

The Meadowlands

A Wetlands Survival Story

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2. Four hundred years ago, how many acres were in the Meadowlands? _____
3. How long did the wetlands support the Lenni Lenape?

4. When did Dutch ships find the Meadowlands? _____ Who got sick and had to move away? _____
5. What did the loggers do in the 1800's?

6. By the 1960's, how many acres of wetlands were left?
_____ By 1985, how many acres? _____
7. When did the state begin to close landfills and stop chemical dumping? _____
8. The river and tide that meet in the Meadowlands helped the ecosystem survive for _____ years.
9. When did the birds of prey disappear there? _____
10. Have the birds returned? _____
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2. Four hundred years ago, how many acres were in the Meadowlands? **20,000**
3. How long did the wetlands support the Lenni Lenape?
Thousands of years
4. When did Dutch ships find the Meadowlands? **1609** Who got sick and had to move away? **Lenni Lenape**
5. What did the loggers do in the 1800's?
cut down the Meadowlands trees
6. By the 1960's, how many acres of wetlands were left?
11,000 acres By 1985, how many acres? **7,000**
7. When did the state begin to close landfills and stop chemical dumping? **1969**
8. The river and tide that meet in the Meadowlands helped the ecosystem survive for **10,000** years.
9. When did the birds of prey disappear there? **1940's**
10. Have the birds returned? **Yes**
11. How do plants help the wetlands? **Algae and plants clean water and add to oxygen to the air for humans**
12. In 2007, what special bird returned? **Osprey**