

Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary

Home of the Hoffman Center for Conservation and Environmental Education

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HOURS: Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. / Sunday, noon to 5:00 P.M. / Closed Mondays

CLOSINGS: Monday, September 6, Labor Day; and Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving



Sanctuary Staff:

Mike Anderson, Sanctuary Director

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Carole Hughes, Roger Johnson, Henry Keilbock,

Carol Knapp, John Knapp, Randy Little,

Bruce McWhorter, Mitch Morrison,

Mike Newlon, Rick Radis, Lloyd Shaw,

Ken Witkowski, Philip and Becky Witt.

Autumn 2010 Programs

September through November

EVERY DAY AT SCHERMAN-HOFFMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Visitor center and bookstore are open Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Sunday, noon to 5:00 P.M. Trails are open seven days, dawn to 5:00 P.M. (park in the Scherman lot if visiting Mondays or before 9:00 A.M. other days).

VISIT the Hoffman Center for Conservation and Environmental Education.

SHOP our Nature Store. We are the area's best source for binoculars, spotting scopes, bird seed, feeders, field guides, natural history books, and nature gifts.

WATCH our state-of-the-art feeding station.

HIKE our three miles of trails that meander through forest and fields and along the headwaters of the Passaic River. The sanctuary is con-

tiguous to Morristown National Historic Park and the Cross Estate.

LEARN from our educational materials, exhibits, and expert naturalists. In addition to the programs and field trips listed below, we offer group programs and tours for schools, scouts, clubs, and other organizations by reservation at least two weeks ahead. We also offer a wide variety of lectures and slide programs for club meetings and special events. Please call for more information and the fee schedule for these programs.

Whether you register for programs by mail or phone, please be sure to provide the following information: Your name, address, phone, and e-mail address; dates and titles of program(s) you are registering for; name and phone of an emergency contact, and whether you will get instructions from the Web site or will need them mailed.

Program Registration Informa-

tion: Checks should be made payable to NJ Audubon and sent to 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924, or brought to the Hoffman Center during open hours. Indicate which program(s) you are registering for, and please be sure to include your name, address, and phone number in case we need to contact you. It is also possible to register by phoning us during office hours; please have your credit card ready. Prepaid registration ensures a place and is required for all trips. Walk-ins are possible for in-house programs at the Hoffman Center if not full. No refunds except in case of cancellation by us. No cancellation for bad weather unless specifically stated.

Tips and Rules for All Field

Trips: We target the best sites for natural history of the season and

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invite birders/naturalists at all levels. Trips go in any weather. See the individual trip descriptions for hoped-for highlights. Preregistration is required so that we can notify participants of last-minute changes in time or meeting place. Trips begin at the sites *promptly* at the specified time, and normally travel by car-caravan to other nearby locations.

For directions go to <http://www.nj Audubon.org/SectionCenters/SectionScherman/FieldTripDirections.aspx>, or directions can be mailed on request. Bring lunch, water, binoculars, sunscreen, extra layers of clothes, and wear shoes that could get a little muddy. Leaders will have scopes; feel free to bring your own. Focused children accompanied by an adult are welcome. Also see the Web site above for more tips on how to prepare for and enjoy field trips.

BIRD SEED SALE DAYS

Saturday, October 2

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Orders due by
Saturday, September 18.

Saturday, December 4

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Orders due by
Saturday, November 20

Saturday, February 12, 2011

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Orders due by
Saturday, January 29, 2011.

FREE PROGRAMS

NATURE WALKS AT SCHERMAN-HOFFMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY Every Friday and Saturday

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.
Meet at the Hoffman Center. Normally with Michael Pollock on Fridays and Mike Anderson on Saturdays, these walks are just plain fun and informative: birds, trees, tracks, wildflowers, reptiles, and amphibians. Our free walks are a great way to introduce friends and family to NJ Audubon – bring a companion along!
Cost: free.

