

# VAN CORTLANDT PARK

## Fall Calendar 2019

### KEY



Meet at the Nature Center with NYC Parks or VCP Alliance staff. Enter the park on foot at Broadway & 246 St.



Meet at Van Cortlandt House Museum, the oldest building in the Bronx. Enter the park on foot at Broadway & 246 St.



These programs are wheelchair accessible. See map on reverse side for ADA bathrooms and bus stops.

All programs are **FREE** unless otherwise noted.

### Ongoing Programs

#### Van Cortlandt Track Club

Saturdays, 8am

Run through and around the Yonkers-Bronx border in small groups. Meet at northern entrance to the Stadium. For local running tips, visit [vctc.org](http://vctc.org).



#### Natural History Hikes

First Saturdays, September to December, 10am

Join VCP Alliance for a hike while discussing topics ranging from the ecology of organisms to whole ecosystems, using Van Cortlandt Park as our laboratory. Local scientists will join as guest presenters.

Email [alex@vancortlandt.org](mailto:alex@vancortlandt.org) for more information and meeting locations.

#### Bird Walks

Saturdays, September 7 - November 23, 9 - 10:30 am

Led by NYC Audubon experts. Look for various species of residents and migrants and discuss a wide range of avian topics. No registration necessary. Free. Meet at the southeast corner of the Mosholu Avenue park entrance.



#### Bike Safety Classes

Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am September 7 – November 24

Enter the park at Putnam Avenue & Van Cortlandt Park South. Pre-registration is required at

[www.bike.nyc](http://www.bike.nyc). Kids must bring a bike & a helmet; adults can borrow ours.



#### Senior Walking



September 17 - October 24, 10am - 11am Tuesdays and Thursdays For ages 60+ Meet at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

### September

Sunday, September 8, 1 pm

#### Explorer's Club: Survival Crash Course

Earn a survival stamp as the Rangers give you a crash course on all things survival! Appropriate for all skill levels.

Saturday, September 14, 2 pm – 7 pm

#### Hike-toberfest

Hike, eat, drink, and celebrate during VCP Alliance's fun fundraiser for the hiking trails of Van Cortlandt Park. Visit [www.vancortlandt.org](http://www.vancortlandt.org) to purchase tickets or become a sponsor.

Saturday, September 21, 11 am – 4 pm

#### History and Culture Fair

Visitors will learn about life in the 18th century, with living history demonstrations, and about other cultural organizations in and around The Bronx. FREE with admission to Van Cortlandt House (donations welcomed).

### Volunteer Days

Saturday, September 21, 10 am

#### Fall Volunteer Kickoff

Meet at the Garden Compost Site (Broadway & Mosholu Avenue), the Nature Center (Broadway & 246 Street), the park side outside Woodlawn train station (Jerome Avenue & Bainbridge Avenue), or Woodlawn Playground (Van Cortlandt Park East & Kepler Avenue).

Wednesdays, Starting September 4, 9am

#### Tibbetts Brook Watershed Crew

Meet in front of the Van Cortlandt Park Golf House.

First Saturdays, October to December, 10 am - 3 pm

#### Volunteer Trails Restoration Crew

Must be 18 years of age to join. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, October 19, 10 am

#### Wetland Volunteer Day

Saturday, November 16, 10 am

#### Van Cortlandt Lake Clean-Up

Meet VCP Alliance at our storage container in the Van Cortlandt Golf Course parking lot. Enter the park at Van Cortlandt Park South & Bailey Avenue.

Please contact  
[john@vancortlandt.org](mailto:john@vancortlandt.org)  
to learn more about these events.



Saturday, September 21, 6 pm

#### Family Camping

To enter your family in the lottery, registration begins on Wednesday, September 11.

Register at [nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register](http://nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register).

Sunday, September 29, 6 pm

#### Sunset & S'mores

Join the Rangers for a sunset hike of the Van Cortlandt Park nature trails, ending at the Rangers' Garden for an evening of s'mores and storytelling around a campfire. Registration begins on Wednesday, September 18.

Register at [nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register](http://nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register).

