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## Spring Arrives in Montauk: Here's What's Happening April–June 20 Rare Birds, Fluke, Tee Time, Horseback Riding and Celebrating with Locals at Special Events



Escape the house, pack up the kids and experience Montauk's natural and local happenings.

The season has arrived to see rare migrating birds, catch a fluke, snag a tee time and celebrate with local musicians, artists, farmers and boat captains at special Spring events.

In **April**, birds on the Atlantic Flyway stop to rest in Montauk. Piping Plovers and Ospreys return. The Spring Fishing Season is two weeks behind due to cold water temperature, say the experts. Fish in **May** when catches of fluke, striped bass and porgies are promising. For charter boats: <http://bit.ly/1NDkhH1> or <http://bit.ly/15u4iX4>

Tee times at Montauk Downs State Park are easier to snag in the spring and it's a two for one experience. Golfers play "The Downs" and encounter sprouting grasses and plant life and curious native wildlife emerging from the perimeters.

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.

Visit on **April 26** and come to **The Concert to support the 2015 Summer Concert Series**, held at Swallow East. Recording artists and locals Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks, Joe Delia, Ray Red and Miss Melody perform. It is an important fundraiser for the Montauk Chamber of Commerce which sponsors Monday Night Concerts on the Green and the Sunday night Concerts at Gosman's Dock for the community and visitors alike. For information and concert schedules: <http://www.montaukchamber.com/>

On **May 22 to 24**, art in all mediums is exhibited for sale at the **Free Juried Fine Arts Show on The Green**, presented by The Montauk Artists Association and hosted by Depot Art Gallery and Art School. The **Annual Montauk Memorial Weekend Parade on May 24** begins at 12 p.m. at Second House Road and continues down Main Street, ending at the Green for a solemn, commemorative service at 2 p.m. 631-668-9825 for information. The **Montauk Memorial Day Flag Ceremony** takes place on **May 25 at 8 a.m.** on the village Green.

The fabulous **Farmer's Market on the Green**, sponsored by Montauk Chamber of Commerce runs **every Thursday through October 1, starting 9a.m., and on the Fall Festival Weekend October 10-11**. The market is so popular that vendors are waiting to get in.

The **RJA Memorial Mighty Montauk Triathlon on June 13**, founded in 1982 by the late Robert J. Aaron, is long considered the east end season opener, and will be celebrating its 33rd anniversary this year. It features a very scenic course through the beautiful hamlet of Montauk. The race consists of a 1 mile swim, 22 miles bike and 6.2 miles run. The distance is 22 miles taking you along Montauk historical routes; giving you a bird's eye view of the famous Montauk Lighthouse. The course is out and back with some hills. This fun event is USAT sanctioned. Starts at 6 a.m. Sponsored by Montauk Sports Inc. Information call (631) 668-2511.

Boats line up in the Lake and pass by to receive a blessing for a good season from local clergymen on the **Blessing of the Fleet day on June 14** starting at 5 p.m. The Blessing takes place at the end of the Town Dock aboard the USCG Cutter "Ridley."

Springtime special rates at Montauk hotels make a getaway extra appealing. Go here and find out: <http://bit.ly/1NDkDNQ>

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