



FRIENDS FOR THE MARSH

Hamilton - Trenton - Bordentown

Preservation * Advocacy * Education * Protection
In Partnership with D&R Greenway Land Trust

2011 - 2012 Events Schedule Below

- Canoe trips (most months)
- Field trips (most months)
- History weekend - April
- *Voices for the Marsh* Photography Show

See www.marsh-friends.org for calendar, any updates to schedule, and marsh access points.

Paddling Trips

ORGANIZED CANOE/KAYAK MARSH TRIPS:

Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh canoe/kayak trips are provided by the New Jersey Sierra Club. Marsh trips are based on tide conditions. For details, see www.marsh-friends.org. Contact George & Leona Fluck 609 259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com for additional information, meeting time, boat rental availability and to confirm trip participation.

September 23 (Friday). Friends for the Marsh Canoe Trip. Canoe/Kayak on the Crosswicks Creek (Mercer Co).

10am. It's the first day of Autumn – shuttle less 14-mile trip with the tide from Bordentown to Anchor Thread Park in Grovesville and return to Bordentown after lunch. Bring lunch and beverage. Few stops. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com. Cosponsor: New Jersey Sierra Club.

Oct 23 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak on the Crosswicks Creek/HTB Marsh (Mercer Co). 10am. We'll paddle the 8-mile tidal route through the Marsh that was featured in the NJN documentary, *Turning The Tide*. Bring lunch and beverage; optional walk after lunch before returning with the tide. Meet at Bordentown Beach. Contact leaders to confirm participation and trip. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com Cosponsor: New Jersey Sierra Club.

Nov 8 (Tues): Vote and Float - Canoe/Kayak on the Crosswicks Creek/HTB Marsh (Mercer Co). 11am. Vote in the morning and then join us for an 8-mile round trip from Bordentown Beach to John A. Roebling Park. We'll have lunch at the Park and then take a brisk walk around Spring Lake before returning with the tide. Bring lunch and hot beverage. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com Cosponsor: New Jersey Sierra Club.

Dec. and spring trips: TBA

Field Trips

September 17 (Saturday). Marsh Geology, Delaware River Cobbles, the D&R Canal, and more, 1 – 3 PM. Leader: Pierre Lacombe, U.S. Geologic Survey. Meet at southbound I-295 Scenic Overlook parking lot (just north of Bordentown). Parking is also available at north-bound Scenic Overlook; walk over bridge to edge of Delaware. Contact information: 732-821-8310. (Cosponsors with Friends: D&R Canal State Park, Bordentown City Environmental Commission, D&R Greenway Land Trust).

October 2 (Sunday). Foraging for Wild Foods. Plant identification, uses, preparation demonstration, and tasting. 11-2 (2:30) PM. Leader: David Siller, Professional Forager. Bring lunch and a beverage. Wear footwear suitable for uneven paths. **Registration required;** 732-821-8310. \$10 per person, \$5 for members and children. Meet at Bow Hill / Ukrainian Home: from Lalor St. (Hamilton), turn onto Jeremiah Ave., drive to end (street bends) to white picket fence surrounding a brick building that is the Bow Hill/ Ukrainian Home).

October 27-30. Abbott Farm Field Trip (one day only) - Eastern States Archeological Federation. Registration required. For details as they become available see: <http://www.esaf-archeology.org/meetings.html>.

November 12 (Saturday). Marsh cleanup, 9 AM – noon. Spring Lake area. Bring gloves if you have them, water to drink; wear long sleeves, long pants. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). Contact / Bob Sokol,

Sierra Club- 609-918-1149). (Cosponsors with Friends: Central New Jersey Sierra Club, Mercer County Parks, D&R Greenway Land Trust).

December 3 (Saturday). D&R Canal State Park Tow Path Trail hike, 10 AM-noon. Leaders: D&R Canal State Park Naturalist Stephanie Fox and Historian Vicki Chirco. Meet at the Light Rail parking lot in Bordentown City. This will be an opportunity to learn about the Canal, use the new Lock 1 bridge, and walk the trail. Please preregister: www.dandrcanal.com or call the park office at 609-924-5705. For information: 609-924-5705. (Cosponsors with Friends: D&R Canal State Park, Bordentown Environmental Commission, D&R Greenway Land Trust).

January 15 (Sunday). Walk: Focus on Wintering Ducks, 1-3 PM. Leader: Jenn Rogers, Mercer County Naturalist. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). For information: 609-883-6606 x 112. (Mercer County Parks,).

