

BRONX RIVER RAMBLE

The Astonishing Story of Starlight Park

Saturday, July 15th 11:00 AM

At Boston Road and East Tremont Avenue
(beneath the 2/5 West Farms subway station)



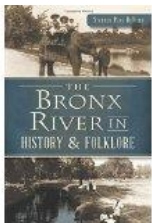
The Bronx was home to a number of legendary amusement parks – Clason Point, Kane’s Casino, and Freedomland – but perhaps the most fabulous one of all was Starlight Park in the 1920s.

As part of the Bronx River Alliance’s celebration of the new **Bronx River House** and the coming **Starlight Phase II** development, we’ll take a walk through time down one of the newest links on the Bronx River Greenway and explore the *old* Starlight Park.

We’ll thrill with an imaginary ride on a long-vanished roller coaster, dream of a dip in the great salt-water pool, and enjoy some of Starlight Park’s past wonders – including prize fighters, movie stars, human cannonballs, an historic

submarine, and even grand opera. We’ll also explore the place’s even more curious *pre-history*, including a would-be World’s Fair on the banks of the Bronx River, and end up at the **Bronx River House Celebration**, where we’ll cheer on the **5K Canoe Challenge** and applaud the winning **2017 Bronx River Canoe Champion!**

This free tour requires no reservations, and will start at West Farms Plaza, Boston Road and East Tremont Avenue underneath the 2/5 West Farms station (#2 or 5 subway to West Farms/East Tremont Avenue; Bx 9, 21, 36, 40, 42 or Q44 buses.) For information call Stephen DeVillo at 646-271-8223.



Stephen Paul DeVillo is the author of *The Bronx River in History and Folklore*, and the forthcoming *The Bowery: The Strange History of New York’s Oldest Street*.