



FRIENDS FOR THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS

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In Partnership with D&R Greenway Land Trust

Abbott Marshlands Schedule of Public Events for October-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.travelstors.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]

Programs:

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

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 Lambertson 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. Bring lichens you'd like identified.

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. Cosponsored by Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, Hamilton and D&R Canal State Park.

November 10 (Sat.). Marshlands trash pickup. 9-noon. Meet at Spring Lake, Roebling Park, Hamilton, NJ. From South Broad St., turn onto Sewell Ave., drive to the end, turn left and drive down the hill to the parking lot. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and boots. To Register, contact Sara Sayed, Watershed Ambassador, ambassadorwma20@gmail.com. 609-888-3218, Coffee and donuts provided.

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.

Call for entries. 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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