



FRIENDS FOR THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS

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In Partnership with D&R Greenway Land Trust

Abbott Marshlands

Schedule of Public Events for September-December 2017

- Field trips (most months)
- World Rivers Day – September 24th
- A Marshlands Celebration – October 7th Nature-Con
- TNC: First Fridays – Story Times, Birding Series, Reptile Month

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

For free apps for guided tidal water and upland trails, see: <http://www.travelstorys.com/abbott-marshlands>.

Abbott Marshlands programs below include Tulpehaking Nature Center (TNC) listings. The nature center is located at 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ., 609-888-3218

TNC. First Friday Story Time. Fridays - Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m. Gather with your little ones while our educators share a story worthy of the Abbott Marshlands, followed by a craft or activity. We've chosen the best stories of wildlife and history to enjoy inside or outside if the weather is nice! Donations benefit the Friends for the Abbott Marshlands. FREE, donations welcome. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ.

TNC. Sept. Saturdays. Birding 201 Series. Saturdays - Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Each class \$5/person or \$15 for the series. In this continuation of our Bird Watching Series from last spring, Bill Pitman will help you build your bird watching skills by practicing on the birds that migrate through the Abbott Marshlands each Fall. Most time will be spent outdoors; dress accordingly, bring binoculars or borrow ours. Appropriate for teens and adults. Registration required, please RSVP to 609-888-3218 or natureprograms@mercercounty.org. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610

Sat. Sept. 9. Evening Insects - Sit, Learn, Discover. 7-9 p.m. For kids of all ages. Guide: Eugene Fuzy, Entomologist and Deputy Mayor of Bordentown Township (www.linkedin.com/in/eugenemfuzy/). Bring a chair and sit near a light trap to discover Insects that are active after dark. Insect species represent more than half of all living organisms, and they are the most diverse animal group on Earth, yet we know very few of those that live nearby. See 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).

Sun. Sept. 10. Grandparents' Day Hike. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Celebrate Grandparent's Day by coming out for a walk at Roebling Park. We'll take a stroll around Spring Lake and see what kinds of critters we can discover. No theme, no focus, just a family stroll around the lake. Meet at parking lot: 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. FREE. Contact/ information: 609-888-3218

Sun. Sept 24. World Rivers Day along the Delaware River. 2-4 p.m. Discover the Delaware River, Delaware & Raritan Canal and Abbott Marshlands from the Light Rail with railroad historian John Kilbride. Meet at the Bordentown RiverLINE light rail station. (Turn left into parking lot at 100 W. Park Street at Prince Street, above the boat landing), purchase tickets, and receive a brief introduction before boarding the train. Tickets are \$1.60 (\$.75 for seniors). For information: jktr@msn.com. To obtain materials, **please pre-register** using: info@abbottmarshlands.org; subject line – 'World Rivers Day'.

Optional walk to D&R Canal following the trail ride.

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. The focus this year will be the trains along the Delaware River. Cosponsors: Washington Crossing Audubon Society, Bordentown City Environmental Commission

TNC. Oct. 7. Nature-Con, 11am-3pm. Spiderman can crawl on walls. Wonder Woman has her strength. What is your superpower when it comes to defending nature? Join other nature heroes at this family-focused convention to strengthen your powers in guarding the Earth!

Featured events

- **Workshops featuring small, but mighty deeds to protect the planet.**
- **Create a Nature Hero Contest for your chance to win a prize.**
- **Leave your mark in the park by helping to paint our Educational Mural on the Rowan Storm Drains**

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Sat. Oct. 21. Fishing Day at the Marsh, 10 a.m. -12noon. Adults and kids alike can fish for free on this special day - no state fishing license required. We'll have expert fisherman on hand to help you hone your technique and a challenge course for kids to practice their casting accuracy. A small number of fishing poles will be available to borrow on a first-come, first served basis. Arrive early! Meet at Spring Lake – Roebling Park, Hamilton, NJ parking lot. 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. FREE. Registration Required, please RSVP to 609-888-3218 or natureprograms@mercercounty.org

Oct. 29, Exhibit ends. Noon – 4 p.m. At *The Essence: Wildlife Reliefs. Art Exhibit.* Artist Susan Hoenig. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610. For information: 609-888-3218.

Sat. Nov 4. 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. Details TBA in Sept. Co-sponsors with Friends: AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Program, Tulpehaking Nature Center, Washington Crossing Audubon Society.

TNC. November - Reptile Month at the Tulpehaking Nature Center. Saturday, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, 1-1:30 p.m. Meet a different member of the nature center's animal ambassador team each week. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610. FREE

Sat. Nov. 11. A D&R Greenway Second Weekend Walk, 10 a.m. – noon. Guide: Mary Leck. The Bordentown Bluffs, overlooking Crosswicks Creek, are part of the Abbott Marshlands. This part of D&R Canal State Park was preserved in 1996 by D&R Greenway. Culturally significant, part of the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark, the area was first visited by Indians 13,000 years ago and from ~1816- 1842 was owned by Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother. We'll see thickets of Mountain Laurel and Rhododendron, look for persimmon and American Chestnut, and enjoy the autumn landscape. No wet walking as the trail is all upland; note that part 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). **Please register:** rsvp@drgreenway.org. (Free).

TNC. Sun, Nov. 19. Thanksgiving Tree Walk, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$2/jar for accompanying craft. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610. For information: 609-888-3218.

Sat. Dec. 2. Walk the Delaware and Raritan Canal Towpath in Bordentown; 10 a.m. -noon. Join your guides Historian Vicki Chirco, and Naturalist Stephanie Fox for a leisurely late Autumn walk along the historic towpath in Bordentown. The group will meet at the northbound I-295 Scenic Overlook parking lot just north of Bordentown for a walk that includes Lock 1 and the Abbott Marshlands eagle nest. Please call (609) 924-5705 to register and for further details. Sponsored by the D&R Canal State Park, Washington Crossing Audubon Society, Bordentown City Environmental Commission, and Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.