



FRIENDS FOR THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS

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In Partnership with D&R Greenway Land Trust

Abbott Marshlands - Schedule of Public Events for August-December 2016

- Canoe trips (most months)
- Field trips (most months)
- World Rivers Day – September 27th
- Family Fun Day – a Marshlands Celebration – October 22nd

See www.abbottmarshlands.org for Marshlands information, the calendar, any schedule updates, a map, and marsh access points. See also <http://mercercountyparks.org/facilities/tulpehaking-nature-center>.

Abbott Marshlands programs below include Tulpehaking Nature Center (TNC) listings. The nature center is located at 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ.

Paddling Trips (Others TBA)

Abbott Marshlands canoe/kayak trips - provided by the New Jersey Sierra Club. Trips are based on tide conditions.

Sun. Sept 25. World Rivers Day - Paddle and Walk the Abbott Marshlands, 9 a.m. World Rivers Day is a global celebration of the world's waterways, observed every last Sunday in September. Established in 2005, it highlights the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness while encouraging the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. Rivers in every country face an array of threats, and World Rivers Day promotes the active involvement of citizens to ensure the health of rivers in the years ahead. Guide on the creek: Mary Leck. Walk to the Tulpehaking Nature and/ or Spring Lk, Roebling Park. Discover your local waterways! Bring lunch and beverage. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip / participation: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. Cosponsors: Bordentown City and Twp Environmental Commissions.

Wed. Oct 12: Canoe/Kayak the Abbott Marshlands. 10 a.m. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. We'll see migrating Red-winged Blackbirds on our 8-mile tidal trip in the Abbott Marshlands from Bordentown Beach to Watson Woods and back to Bordentown. Rental boats are not available. Bring lunch and beverage. Contact leaders to confirm trip/ participation. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

Fri. Nov 11: Canoe/Kayak the Abbott Marshlands. 9:30 a.m. Veterans Day is a public holiday that began as a day to remember the end of World War I and was declared a holiday by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. Originally known as Armistice Day, the holiday became Veterans Day in 1954. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. Our 8 mile tidal trip in the Abbott Marshlands, via Crosswicks and Watson's Creeks, returns to Bordentown beach. Rental boats are not available. Bring lunch and beverage. Experienced cold weather paddlers only. Contact leaders to confirm trip. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

Field trips, clean up, etc. Please note that registration is required for some programs.

TNC. Fri. Sept. 2. First Friday Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Free, donations welcome. Each month, gather your little ones to hear one of our educators share a storybook tale worthy of the Abbott Marshlands, followed by a related craft or activity. For information: 609-888-3218. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Sat., Sept. 10: Aquatic Plant Primer, for beginners but all are welcome. **10 a.m.** (A Torrey Botanical Club trip). In the morning, learn common wetland species in and around Spring Lake. After lunch, visit a tidal marsh site, part of the northernmost tidal freshwater wetland on the Delaware River. Here the path will be muddy; be prepared for wet walking. Hip boots or VERY old footwear are recommended for the tidal marsh site. Directions: Spring Lake parking lot in - Roebling Park, Hamilton, NJ. Take South Broad St. (NJ Rt. 206) in Hamilton to Sewell Ave.; at the end of Sewell, turn left and drive down the hill. Bring lunch, beverage, and insect repellent. Trip leader: Mary Leck. For information: 732-821-8310. Afternoon walk is optional and will end about 3 PM.

16 September. Entries due – 8th Voices for the Abbott Marshlands Photography Show. (continued).

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TNC. Sat., Sept. 17. Cub Scout Day. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2-4 p.m. \$4/scout. Join us as we unveil our new programs to help your scout work towards those badge requirements with hands-on, outdoor activities and games. Two of our favorite new workshops will be featured. Registration required to 609-888-3218. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Sat. Sept. 17. Bug walk, noon – 1:30 p.m. Guide: Eugene Fuzy, Entomologist and Vice-chair Bordentown Twp Environmental Commission. Insects facts: there are more than a million known insect species, they represent more than half of all living organisms, and they are the most diverse animal group on Earth. Come discover what Northern Community Park has to offer. Free. Meet at Bordentown Township's Northern Community Park on Groveville Road, between Rts. 130 and 206. (Contact / info: 732-821-8310). (Cosponsors with Friends: Bordentown Township Environmental Commission).

TNC. Sat., Sept. 24. Girl Scout Day. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2-4 p.m. \$4/scout. Join us as we unveil our new programs to help your scout work towards those badge requirements with hands-on, outdoor activities and games. Two of our favorite new workshops will be featured. Registration required to 609-888-3218. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

TNC. Fri. Oct. 7. First Friday Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Free, donations welcome. Each month, gather your little ones to hear one of our educators share a storybook tale worthy of the Abbott Marshlands, followed by a related craft or activity. For information: 609-888-3218. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

TNC. Sat. Oct. 22. Family Fun Day at the Tulpehaking Nature Center. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free. Celebrate the nature center's third birthday with a day of family activities, games, and giveaways. Many events planned (e.g. Lenape foods, White City Mansion, and more; check for details, TBA). Are you up for our Birthday Fun Run? Help us to ring in another successful year at the Abbott Marshlands. 157 Westcott Ave. Hamilton,

Sun. Oct. 23. 8th Voices for the Abbott Marshlands - Reception and Awards Ceremony, 2-4 p.m, awards at 3 p.m. Exhibit on display from Oct. 21 – Feb. 26, 2017 during nature center hours and by appointment (609-888-3218). Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

TNC. Fri. Nov. 4. First Friday Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Free, donations welcome. Each month, gather your little ones to hear one of our educators share a storybook tale worthy of the Abbott Marshlands, followed by a related craft or activity. For information: 609-888-3218. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

TNC. Sun., Nov. 6. Marsh Walk (Un paseo guiado de naturaleza). 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Explore the history, plants, and wildlife of the Abbott Marshlands guided by our nature center naturalist. This is a bilingual tour. Spanish interpretation provided. Registration required to 609-888-3218. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Sat. Nov 19. Marsh cleanup, 9 a.m. – noon. Bring gloves if you have them, water to drink; wear long sleeves, long pants. Wear boots if you have them for wet areas. Meet at Spring Lake – Roebling Park, Hamilton, NJ. Take South Broad St. to Sewell Ave., at traffic light turn onto Sewell Ave.; at the end of Sewell, turn left and drive down hill to parking lot. Contact and information: 732-821-8310. Co sponsors with Friends: AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Program, D&R Greenway Land Trust.

TNC. Fri. Dec. 2. First Friday Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Free, donations welcome. Each month, gather your little ones to hear one of our educators share a storybook tale worthy of the Abbott Marshlands, followed by a related craft or activity. For information: 609-888-3218. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Sat. Dec. 3. An Early Winter Walk at the Bordentown Bluffs, 10-noon. Guide: Pat Coleman, Bordentown Twp Environmental Commission and Pennsylvania Master Naturalist. The focus will be trees. The Bluffs, part of D&R Canal State Park, were once owned by Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother. There are views of Crosswicks Creek; mountain laurel, rhododendron; and stately trees. Part of the trail is hilly. Meet at end of Stanton Ave., Bordentown Twp. (Take US-206 south of I-195; take 1st right after Pointe Breeze apartments. Look for Abbott Marshlands logo; street sign is missing). Contact/ info: 732-821-8310. Sponsors with Friends: D&R Canal State Park, Bordentown Township Environmental Commission, and Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.