January 21 (Saturday). Walk: Observe how the marsh and its wildlife adjust to winter weather, 10 AM - noon. Leaders: Brad Merritt and John Maret. In case of inclement weather, contact Lou Beck 609-732-0070. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). (Washington Crossing Audubon).

January 22 (Sunday). Winter Wildlife Photography for Beginners with naturalist and photographer Joseph Schmeltz. 1:30-3:30 PM. Part indoors; part outdoors, weather permitting. Meet at the Roebling Park - Mercer County nature center (157 Westcott Ave. Hamilton). Please park behind the house near a green bench. Bring camera, wear weather appropriate clothing. (Cosponsors with Friends: Mercer County Parks, D&R Greenway Land Trust). If nature center is being renovated, a new location will be determined. Check spring schedule and / or www.marsh-friends.org.

February 12 (Sunday). Walk: Focus on Wintering Ducks, 1-3 PM. Leader: Jenn Rogers, Mercer County Naturalist. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). For information: 609-883-6606 x 112. (Cosponsors: Mercer County Parks, Friends for the Marsh, Washington Crossing Audubon, D&R Greenway Land Trust).

February 25 (Saturday). History & Artifacts -Archaeology at Abbott Farm, 1 -3 PM. For kids, but all are invited. Under-age children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Leaders: Greg Lattanzi & Karen Flinn, Archaeologists NJ State Museum. Meet at Learning Center, lower level, NJ State Museum, 205 W. State Street. (For directions, see <http://www.state.nj.us/state/museum/directions.htm>). For information: 609-292-8594. (Cosponsors with Friends: New Jersey State Museum Archeology Department, D&R Greenway Land Trust).

February TBA – light rail trip sponsored by the D&R Canal Watch.

March 11 (Sunday). Walk: Focus on Wintering Ducks, 1-3 PM. Leader: Jenn Rogers, Mercer County Naturalist. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). For information: 609-883-6606 x 112. (Mercer County Parks).

March 23 (Friday). Beaver Walk, 7:00-8:30 PM. Leader: Joe Schmeltz, Naturalist. For kids, but all are invited. Under-age children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Contact / information: 732-821-8310. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). (Cosponsors with Friends: Washington Crossing Audubon, Mercer County Parks, D&R Greenway Land).

March 24 (Saturday). Marsh Cleanup, 9 AM – noon. Spring Lake area. Bring gloves if you have them, water to drink; wear long sleeves, long pants, boots. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). Contact / information, Robert Sokol / Sierra Club - 609-918-1149). (Cosponsors with Friends: Central Jersey Sierra Club, Mercer County Parks, D&R Greenway Land Trust).

April 14 / 15 History Weekend. Details TBA

April 21 (Saturday). Birds, 8 AM – 11:30. Leaders Brad Merritt, John Maret, Charles Leck. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). Contact / information, 609-737-0070. (Washington Crossing Audubon).

April 28 (Saturday). Spring Wild Flowers, 9 AM-noon. Leaders: Mary Anne Borge and Aggie Naughton, Naturalists Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve. Meet at Bordentown Township's Northern Community Park on Groveville Road, between Rts. 130 and 206. (Contact / info: 732-821-8310). (Cosponsors with Friends: Washington Crossing Audubon, D&R Greenway Land Trust).

May 13 (Sunday). Birds, 8 – 11:30 AM. Leaders: Lou Beck, John Maret, & Brad Merritt. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebling Park (end of Sewell Ave., Hamilton). Contact / information, 732-821-8310. (Cosponsors with Friends: Washington Crossing Audubon, Mercer County Parks, D&R Greenway Land Trust).

June 9 (Saturday). Abbott Farm - Archaeology. 10AM – noon. Visit key locations in this important landscape and learn how native peoples traveled across it. Leaders: Greg Lattanzi & Karen Flinn, Archaeologists NJ State Museum. For kids, but all are invited. Under-age children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Contact: 609-292-8594. Meet at

Watson Woods - Roebing Park. (Take W. Park Ave, to Westcott, follow signs toward Watson House / Roebing Park; turn into Roebing Park, drive down the hill, turn left, and park near picnic tables).

6th Voices for the Marsh Juried Photography Show

Call for entries – see www.marsh-friends.org. Submissions are due: January 5, 2012

February 2 – 28 at the Mercer County Library – Lawrence Branch

Reception and announcement of awards - February 4 (Saturday) 2-4 PM