



FRIENDS FOR THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS

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In Partnership with D&R Greenway Land Trust

Abbott Marshlands Schedule of Public Events for December 2018- February 2019

- Field trips
- **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).

See www.abbottmarshlands.org for Marshlands information, calendar, schedule updates, 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 - "Gorilla Haiku" at Tulpehaking Nature Center. Hrs. Fri. & Sat – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sun. noon- 4 p.m.

15 New trail and interpretive signs.

Marshlands Photography, see website (Photo Gallery or Photography Show).

Contents:

1. **Abbott Marshlands Schedule of Public Events for December and January,**
2. **1st Saturday walks (to June)**

Please note that the schedule for 2019 is currently being developed. Please let us know your suggestions. (info@abbottmarshlands.org). What we have to date for December, January, and February are listed below. TNC –Tulpehaking Nature Center.

1. Scheduled programs.

TNC. Wednesdays. Watson Woods Walking Club, 10-11:30. Meet at the Tulpehaking Nature Center. 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, 08610. Info: 609 888 3218. Tie up your sneakers and join us for this weekly series. Enjoy an easy mile-long walk with our group as we explore beautiful Spring Lake or other trails of Roebing Park each week. Coffee and refreshments will follow each outing.

TNC. December 7, January 4, February 1. 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. Info: 609 888 3218.

TNC. December 9, January 13, February 10 (Sunday). Winter Bird and Duck Walk, 1-3 p.m. Meet at Spring Lake, Roebing Park. Take South Broad St. to Sewell Ave., drive to the end of Sewell, turn left and drive down the hill to the parking lot. REGISTRATION required: 609 888 3218. Join us for a casual hike

dedicated to spotting our fine feathered friends. All abilities of birders are welcome. Bring a pair of binoculars if you have them, extra binoculars are available for those who don't. Free. For adults and teens.

TNC. December 8, January 19, February 9. Girl Scout Days – Winter 2018.

A series on the beauty of winter focused on art. Girl scouts attending the full 3-hr program will meet all requirements for the badge. (Patch not included.) Bring a snack!

Dec. 8, 9am-12 noon – Brownie Outdoor Art Creator

Jan. 19, 1-4 p.m. – Junior Outdoor Art Explorer

Feb. 9, 1-4 p.m. – Cadette Outdoor Art Apprentice

Girl Scout Days are open to individual scouts and groups as long as space is available.

Registration and pre-payment required. 609-888-3218. \$8/girl scout (county resident); \$10/girl scout (non-resident).

January 5, 2019. 1st Saturday Walk. Bordentown Beach. A winter walk, with photography opportunities as the marsh show entries are due Feb. 15th. Guide- Mary Leck. Some tidal ice, a bit of local history, and, time permitting, a walk to lock 1 of the D&R Canal. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Bordentown Beach: take W Park St, and drive down the hill past the light rail station. Contact: 732-821-8310.

January 12 (Saturday) 9 am. Bird Walk. Led by Brad Merritt and Andrew Bobe. Follow the trails and see how the marsh and its wildlife adjust to the cold weather. In case of inclement weather, contact Brad Merritt at 609-921-8964. Directions: Take South Broad St. to Sewell Ave. turn onto Sewell at traffic light; at road's end, turn left and continue downhill to parking lot. *Co-sponsored by Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.*

**2. Continuing for 2019: 1st Saturday walks – to June (new Directions map available)
1st Saturday Abbott Marshlands Walks – A Prescription for Better Health.**

Cosponsors: Robert Wood Johnson Hospital – Hamilton & Friends for the Abbott Marshlands. Other cosponsors vary with location and include: Tulpehaking Nature Center, D&R Canal State Park, Bordentown Twp. Environmental Commission, and Washington Crossing Audubon Society.

The objectives are to improve wellness by experiencing the out-of-doors – views of freshwater tidal creeks, flocks of red-winged blackbirds, spring wild flowers, tall tulip trees, umbrella magnolias, beaver, wintering ducks, all often under blue skies. The varied landscape offers a seasonal progression of opportunities to see the diverse organisms that call the Abbott Marshlands home or that visit as they migrate. Migrants may travel great distances: going to South America (e.g, orchard oriole) for winter and north to the Arctic Circle during summer (e.g., tree sparrow). Knowledgeable guides enhance the walkers understanding of the natural and cultural resources found here, providing opportunities to explore trails.

All walks: 10-noon. Drizzle will not cancel. Cancellations will be announced on the www.abbottmarshlands.org calendar by 9 am the day of the walk.

NEW Directions Map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1-k6A1xoQ8cLOMUELOK17XTCTtZzNkNDu&ll=40.1712854%2C-74.69135310000001&z=13>

1st Saturday Walks for January - June:

January 5. Bordentown Beach -Winter walk and some history. Photography opportunities. Meet at Bordentown beach. Guide: Mary Leck.

February 2. Spring Lake Roebing Park - Island Trail with Wintering Ducks. Meet at Spring Lake. Guide: Kelly Rypkema.

March 2. D&R Canal Tow Path Trail (Bordentown Overlook Trail). Meet at .Bordentown Light Rail Station parking lot. Guide: Stephanie Fox.

April 6. Bordentown Bluffs - Signs of Spring . Meet: Bordentown Bluffs, Stanton Ave, Guide: Mary Leck.

May 4. Northern Community – Spring Wildflowers. Meet at Northern Community Park. Guide: Pat Coleman.

June 1. Roebing Park: Watson Woods - Abbott Brook Trail. Meet at Tulpehaking Nature Center. Guide: Kelly Rypkema.

The Tulpehaking Nature Center (157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton) offers programs for youth, families, and individuals. For most listings, see the marshlands calendar (www.abbottmarshlands.org).

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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