FREE NATURE WALKS AT KITTATINNY VALLEY STATE PARK – ANDOVER Second and third Saturdays of September, October, and November

8:00 A.M. to about 11:30 A.M. on
September 11 & 18, October 9 & 16
8:30 A.M. to about 11:30 A.M. on
November 13 & 20

Led by Tom Halliwell, Joe Burgiel, or other NJ Audubon naturalists. Co-sponsored by NJ Audubon and the Paulinskill Valley Trail Committee. Meet in the parking lot on the left at the south end of Twin Lakes on Goodale Road, Andover. This is about 0.5 mile east of route 206. (DeLorme 24, G-2; Boyle p. 44). Bring binoculars. No preregistration required.
Cost: free.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS HAWKWATCHING

MONTCLAIR HAWK LOOKOUT 54th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 19

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
The window for the spectacular Broad-winged Hawk migration is between September 14 and September 25. Montclair Hawk Lookout is one of the best places in NJ to see thousands of these migrating birds of prey. The record single-day high count for Broad-winged Hawks was over 17,000 seen on September 16, 1988 at the dedication of the lookout in memory of Andrew Bihun, Jr. Big flights are weather-dependent. You can't see them if you're not there.... Bring water, binoculars, visor, and wear a smile in your heart. We will have some loaner binoculars available.
Cost: free.

RAPTOR IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS by SCOTTS MOUNTAIN HAWK WATCH AT MERRILL CREEK RESERVOIR

Saturdays, September 11, 25, and October 2, and 16

10:30 A.M. to noon.
Raptor identification workshops will be offered by the Scott's Mountain

Hawk Watch at Merrill Creek Reservoir. Anyone interested in these free classes (Limit 15 people per session) may register by calling Merrill Creek Visitor Center at 908.454.3339. Scott's Mountain Hawk Watch is conducting the ID workshops in coordination with the New Jersey Audubon Society and Merrill Creek Reservoir. Everyone is welcome.
Cost: free.

BEGINNER HAWK WATCH AT WASHINGTON VALLEY PARK Saturday, September 18 Sunday, September 19

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
The only county park-owned hawk watch in N.J. is located in Somerset County Park Commission's Washington Valley Park. The watch is located on the southern edge of the Watchung Ridge and is a good location to witness southbound migrant hawks in the fall. Mid-September to early October is the best time to see the greatest number and diversity of hawks. In mid-September, on a good day, we expect to see thousands of migrating hawks. Mike Anderson (NJAS) and Dave Dendler (Somerset County Park Commission) will help you find and identify southbound hawks.
Cost: Free.

DIRECTIONS: Washington Valley Park is located on the First Watchung Ridge in Martinsville, New Jersey. The park is most easily accessible from Interstate 287. From the north or south take 287 to the exit for Route 22 east.

Follow Route 22 east for approximately 1 mile. Turn right onto the jug handle at Vosseler Avenue. Go north onto Vosseler Avenue and cross Route 22. Proceed uphill until you reach the peak (about .6 miles). Look for Miller Lane on your left. Turn left onto Miller Lane. Drive about ½-mile down Miller Lane to the parking lot for the hawk watch.

NOTE: Miller Lane is a very narrow road with a number of private residences along it. Please drive slowly and yield to oncoming cars. The trail to the watch begins at the far end of the parking lot.
Cost: free, no preregistration. Just come; stay as long as you want.

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YOUTH FIELD TRIPS

Youth field trips for focused individuals between the age of 11 and 16. All participants must preregister. Parents can join us (but the trip is for the younger generation) or drop off and pick up at pre-determined location. All the trips are free. Limit 15.

MONTCLAIR HAWK LOOKOUT Sunday, September 19

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Meet at Montclair Hawk Lookout.

SANDY HOOK

Sunday, October 10

8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Led By Scot Barnes, senior naturalist at Sandy Hook Bird Observatory

FORSYTHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE – BRIGANTINE

Saturday, November 6

8:00 A.M. meet at the sanctuary and car pool or meet at Brigantine at 10:15 A.M.

Return to the sanctuary by 5:00 P.M.

ADULT FIELD TRIPS

BEGINNING BIRDING FIELD TRIPS: Great Swamp

Saturday, September 25

Saturday, November 27

9:00 A.M. until noon

Meet at the Hoffman Center

We'll start by observing the birds at the bird feeders outside the bookstore window at the Hoffman Center and then we'll migrate to the Great Swamp. "The Swamp" is always a very productive destination. Led by Rich Borzelli.

Cost: \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers (can be applied to membership).

