platform shoes as you blast into the past with 70's Rock Parade at Echo Park, West Hempstead

July 16 - You will have complete "Satisfaction" when Streetfighter hits the stage with Stones Tribute Show at Baldwin Park, So. Baldwin

July 20: Hear the greatest hits from 50's in Plaza Theatrical Production of Forever Plaid at Coes Neck, Baldwin

July 21: "We're Truckin'" with a little "Sugar Magnolia" as Half Step performs the hits of the Grateful Dead at Seamans Neck Park, Seaford

July 22: Relive the magic of Motown with That Motown Band as they perform of the greatest soul, blues and dance classics at Town Park, Pt. Lookout

July 23: That 70's Band relives the grooves of funk, disco and rock from the greatest dance decade in history! At Shell Creek Park, Island Park

July 27: You'll feel like you just tuned into your favorite radio station as you hear all of the songs you loved, as well as incredible "rock blocks" of your favorite artists with Radio Flashback at Mill Brook, Valley Stream

July 28: "You May Be Right" but there is no "Pressure" when Songs in the Attic, the music of Billy Joel featuring David Clark performs at East Village Green, Levittown

July 29: Rock the night away with Mean Machine as they play all the great hits from the 70's to today at Averill Park, Elmont

July 30: Jump in the beach party with Jimmy Kenny and the Pirate Beach Band as they play tribute to Jimmy Buffett, Kenny Chesney and The Zac Brown Band at Hewlett Pt. Park, East Rockaway

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August 3: There will be no “Evil Woman” as Strange Magic sings the hits of Electric Light Orchestra at Newbridge Park, So. Bellmore

August 4: It’s 90’s Night with Larger Than Life, The Ultimate Boys Band, featuring hits from Boyz to Men, NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, and more at Echo Park, West Hempstead

August 5: Enjoy the sounds of “Motown” and more with Jerome “City” Smith at Roosevelt Pool, Roosevelt

August 6: There will be “Something in the Air” as PsuedoStudio performs the hits of Phil Collins at East Village Green, Levittown

August 10: Welcome the “Soul Man” himself, Killer Joe, as he pays tribute to the Blues Brothers at Uniondale Park, Uniondale

August 11: Mi Gente Live, a High Energy tribute to Latin icons, from old school to new school—Ricky Martin, Marc Anthony, J-Lo, Shakira, Gloria Estefan and many more at Speno Park, East Meadow

August 12: It will be “Hip to be Square” when Back in Time sings the hits of Huey Lewis and News at Oceanside Park, Oceanside

August 13: “I’ll Be Living on a Prayer” “Faithfully” as BonJourney plays the hits of Bon Jovi and Journey at Seamans Neck Park, Seaford

August 16: You’ll be “Forever In Blue Jeans...” “If You Know What I Mean” with So Good the Neil Diamond Experience at Rock Hall Museum, Lawrence

August 17: Teresa McClean performs the hits from Connie Francis to Dusty Springfield & from Whitney Houston to Celine Dion at Rath Park, Franklin Square

August 18: “Heaven Knows” this won’t be the “Last Dance” as Nikki Torres & The Girls of Summer pay tribute to Donna Summer at Hewlett Pt. Park, East Rockaway

August 19: Enjoy one of Long Island’s favorite and most talented eclectic rock bands, Wonderous Stories at Merrick Rd. Park, Merrick

August 20: You will not be living a “Fantasy” hearing Shining Star, An Earth Wind and Fire tribute at Town Park, Pt. Lookout

September 4 (Rain Date October 10): Mike DelGuidice & Big Shot, celebrating the Music of Billy Joel at Town Park, Pt. Lookout

Vehicles will be admitted to the parking lot on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6pm the day of the event. Movies begin at dusk. Movies are subject to change and will be held weather permitting. For more information, please call 516-797-7925.

10. Learn about dinosaurs and other scientific excitement at The Center for Science Teaching and Learning, 1450 Tanglewood Rd., Rockville Centre, 516-764-0045.

11. Find out who your Town of Hempstead public officials are and what their role in government is. Write them a letter or draw a picture telling/showing them what you love about the Town of Hempstead.

12. Set up a visit with your local Town of Hempstead councilman or councilwoman and learn about how the local government works. Get a tour of Town Hall. (Within CDC guidelines).

13. Do a museum tour throughout the Town of Hempstead:

- Explore African American History at the African American Museum of Nassau County, 110 N. Franklin St, Hempstead, NY 11550 516-572-0730
- Explore the Long Island Children’s Museum Uniondale, New York 11 Davis Ave., Garden City, 516 224-5800
- Visit the The Francis X. Pendl Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center to learn about the science of firefighting, 1 Davis Ave. off Charles Lindbergh Blvd. Garden City 516 572-4177
- Visit the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Garden City, NY 11530

14. Find a landscape that you find beautiful in the Town of Hempstead and using your favorite medium (paint, pencil sketch, water color, etc), recreate the landscape artistically.

15. Visit Wantagh Park to play miniature golf or...

16. Cool down at the water park and pool.

17. Visit Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center to work on one of your eco badges
Jones Beach State Park, West End 2, 150 Bay Pkwy., Wantagh 516 809-8222

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18. Take a nature hike on one or more of the 13 established trails in the Town of Hempstead:

- Meroke Preserve Orange St. and Farmers Ave., Bellmore
- Brookside Preserve, Brookside Ave. North of Sunrise Hwy, Freeport
- Cow Meadow Park Preserve, 701 South Main St. Freeport 516-571-8685
- Lido Beach Passive Nature Area, Lido Blvd. Lido Beach 516-431-9200
- Norman J. Levy Park and Preserve, 1600 Merrick Rd, Merrick 516-804-2000
- Marine Nature Study Area, 500 Slice Drive, Oceanside 516-766-1580
- Tanglewood Preserve, 1450 Tanglewood Rd. between Ocean Ave. and Lakeview Rd., Rockville Centre 516-764-0045
- Reverend Arthur Mackey Sr. Park, Lakeside Dr. and Washington Ave., Roosevelt 516-71-8692
- Tackapausha Museum and Preserve, 2225 Washington Ave. Seaford 516-571-7443
- Valley Stream State Park, Southern State Pkwy, exit 15A, Valley Stream 516-825-4128
- Forest City Community Park, 3099 Morgan Dr., Wantagh 516-783-2513
- Twin Lakes Preserve, Old Mill Rd., Wantagh
- Hempstead Lake State Park, Southern State Pkwy., exit 18, West Hempstead 516-766-1029

19. Create a nature journal and have a five senses walk. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you feel? What do you smell? What do you taste?

20. If you go on other hikes, draw what you observed, make a photograph album or write a poem about the different things you experienced.

Credits: <https://hempsteadny.gov/tourism/trails/nature-trails>

<https://hempsteadny.gov/tourism/museums/history>

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2815/Historic-Sites-and-Landmarks?bidId=>