### October

Saturday, October 12, 9 am – 2 pm

#### MCXC Invitational

Cheer on teenagers from all over the nation at the Manhattan College Cross Country Invitational Race — this park's largest annual event on the Parade Ground and the Cross Country Course.

Sunday, October 13, 1 pm

#### Mushrooms: The Hidden Kingdom

Join the Urban Park Rangers on a mycology hike through Van Cortlandt Park. Learn how to identify and find different mushrooms in the wild.

Saturday, October 19, 6 pm

#### Family Camping

To enter your family in the lottery, registration begins on Wednesday, October 9.

Register at [nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register](http://nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register).

Sunday, October 27, Noon – 2 pm

#### Howl-o-ween

Best-dressed dogs compete. \$10 per dog to benefit the dog run. Pre-registration required at 718.796.4541. Meet at Canine Court. Enter the park at Broadway & 252 St. and walk north.

### November

Sunday, November 3, 10 am

#### The Van Cortlandt Super Hike

This challenging eight mile hike winds its way through most of the park's forests and ecosystems.

Register at [nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register](http://nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register) starting Wednesday, October 23rd.

Saturday, November 9, 11 am

#### Fall Foliage:

#### Van Cortlandt Park West to East

Meet the Rangers at Van Cortlandt Park East & East 242 Street.

Sunday, November 10, 1 pm

#### Historic New York:

#### Native Americans Past to Present

Native Americans were very adept at living off the land. Join the Rangers and discover their history and the relationships they forged with their natural environment.

Monday, November 11, 10 am

#### Astronomy:

#### Mercury Transits the Sun



Learn to use a solar telescope and view a rare celestial event when Mercury transits the Sun for the first time since 2016.

Saturday, November 16, 10 am – 1 pm

#### Family Harvest Day

Come dig through VCP Alliance's compost bins, try a new veggie, clear our planting beds for the winter, and participate in some gardening activities with your kids. Enter the park at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

Sunday, November 17, 1 pm

#### Explorer's Club: Firebuilding



With the Rangers.

Saturday, November 23, 12 pm

#### Crafternoon Hike

Join the Rangers for a walk into the picturesque woods in the Northwest portion of Van Cortlandt Park. Enjoy fall foliage and try your hand at your choice of nature arts & crafts. Enter the park at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

Friday, November 29, 1 pm

#### Black Friday Hike: Northwest Woods

Enter the park at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

### December

Sunday, December 1, 12 pm

#### Nature Exploration Hike:

#### Cass Gallagher Trail

Enter the park at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue.

Friday, December 13, 4 - 8 pm

#### Van Cortlandt at Twilight



Illuminated by candlelight, enjoy the house, refreshments, and campfire (weather permitting). Admission \$20.

Saturday, December 14, 11 am - 4 pm

#### Celebrate Saint Nicholas



Join a tour, games, crafts and hot chocolate around our campfire (weather permitting). Family program.

Sunday, December 15, 11 am

#### Winter Tree ID



With the Rangers.

Saturday, December 21, 5 pm

#### Winter Solstice Hike



Celebrate the Winter Solstice with a hike and s'mores with the Urban Park Rangers. Register at [nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register](http://nyc.gov/parks/rangers/register).

