

LIBS Field Trips July – Sept 2019

August 11, 2019 (Sunday) 10:00 AM

Ridgewood Reservoir Nature & History Tour

Main parking lot, Vermont Place, Highland Park (Queens County)

Trip Leaders: Rob Jett and Andy Greller

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The Newtown Historical Society will lead us on a natural history and history tour of the Ridgewood Reservoir, which was recently added to The National Register of Historic Places. We will walk around the granite-block reservoir looking for aquatic and woodland birds, and for plants that have come in after the abandonment of Ridgewood Reservoir as a water source for the City of Brooklyn. If time permits, we will explore the woodland that has developed at the bottom of the large, treed kettle hole in adjacent Highland Park. Leading for the Newtown Historical Soc. will be Rob Jett author of The City Birder and for LIBS it will be our own Andy Greller.

We will meet at the Vermont Place parking lot of Highland Park, which is exit 2 of the Jackie Robinson Parkway. Dress for the weather, bring a snack, water and insect repellent. Binoculars and a hand lens are recommended.

Contact the Newtown Historical Soc. or Andy to RSVP or for further information.

September 22, 2019 (Sunday), 10am – 2pm

SMARTWEED SAVVY

Alley Pond Park, Queens, NY

Trip Leader: Daniel Atha (datha@nybg.org; 718-514-3922)

More than twenty species of Smartweed occur in New York State. These beautiful plants are intimately associated with animal disturbance (including humans) and are abundant in both wilderness and urban environments. They are also challenging to identify and floras, field guides and manuals are often difficult. Join North America's Smartweed expert, Daniel Atha on a field trip to Alley Pond Park where almost half of state's Smartweeds have been found. Learn the best characters to reliably identify Smartweed from both fresh and preserved specimens. This is a joint field trip with New York Flora Association, the Long Island Botanical Society and the NYBG's New York City EcoFlora.

Lightning and heavy rain cancel. Bring a hand lens, suitable clothing, insect repellent, water and snacks.