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK Friday, November 5

9:00 A.M. to mid-afternoon

There won't be crowds of people on the beach, but we should see lots of birds. Join us for a weekday of birding at the Shore. Migrating scoters, loons, gannets, raptors, and always the possibility of a November rarity. Led by Mike Anderson

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary Autumn 2010 Events at a Glance

- Every Friday & Saturday ..** Nature Walks at Scherman-Hoffman
- Thursday, September 2 Exploring the World of Fungi
- Saturday, September 11 Kittatinny Valley State Park Nature Walk
- Saturday, September 11 Raptor ID Workshop – Scott's Mountain Hawk Watch
- Sunday, September 12 Fall Wonder Walk
- Saturday, September 18 Kittatinny Valley State Park Nature Walk
- Saturday, September 18 Beginner Hawk Watch at Washington Valley Park
- Sunday, September 19 Old Mine Road, Delaware Water Gap NWR
- Sunday, September 19 Hawk Mountain Lookout Youth Trip
- Sunday, September 19 Montclair Hawk Lookout 54th Anniversary Open House
- Sunday, September 19 Beginning Hawk Watch at Washington Valley Park
- Saturday, September 25 Raptor ID Workshop – Scott's Mountain Hawk Watch
- Saturday, September 25 Beginning Birding Field Trip: Great Swamp
- Saturday, October 2 Bird Seed Sale
- Saturday, October 2 Beginning Birding: Backyard Bird Feeding
- Saturday, October 2 Allendale Celery Farm
- Saturday, October 2 Raptor ID Workshop – Scott's Mountain Hawk Watch
- Sunday, October 3 Pine Barrens Natural History
- Saturday, October 9 Kittatinny Valley State Park Nature Walk
- Sunday, October 10 Cold Brook Preserve
- Sunday, October 10 Sandy Hook Youth Trip
- Saturday, October 16 Raptor ID Workshop – Scott's Mountain Hawk Watch
- Saturday, October 16 Kittatinny Valley State Park Nature Walk
- Saturday, October 16 Insect Investigations
- Sunday, October 17 Glenhurst Meadows – Warren Green Acres
- Sunday, October 17 Fall Wonder Walk
- Wednesday, October 20 Bear Facts
- Thursday, November 4 Geographic Information System Workshop
- Friday, November 5 Island Beach State Park
- Saturday, November 6 Forsythe NWR Youth Trip
- Saturday, November 13 Turkey Time
- Saturday, November 13 Digital Photography Workshop I
- Saturday, November 13 Round Valley and Spruce Run Reservoirs
- Saturday, November 13 Fall Wonder Walk
- Saturday, November 13 Nature Walk at Kittatinny Valley State Park
- Saturday, November 20 Kittatinny Valley State Park Nature Walk
- Saturday, November 20 Holiday Shopping Guide to Binoculars and Spotting Scopes
- Saturday, November 27 Beginning Birding Field Trip: Great Swamp
- Saturday, December 4 Bird Seed Sale
- Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011 Bird Seed Sale

OLD MINE ROAD, DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA Sunday, September 19

Meet at 8:15 A.M.

Join associate naturalist Carole Hughes on Old Mine Road along the Delaware looking for migrating

songbirds, raptors, and birds of the year. Old Mine Road never fails to provide spectacular scenery and pleasant surprises.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers

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ALLEDALE CELERY FARM

Saturday, October 2

8:45 A.M. to early afternoon.

This is an excellent time and place to see migrating songbirds, arriving winter birds, wading birds, and raptors. Led by NJ Audubon associate naturalist and Allendale Celery Farm expert Rob Fanning.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

PINE BARRENS

Sunday, October 3

8:45 to mid-afternoon

N.J. Pines Barrens expert Rick Radis will take you to some of his favorite local haunts for Pine Barrens natural history.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

COLD BROOK PRESERVE

Sunday, October 10

8:45 A.M. to early afternoon

Migrant sparrows, passerines and raptors are the focus of the day at Cold Brook Preserve in Hunterdon County. Led by NJ Audubon associate naturalist Carole Hughes.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

GLENHURST MEADOWS

A.K.A. WARREN GREEN ACRES

Sunday, October 17

8:00 A.M. to early-afternoon

Warren Green Acres in mid-October is always good for sparrows, Raptors and usually has a couple surprises. The trails can be wet so knee-high boots are advised. Led by NJ Audubon associate naturalist Mike Newlon.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers

ROUND VALLEY AND SPRUCE RUN RESERVOIRS

Saturday, November 13

8:00 A.M. to early-afternoon.

Join NJ Audubon associate naturalist Dave Harrison to meander the wide, level, well-maintained trails at Spruce Run and Round Valley Reservoirs in search of: loons, grebes, gulls, waterfowl, and raptors.

Cost: \$15 members,
\$20 nonmembers.

PROGRAMS AT THE HOFFMAN CENTER

WONDER WALKS

AT THE SANCTUARY

Sunday, September 12, Sunday, October 17, and Saturday, November 13

10:30 A.M. to noon.

Led by teacher/naturalist Laurie Sindlinger, wonder walks are family-oriented, leisurely strolls on wide, level, well-maintained trails. Everything we can let the children discover will be the focus of our walk. No strollers.