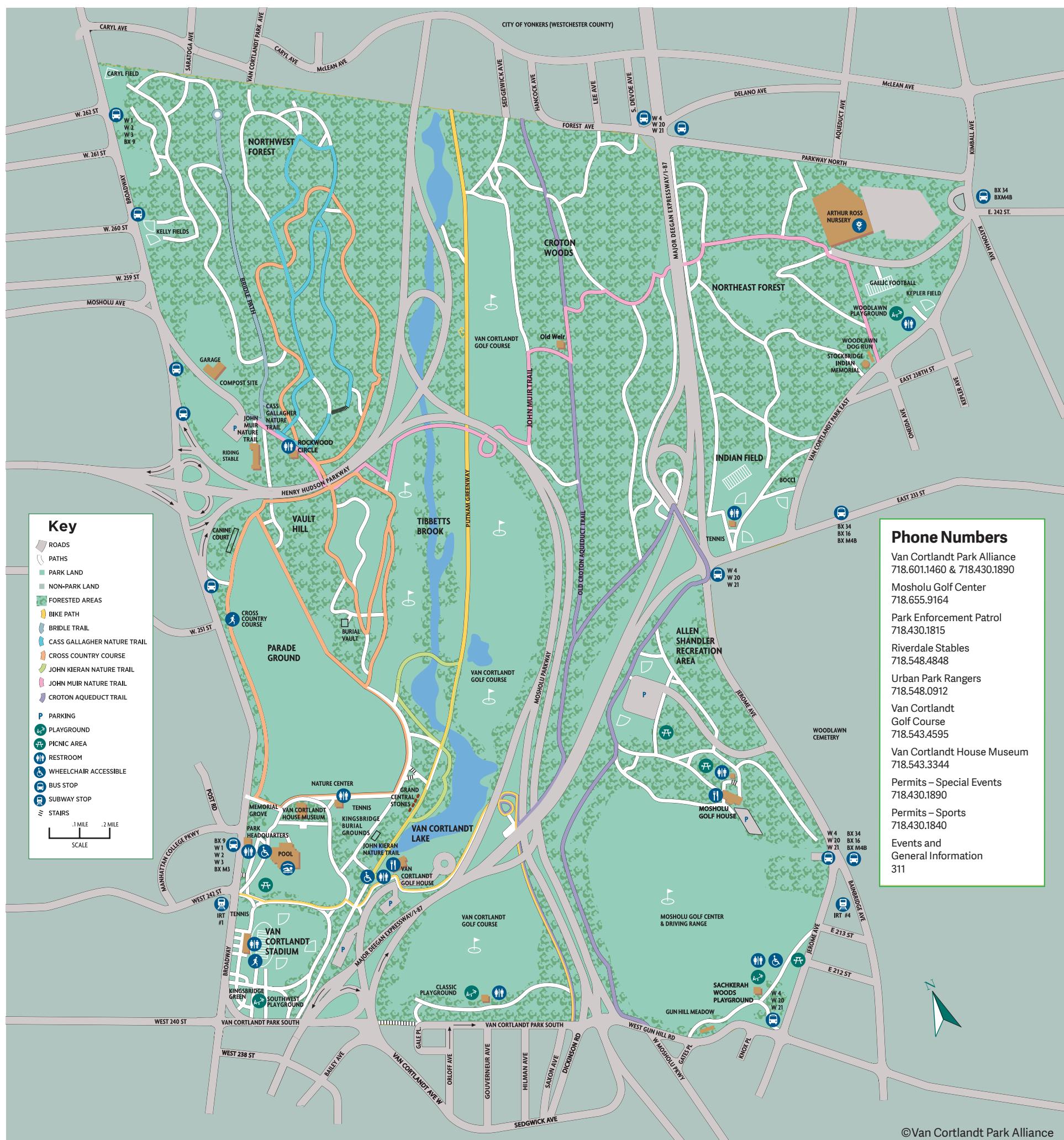
Sunday, December 29 –

Monday, January 13

#### Tree Cycle

Drop used Christmas trees in the parking lots of our golf courses. We mulch trees to use throughout the park or you can take some to make fragrant sachets.

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## Construction/ Temporary Park Closure Notes:

1. Broadway & West 242nd Street: Parks Without Borders project, including reconstruction of BBQ area, bike path, and construction of new seating area
2. Broadway above West 240th Street: construction of new skate park
3. Broadway & Mosholu, northwest section of field: construction of a playground
4. Indian Field: reconstruction of baseball field
5. Putnam Trail: reconstruction of trail

## The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance

preserves, supports, and promotes the recreational, ecological and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park.  
To learn more visit:

[www.vancortlandt.org](http://www.vancortlandt.org)  
[Facebook.com/vcpalliance](https://Facebook.com/vcpalliance)  
[Instagram.com/vcpalliance](https://Instagram.com/vcpalliance)  
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