

## Going Places: Long Island's State Parks to Host Dozens of America's 250th Events Including Four at Jones Beach

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Governor Kathy Hochul announced four signature events to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States will take place over the Memorial Day and July Fourth weekends at Jones Beach State Park. The July Fourth weekend celebration will feature the United States Navy Blue Angels as part of the FourLeaf Air Show and Fireworks: Celebrating America250. These events launch a series of 250th themed programs hosted by State Parks throughout the year on Long Island, which was the scene of numerous Revolutionary battles and skirmishes between Patriot and British forces. "The founding of America250 years ago cannot be told without including New York's pivotal role in the American Revolution," Governor Hochul said. "That history can be found across our state, from Long Island all the way to Niagara and the Great Lakes, the Hudson and Mohawk valleys, the Capital Region and the North Country. We're looking forward to an incredible range of programs at State Parks on Long Island throughout the year. And our I LOVE NY website makes it easy to find these as well as many other sites and programs, and learn more about both the familiar and unknown people who helped shape our democracy." The Memorial Day weekend events at Jones Beach will include:

Additionally, on the July Fourth weekend, Jones Beach State Park will host the FourLeaf Air Show and Fireworks: Celebrating America250. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. on the Fourth, with the annual air show set for July 5 and 6. Headliners are the United States Navy Blue Angels, joined by international military jet teams, including the Canadian Snowbirds. Other performances will include the United States Army Golden Knights, United States Navy F-35C Lightning II Demo Team, Australian professional aerobatic and air race pilot Aarron Deliu, American Air Power Museum Warbirds, Farmingdale State College Aviation, 105th Airlift Wing, and NY Air National Guard C-17 Globemaster III Flyover. Revisit the Revolution at these upcoming monthly programs on Long Island. For the events listed, reservations are required and will be taken two weeks prior to the program. To register, visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search by program title or #NatureAdventure. For questions, call (631) 581-1072.

The Long Island initiatives are supported in part by a \$125,000 grant from the State 250th Commemoration Commission. More information on the commission can be found [here](#). Revisit the Revolution at New York State Historic Sites and Parks In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, OPRHP's state historic sites and parks are hosting special exhibitions, offering dynamic programs, showcasing preservation projects, and sharing new digital resources for New York residents and tourists to discover. Revisit the Revolution explores New York's influential role in the American Revolution and its lasting impact for the state and the nation. Revisit the Revolution is an initiative of the New York State Division for Historic Preservation and is supported in part by the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission. Learn more [here](#). New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Acting Commissioner Kathy Moser said, "These events on Long Island are an exciting part of what is happening across New York State as we share the compelling stories of the people who shaped the American Revolution with our Revisit the Revolution initiative. Wherever you live, you will find events near you that will bring this history to life this year." I LOVE NY will continue to promote commemorative events and historic locations, and share inspiration guides for the 250th Anniversary throughout the year. For updates to the America250 commemorative events calendar, as well as ideas for discovering some of the state's most storied destinations, visit [iloveny.com/america250](https://www.iloveny.com/america250). The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more,

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