



Free Programs



Saturday Nature Walks

Every Saturday - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Leader: Ashley Harrell, Weekend Naturalist

Walk the grounds of Ashland Nature Center enjoying an interpretive walk with a Naturalist. Topics of the walk vary from week to week and concentrate on what is in season.

Thursday Morning Birding at Ashland

Thursdays through May - 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Member/Non-Member: Free

Leader: Delaware Nature Society staff

Calling all birders! Join us for morning walks around the Ashland property in search of migrant and resident birds. Learn bird identification tips and meet other local birders. Stroll through meadows, forests, thickets, and marsh while learning about the wildflowers, amphibians, mammals, trees and

natural history of the Ashland property.

Sunday Afternoon Hikes at Bucktoe

May 4 & 18, June 1 & 15, July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17 -

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: Free

Non-Members: Take advantage of a one-time offer to purchase a new DNS membership at 1/2 price (\$27.50 for a household membership, regularly \$55).

Leader: William Ryan, Director, Bucktoe Creek Preserve

Join us for a tour of Bucktoe Creek Preserve, a 285-acre property near Kennett Square, PA that is being managed to preserve and restore biodiversity. See restoration projects in practice and learn about native plant communities at this special property of mature woodlands, thickets, meadows, wetlands, ponds, and creeks, which is laced with trails. Program meets at the Bucktoe Creek Preserve. Please call William at (302) 530-8526 to register and get directions.



Thursday Morning Birding
Photo by Rod Hampton



Farm Fun Days

*Wednesdays and Thursdays, April 2 - November 26
Noon to 2:30 pm
Member/Non-Member: Free/Adult \$5, Child \$3 (ages 2 and up)*

Pack up your picnic lunch, bring along some friends, and come on out to Coverdale Farm located on Way Road in Greenville, Delaware. See the farm animals, talk to the gardeners and farm staff and spend a nice time outdoors. Members are free with membership card.



Weekly Bird Walk

*Wednesdays, May 7 – June 25 - 8:00 am - 9:30 am
Member/Non-Member: Free
Leader: Jason Beale, Manager, Abbott's Mill Nature Center*

Search for migrating and resident birds along the trails of the Milford Millponds Nature Preserve. May brings legions of migrant birds from Central and South America, including the colorful warblers and tanagers. June birds fill the forests with sounds as they initiate their breeding cycle. Data will be collected for the 2nd Delaware Breeding Bird Atlas. Binoculars are available for use.

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Series

*Course #: U08-201-AM
Weds, May 14, June 18, July 16, August 13 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: Free
Leader: Jason Beale, Abbott's Mill Manager and Backyard Habitat Stewards*

Spend an afternoon each month touring yards and gardens that emphasize native plants and/or natural gardening methods. Learn how to make your yard more attractive to wildlife and how to have it certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat through the Delaware Nature Society and National Wildlife Federation.

National Trails Day: Milford Millponds Nature Preserve

*Course #: U08-202-AM
Saturday, June 7 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: Free
Leader: Jason Beale, Manager, Abbott's Mill Nature Center
Discover the trails of the Milford Millponds Nature Preserve*

as they wind through forest, field, marsh, and swamp. Experience the sights and sounds as spring turns to summer. Binoculars are available for use.

Mill Open House: Wheat

*Course: U08-203-AM
Tuesday, June 10 - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Member/Non-Member: Free/Adult \$3, Child \$1
Leader: Jason Beale, Manager, Abbott's Mill Nature Center*

The transition from Spring to Summer is a time of growth and harvest in the farmer's field. The corn is growing, but the winter wheat is almost ready for harvest. Join us for a guided mill tour to focus on the processing of wheat and the historic roller mills. Watch the gears turn as water powers the grist and roller mills and try your hand at sifting flour.

Mill Open House: Water

*Course: U08-204-AM
Wednesday, August 20 - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: Free/Adult \$3, Child \$1
Leader: Jason Beale, Manager, Abbott's Mill Nature Center*

Since the damming of Johnson Branch in 1795, Abbott's Pond is a place where people and nature come together. Discover the power of water as it drives the turbine and milling equipment. Explore the Tail Race for mill artifacts and the fish and turtles that call it home.



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