

# I Love My Park Day

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Every year the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park (FOHBSP) hosts volunteers as part of more than 75 cleanup, improvement, and beautification events happening statewide in May. I Love My Park Day is an exciting statewide event to improve and enhance New York's state parks and historic sites and bring visibility to the entire state park system and its needs.

The FOHBSP organized several projects this year for I Love My Park Day. These included the re-establishment of the vegetable garden that existed during the years the historic POW camp was functioning; creating flower beds at the adjacent farmhouse (the future home of the FOHBSP and museum for the CCC/POW camp); installation of numbered 4x4 posts at the site of each of the camp's former buildings, to be used in the future for self-guided tours; and installation of two 6x6 posts to support a gate, establishing a new vehicle traffic pattern at the camp site.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and WWII Prisoner of War Camp (POW) played an important role in our nation's history. Information, photographs and artifacts will be on display when the aforementioned museum opens.

The crowd (including both children and adults) had fun and left the park cleaner and prettier!



Here you can see an awesome group cleaning flower beds and preparing them for planting.

I Love My Park Day is an annual event put on by Parks & Trails New York. It is designed to get communities involved in park preservation and beautification. Participants come together to celebrate, improve and enhance state parks and historic sites; boost volunteerism; and raise the visibility of the entire state parks system and its needs.



This young man found an artifact! A ketchup bottle made around 1956.

I Love My Park Day is coordinated at the statewide level by Parks & Trails New York (PTNY) in partnership with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP).