Meet at the Nature Center with NYC Audubon experts. Look for various species of residents and ecosystems, using Van Cortlandt as our laboratory. Local scientists will join as guest presenters. Email alex@vancortlandt.org for more information and meeting locations.

Bird Walks

Saturday, September 7 – November 23, 9 - 10:30 am
Led by NYC Audubon experts. Look for various species of residents and migrants and discuss a wide range of Asian topics. No registration necessary. Free. Meet at the southeast corner of the Mosholu Avenue park entrance.

Bike Safety Classes

Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am September 7 – November 24
Enter the park at Putnam Avenue & Van Cortlandt Park South. Pre-registration is required at www.bike.nyc. Kids must bring a bike & a helmet; adults can borrow ours.

Senior Walking

September 17 – October 24, 10 am - 11 am Tuesdays and Thursdays
For ages 60+
Meet at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

September

Sunday, September 8, 1 pm
Explorer’s Club: Survival Crash Course
Meet at the Garden Compost Site (Broadway & Mosholu Avenue), the Nature Center (Broadway & 246 Street), the park side outside Woodlawn train station (Jerome Avenue & Bainbridge Avenue), or Woodlawn Playground (Van Cortlandt Park East & Kepler Avenue).

Wednesday, September 4, 8 am
Tibbetts Brook Watershed Crew
Meet in front of the Van Cortlandt Park Golf House.

First Saturday, October, December 10 am - 3 pm
Volunteer Trails Restoration Crew
Must be 18 years of age to join. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, October 19, 10 am
Wetland Volunteer Day
Meet VCP Alliance at our storage container in the Van Cortlandt Golf Course parking lot. Enter the park at Van Cortlandt Park South & Bailey Avenue.

Please contact john@vancortlandt.org to learn more about these events.

Saturday, September 21, 6 pm
Family Camping
To enter your family in the lottery, registration begins on Wednesday, September 11. Register at nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register.
Sunday, September 29, 6 pm
Sunset & S’mores
Join the Rangers for a sunset hike of the Van Cortlandt Park nature trails, ending at the Rangers’ Garden for an evening of s’mores and storytelling around a campfire. Registration begins on Wednesday, September 18. Register at nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register.

Saturday, September 21, 11 am – 4 pm
History and Culture Fair
Visitors will learn about life in the 18th century, with living history demonstrations, and about other cultural organizations in and around The Bronx. FREE with admission to Van Cortlandt House (donations welcomed).

Saturday, September 21, 10 am
Fall Volunteer Kickoff
Meet at Garden Compost Site (Broadway & Mosholu Avenue), the Nature Center (Broadway & 246 Street), the park side outside Woodlawn train station (Jerome Avenue & Bainbridge Avenue), or Woodlawn Playground (Van Cortlandt Park East & Kepler Avenue).

September

Sunday, September 11, 10 am
Astronomy: Mercury Transits the Sun
Learn to use a solar telescope and view a rare celestial event when Mercury transits the Sun for the first time since 2016.

Saturday, November 16, 10 am – 1 pm
Family Harvest Day
Come dig through VCP Alliance’s compost bins, try a new veggie, clear our planting beds for the winter, and participate in some gardening activities with your kids. Enter the park at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

Sunday, November 17, 1 pm
Explorer’s Club: Firebuilding
With the Rangers.

Saturday, November 23, 12 pm
Craftoon Hike
Join the Rangers for a walk into the picturesque woods in the Northwest portion of Van Cortlandt Park. Enjoy fall foliage and try your hand at your choice of nature arts & crafts. Enter the park at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

Friday, November 29, 1 pm
Black Friday Hike: Northwest Woods
Enter the park at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

October

Saturday, October 12, 9 am – 2 pm
MCCX Invitational
Cheer on teenagers from all over the nation at the Manhattan College Cross Country Invitational Race — this park’s largest annual event on the Parade Ground and the Cross Country Course.

Saturday, October 13, 1 pm
Mushrooms: The Hidden Kingdom
Join the Urban Park Rangers on a mycology hike through Van Cortlandt Park. Learn how to identify and find different mushrooms in the wild.

Saturday, October 19, 6 pm
Family Camping
To enter your family in the lottery, registration begins on Wednesday, October 9. Register at nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register.

Sunday, October 27, Noon – 2 pm
Howl-o-ween
Best-dressed dogs compete. $10 per dog to benefit the dog run. Pre-registration required at 718.796.4541. Meet at Canine Court. Enter the park at Broadway & 252 St. and walk north.

November

Sunday, November 3, 10 am
The Van Cortlandt Super Hike
This challenging eight mile hike winds its way through most of the park’s forests and ecosystems.

Registration at nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register starting Wednesday, October 23rd.

Saturday, November 9, 11 am
Fall Foliage
Van Cortlandt Park West to East
Meet the Rangers at Van Cortlandt Park East & East 242 Street.

Sunday, November 10, 1 pm
Historic New York: Native Americans Past to Present
Native Americans were very adept at living off the land. Join the Rangers and discover their history and the relationships they forged with their natural environment.

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December

Sunday, December 1, 12 pm
Nature Exploration Hike: Cass Gallagher Trail
Enter the park at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

Friday, December 13, 4 - 8 pm
Van Cortlandt at Twilight
Illuminated by candlelight, enjoy the house, refreshments, and campfire (weather permitting). Admission $20.

Saturday, December 14, 11 am - 4 pm
Celebrate Saint Nicholas
Join a tour, games, crafts and hot chocolate around our campfire (weather permitting). Family program.

Sunday, December 15, 11 am
Winter Tree ID
With the Rangers.

Saturday, December 21, 5 pm
Winter Solstice Hike
Celebrate the Winter Solstice with a hike and s’mores with the Urban Park Rangers. Register at nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register.

Sunday, December 29 – Monday, January 13
Tree Cycle
Drop used Christmas trees in the parking lots of our golf courses. We mulch trees to feed the land. Join the Rangers and discover their history and the relationships they forged with their natural environment.
This calendar is made possible by Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and NYC Parks. We are grateful for all of our dedicated partners and supporters whose commitment provides park programs for the general public. For any questions or comments, please write to info@vancortlandt.org.

The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance preserves, supports, and promotes the recreational, ecological and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park. To learn more visit:
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Construction/Temporary Park Closure Notes:
1. Broadway & West 242nd Street: Parks Without Borders project, including reconstruction of BBQ area, bike path, and construction of new seating area
2. Broadway above West 240th Street: construction of new skate park
3. Broadway & Mosholu, northwest section of field: construction of a playground
4. Indian Field: reconstruction of baseball field
5. Putnam Trail: reconstruction of trail