Cost: \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

EXPLORING THE WORLD OF FUNGI

Thursday, September 2

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Fungi are essential to a healthy forest as both decomposers and mycorrhizae, the latter being mutualistic associations with plant roots. Join teacher/naturalist Dorothy Smullen in exploring the variety of mushrooms and fungi in both an indoor and outdoor program. We will look for bracket fungi, jelly fungi, cups, and corals as well as typical mushrooms along the trails at the sanctuary. Limit 15.

Cost: \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

BEGINNING BIRDING: BACKYARD BIRD FEEDING

Saturday, October 2

11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

(drop in anytime)

It is estimated that over eighty-five million people nationwide are feeding birds in their backyards – that's a lot of happy squirrels! Whether you're new to this fun and informative activity, or just looking to expand your existing feeding station, why not stop by this informal workshop before or after picking up your seed. Store manager Denis Cleary will show you the latest squirrel-proof feeders and answer your questions concerning your individual

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feeding situation. Please leave your squirrels at home.

Cost: free.

INSECT INVESTIGATIONS

Saturday, October 16

2:00 to 3:30 P.M.

For families with children age 5 to 8. Insects are the largest group of animals on earth. Learn about their many groups, how they are valuable, and their remarkable life cycles. After an indoor introduction we will explore for insects and insect signs along the trails. Limit 15.

Cost: members \$5 per child,
nonmembers \$7 per child.

BEAR FACTS – DO's and DON'Ts about living with Black Bear.

Wednesday, October 20

7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

Native to New Jersey, Black Bears are the largest land mammals in the state. They were wiped out a century ago by habitat destruction and indiscriminate killing. Today they are thriving in the northwestern part of the state – and their range is expanding to the south and east. Michelle Ruggerio from the NJ DEP Endangered and Nongame species program will present bear facts: a summary of the history of Black Bear in New Jersey, and a look to the future of Black Bears in New Jersey.

Cost: free.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 4

9:30 A.M. to noon.

Patrick Woerner from NJ DEP Endangered and Non Game species program will conduct this workshop, which is designed for landowners, professionals, and teachers. Learn about the state's Division of Fish and Wildlife's geographic information system (GIS) approach to mapping endangered and threatened wildlife habitat throughout New Jersey! The Landscape Project is used in many state planning efforts and is referenced in a number of state regulations. It is also widely used in local environmental resource inventories throughout the state.

Professional Development Credits available for teachers.

Cost: free.

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TURKEY TIME

Saturday, November 13

2:00 to 3:30 P.M.

For families with children ages 4 to 8. Have you ever seen a wild turkey? Ben Franklin wanted it to be our national bird. We will see turkey feathers and try to make turkey sounds with a "turkey caller." After a short walk to find what turkeys like to eat, children will create a turkey decoration for their Thanksgiving table. Limit 15.

Cost: members \$5 per child,
nonmembers \$7 per child.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Workshops are led by Phil Witt, Dave DesRochers, and Jacki Dickert. All workshops (except field trip) are from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and held at Sherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP I

Saturday, November 13

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

With Phil, Dave, and Jacki.

Workshop 1 will review the basics of nature photography. Participants will learn what equipment can be used to achieve different effects. By the end of the workshop participants will understand lenses, camera bodies (mostly digital single-lens reflex cameras), megapixels, shutter speeds, f/stops, focal lengths, apertures, exposure histograms, and depth of field – and how all of these can be used to take good nature photographs. Beyond equipment, the workshop will begin to cover the principles of composition and digital editing. Although the focus will be on nature photography, many of the same principles and equipment needs apply to other kinds of photography as well.

Cost: \$8 members, \$15 nonmembers.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDE TO BINOCULARS AND SPOTTING SCOPES

Saturday, November 20

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Whether you're buying a binocular or scope for someone else, saving that holiday loot for your own Ultimate Fantasy Binocular, or hoping to steer a loved one to the perfect scope for you, this workshop is a must. Store manager Denis Cleary will briefly review what the numbers and the jargon mean, after which there will be an extended period of hands-on comparisons of the various models we carry.

Cost: free to members, \$5 nonmembers (can be applied to purchase).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We will always have more to do than we will ever have resources to accomplish. So we depend on volunteers to help with bird seed sales, plant sales, general maintenance and management of the sanctuary, front desk in the nature store, leading field trips and school groups, planting, maintenance, and monitoring of the 15-acre restoration area within the deer enclosure.

Thanks in advance!