



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 2018

- Field trips and
1st Saturday Abbott Marshlands Walks – A Prescription for Better Health. (1st Sat. walks are cosponsored by: Robert Wood Johnson Hospital – Hamilton, Friends for the Abbott Marshlands, Tulpehaking Nature Center, D&R Canal State Park & Bordentown Twp. Environmental Commission. September 1 & October 6 walks are also cosponsored by Washington Crossing Audubon Society).
- World Rivers Day – September 30th
- Note new Tulpehaking Nature Center (TNC) offerings – Birding 201, Fishing Club, River Days, Watson Woods Walking Club, and more.

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

New trail maps - www.abbottmarshlands.org (see Trails & Directions).

Exhibit - 'Days Out of Doors: Exploring the Abbott Marshlands', at the Tulpehaking Nature Center (signs to size and photographs) continuing to Oct. 7.

15 New signs. Those at Roebling Park, installed in late June; others coming soon.

Marshlands Photography, see website (Photo Gallery): [Healing Trails; Voices for the Abbott Marshlands]

Trail Crew: Roebling Park - Aug. 24. (Fri) – 9 a.m. noon. Participants must sign a Volunteer Application & Waiver and register. Contact Jillian Stark, Land Steward, jstark@mercercounty.org. (609) 303-0718).

Programs:

September 1. 1st Saturday Walk, Roebling Park - Island Trail. 10 am – noon. Meet at Spring Lake, Roebling Park. Take South Broad St. to Sewell Ave., turn onto Sewell, drive to end, turn left and drive down the hill to the parking lot. Trail is flat. Guide: Kelly Rypkema

TNC. Fishing Club – Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs. Saturdays, September 1-Nov. 17. 9:00-11:00 a.m. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610. FREE, Registration and participation in the whole series required. Call 609-888-3218. Join us as we dive deep into the world of fishing, including fish ID, selecting the proper lure, cooking your catch, and fun exciting trips, all fishing related. Designed specifically for youth aged 10-14, the goal is to develop positive life skills, nurture self-esteem and confidence, and participate in constructive recreation. Limited to 15 participants.

TNC. September 7. First Friday Story Time. 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! FREE, donations welcome. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ

TNC. September 8, 15, 22, 29 (Sat). Birding 201. 8:00-10:00 a.m. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610. Each class \$5/person or \$15 for the series. Registration required to: natureprograms@mercercounty.org. In this a continuation of our Birdwatching series from last spring, we'll help you build your birdwatching 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.

TNC. Watson Woods Walking Club. Wednesdays, starting September 12. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610. FREE. Tie up your sneakers and join us for this new weekly series. Enjoy an easy mile-long walk with our group as we explore beautiful Spring Lake or other trails of Roebling Park each week. Coffee and refreshments will follow each outing.

TNC. September 15 (Sat). 12-3 p.m. River Days. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610. FREE (Sponsored by the Alliance for Watershed Education). Celebrate the life-giving waters of the Abbott Marshlands with family activities, prizes, and lunch on the lawn. Leave your mark on the nature center with Guerilla Haiku, a new special exhibit featuring the work of you, our visitors. Then get a closer look at the Abbott Marshlands with a family-friendly activity course and wildlife search on the trails. Are you up to the challenge? Free meals with dessert to the first 100 visitors.

TNC. Girl Scout Days - Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 (Sundays), 1-4 p.m. – Check TNC for registration details and specifics about badges.

September 30 (Sun.). World Rivers Day. Take a walk! Enjoy the Delaware River. (No formal programs scheduled this year). 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.

TNC. Cub Scout Days - Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, (Sundays), 1-4 p.m. – Check TNC for registration details and specifics about badges.

TNC. October 5. First Friday Story Time. 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! FREE, donations welcome. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ

October 6. 1st Saturday Walk. 10 am – noon. D&R Canal State Park (Duck Island) Towpath Trail, North End. Meet at north end of tow path, near park gate. From Lalor St.. take NJ 29 south; take first exit toward Lambertton Road. Go past Sturgeon Pond on the left. Shortly after the bend in the road, look for the park gate on the left. Park along the edge of road near the park gate entrance. Trail is flat. Guide: Stephanie Fox.

October 20 (Sat.). Lichens. 10-noon. Lichenologist Dennis Waters will explore the mysterious organisms that are part fungus (non photosynthetic) and part alga (photosynthetic). This intimate life style produces unique shapes, structures, and even chemicals. D&R Canal State Park – Tow Path Trail. Meet at the I-295 Scenic Overlook, just north of Crosswicks Creek. Cosponsored by D&R Canal State Park and Washington Crossing Audubon Society. Contact and information -732-821-8310.

TNC. November 2. First Friday Story Time. 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! FREE, donations welcome. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ

November 3. 1st Saturday Walk. Bordentown Bluffs, D&R Canal State Park, 10 am – noon. 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. There is one steep hill, which can be avoided. Guide: Mary Leck.

November/ December (TBA) – Trash pickup. Need to confirm date with Watershed Ambassador who for the past several years has coordinated this.

TNC. November 10 (Sat). 1:30-3:30 p.m. Ancient Technologies: Making an Amulet Necklace. Create your own amulet and necklace from start to finish using techniques reminiscent of the Lenape people. With guidance from archaeologist and primitive technologist Jack Cresson, participants will practice ancient arts of making cordage, and drilling and refining a stone pendant to take home. Co-sponsored by the Archaeological Society of New Jersey. Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ 08610. \$5/person or \$20/family. Registration required by Saturday, Nov. 3 to natureprograms@mercercounty.org<<mailto:natureprograms@mercercounty.org>>.

December 1. 1st Saturday Walk. Northern Community Park, Bordentown Twp. 10 am – noon. Meet at NCP parking lot on Groveville Rd, between Rts. 206 and 130. One gentle hill. Guide: Pat Coleman.

December 7. First Friday Story Time. 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

HEALING TRAILS photography exhibit: Tidal Water Trail and Walking Trails. Open to all photographers. Entries due Nov. 4. See www.abbottmarshlands.org / Photo Gallery, for details.

MARSHLANDS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT– Open to all photographers. *9th Voices for the Abbott Marshlands Photography Show.* The show will open March 17, 2019. Entries are due Feb. 15th; see call for entries for specifics. The 1st Saturday walks and other programs provide opportunities to explore marsh trails in this >3000 acre naturally and culturally important wetland area. For information about the marshlands, a schedule, and call for entries, see www.abbottmarshlands.org. Questions: marshphotos@abbottmarshlands.org.

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