

2016 Sandy Hook BioBlitz

September 23-24, 2016



Friday, September 23, 2016

	Start Time	End Time	
Registration	Noon	8:30 PM	
iNaturalist Tutorial	12:30 PM	12:50 PM	
BioBlitz Welcome	1:00 PM		
Team Surveys	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	
iNaturalist Tutorial	4:30 PM	4:50 PM	
Team Surveys	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	
Natural History of Plum Island	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Walk with a ranger around the marshes of Plum Island and learn about the native flora and fauna.
Seining	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Join naturalists on Sandy Hook bay for a seining adventure to discover the diverse wildlife inhabiting our coast. Come prepared to get wet.
Star Party	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	The Amateur Astronomers, Inc., NJDEP, and STAR Astronomy will lead a mega star party to view the Sandy Hook night sky. Telescopes will be set up and you can also bring telescopes and/or binoculars.
iNaturalist Tutorial	7:30 PM	7:50 PM	
Team Surveys	8:00 PM	11:00 PM	

Saturday, September 24, 2016

	Start Time	End Time	
Registration	5:30 AM	11:00 AM	
Team Surveys	6:00 AM	9:00 AM	
iNaturalist Tutorial	7:30 AM	7:50 AM	
Team Surveys	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	
iNaturalist Tutorial	9:30 AM	9:50 AM	
Team Surveys	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	
Bat Acoustic Survey	10:00 AM	10:50 AM	"Listen" to bats that were recorded Friday night and learn how acoustic recording equipment is used to identify bats.
Holly Forest Walk	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Walk with a ranger in the holly forest and learn about the ecology of the American Holly, <i>Ilex opaca</i> , and the types of animals that depend on this tree to survive.
BioBlitz Concert	11:30 AM	2:30 PM	Enjoy the music of The John Boys as we wind-down and wrap-up this year's BioBlitz.
BioBlitz Closing Ceremony	1:30 PM		

The BioBlitz will be held at the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in Highlands, New Jersey. Base Camp will be located in the Fort Hancock Parade Grounds immediately behind the American Littoral Society Headquarters, 18 Hartshorne Drive, Highlands, NJ 07732 [\[map, directions\]](#). "Base Camp" is where volunteers and scientists check-in before and after each survey and the location where all surveys and public programs begin.