



Episode 2, “We're Bored! Tips for Local Summer Spots”

Nature Experiences

[Peconic River Herb Farm, Calverton](#)

- Includes a plant nursery, pond with turtles, picnic tables, with occasional live music and other events.

[Quogue Wildlife Refuge, Quogue](#)

- Rehab for injured animals no longer releasable to wild; trails; local history exhibit*

[Reserve your pass](#) for this experience through the Patchogue-Medford Library *

and ask about our “Nature Kit” – a laminated trail map, interactive nature bingo, photo scavenger hunt and QWR field guide.

[Elizabeth A. Morton Wildlife Refuge, Sag Harbor](#)

- Includes trails and wildlife

[Brookside Park](#) and the [Great South Bay Audubon Society \(GSBAS\)](#), West Sayville

- For trails and birding.

Fish Hatcheries

[Connetquot State Park Preserve](#)

[Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery](#)

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[Brookhaven Post-Morrow Foundation, Bellport](#)

- Includes an easy trail and a dock with a viewing platform on river

[Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, Shirley](#)

- Includes a beautiful visitors center with interactive exhibits, trails, and seasonal programs offered.

Beaches

[Corey Beach, Blue Point](#)

- This beach offers lifeguards
- There is a Parking fee for lot parking

[Smith Point-Wilderness Center, Shirley](#)

- Includes a Tower Visitor Center where you can learn about the barrier beach/Fire Island. Seasonal events and activities are offered.

Parks

[Avalon Nature Preserve, Stony Brook](#)

- A beautiful natural environment with 5 diverse habitats to explore
- Please note: The Preserve and all trails are closed on Mondays

[Jones Beach Nature Center, Wantagh](#)

- NY State park with exhibits and interactive activities

Entrance to the Nature Center is free, but a parking fee applies so

[reserve your Empire State Park Pass](#) through the Patchogue-Medford Library

[Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Great River](#)

- Includes trails, trees and fauna.
 - A Parking fee applies so [reserve your Empire State Park Pass](#) through the Patchogue-Medford Library
- [Southaven County Park, Brookhaven](#)
- Rowboats are available to rent

Farms

[Holtsville Ecology Site, Holtsville](#)

- Includes a fitness trail, small zoo, picnic area and playground – all for free!
- There is also a pool complex available to Town of Brookhaven residents

[Suffolk County Farm & Education Center, Yaphank](#)

- Includes a butterfly house and nature classroom

Hyper Local Spots!

[Fire Island National Seashore \(FINS\) Ferry Terminal, Patchogue](#)

- Includes a dock on Patchogue River, a butterfly garden and a visitor center.

[Patchogue Living Shoreline at Shorefront Park, Patchogue](#) – Now Open!

- A locals only tip from Ms. Alyson!

Also in Blue Point you can find a fishing dock at the very end of Blue Point Avenue, where the stream enters into Great South Bay.

Local History Experiences

[Swan River Schoolhouse, East Patchogue](#)

- Visit this original one-room schoolhouse, built in 1858

[Weeks Yacht Yard, Patchogue](#)

- Patchogue's oldest yacht yard, still family owned, can be found right on the Patchogue River.

[Greater Patchogue Historical Society Museum, Patchogue](#)

- Check out community history in the lower level of the restored and re-located Carnegie Library (Patchogue-Medford Library.)

[Islip Grange, Sayville](#)

- Visit the Historic buildings. Seasonal special events are offered.