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## Get Outdoors and See Nature Unfold in Montauk this Spring



Get outdoors and feel nature unfold in Montauk in Spring. Smell the earth and salt air and feel the temperature rise and wind shift as the days grow longer.

The local preservationist group [www.ehtps.org](http://www.ehtps.org) offers walks through parklands and hiking trails: Big Reed Pond and Indian Fields on March 15, the Seal Haul Out Trail on the shore of Block Island Sound on March 25, and from Stepping Stones Pond to Shadmoor's ocean bluffs on March 29. Seal walks at Montauk Point State Park are a popular activity on weekends in March and April. A New York State Park naturalist leads visitors on a leisurely beach walk to areas where up to four species of seals as well as winter birds and marine geology can be observed.

For seal hikes: <http://nysparks.com/events/event-results.aspx?pk=61#sthash.v8JzY2oa.dpuf>

Montauk's vernal ponds are the few places in the world where the Blue-spotted Salamander in its purebred form can be found. Nighttime forays in March and April search for this native species. For upcoming Salamander walks in Montauk, visit [www.sofa.org](http://www.sofa.org)

Bring or rent a bike in town and leisurely ride to the Point, about five miles from the Village. Ride to Camp Hero State Park, where roads curve through wooded areas passing WWII buildings. Take a detour to Montauk Harbor on West Lake Drive with wide shoulders and no hills. Mountain bikers can ride thousands of acres of parkland with marked trails. Trails in Hither Woods offer levels of difficulty such as Talkhouse Trail.

Migrating birds on the Atlantic Flyway stop to rest in Montauk and sightings of rare birds make headlines. Montauk Point State Park is a good viewing area. Piping Plovers and Ospreys return in April and best sightings are around Oyster Ponds and Block Island Sound. The ocean is alive with water birds.

A promising Spring Fishing Season is forecasted for Montauk by weather watchers... Fluke regulations are relaxed in NY waters this year. Anglers gear up in May for the Striped Bass and Porgies season. For charter boats: [http://www.montaukchamber.com/directory.html?type\\_name=Charter+Boats&search\\_type==8](http://www.montaukchamber.com/directory.html?type_name=Charter+Boats&search_type==8)  
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Tee times at Montauk Downs State Park are easier to book in the spring. Golfers play “The Downs” amid the natural beauty of native beach vegetation, grasslands and plants as they come to life. Native wildlife emerge for the players’ enjoyment.

Horseback riding in Montauk is a fun outdoor family outing in spring. Montauk’s riding trails with ocean and bay coastal views are matchless. Children or adult first timers, beginners or experts can take lessons and rides for their levels.

Find spring Specials deals at hotels and motels before the temperature rises at the “Specials” tab at [http://www.montaukchamber.com/special\\_offers.html](http://www.montaukchamber.com/special_offers.html)

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