

American Wetland Month Events 2007

Nationwide

May 9 - National Wetlands Award Ceremony - The Environmental Law Institute, EPA, and other federal partners will honor a diverse group of individuals for their extraordinary commitment to conserving wetlands. <http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org/index.htm> EXIT Disclaimer

May 12 - International Migratory Bird Day - This year's theme is "Birds in a Changing Climate". Events around the globe will highlight the threats to migratory birds and the efforts taking place to conserve these beautiful creatures. <http://www.birdday.org/> EXIT Disclaimer

May 23 - Watershed Academy Webcast "Taking on Long-Term Stewardship Responsibilities of Wetland Mitigation Sites" - Part of a monthly series, sponsored by US EPA's Office of Wetland, Oceans, and Watersheds that offers free training and information for watershed practitioners around the globe, this web cast features 3 speakers who will discuss the basics of compensatory mitigation and the responsibilities associated with long-term stewardship of mitigation sites. Advanced registration is required. <http://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy>. Contact: Helen Siverling (703-385-6000 or Helen.siverling@teratech-ffx.com).

Colorado

May 12 - Wild River - Rocky Mountain National Park hosts this special evening presentation of "The Colorado: Wild River." This 60 minute film follows the Colorado River from its headwaters in Rocky Mountain National Park through Utah's Westwater Canyon and into Mexico's Gulf of California. Rocky Mountain National Park, Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. <http://www.nps.gov/romo>. Contact: Sue Langdon (Sue_Langdon@nps.gov or 970-586-1358).

May 19 - Wetlands: Between Land and Water - Join EPA's Paul McIver for this American Wetlands Month presentation and learn the latest in what's new in wetlands protection and what wetlands give back to the American public. Rocky Mountain National Park, Beaver Meadows Visitor Center. <http://www.nps.gov/romo>. Contact: Sue Langdon (Sue_Langdon@nps.gov or 970-586-1358).

Connecticut

May 5 - Spring Bird Walk, Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, Burlington - Join Paul Fusco of the Wildlife Division for a 2-mile walk in search of early migrants. http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2723&q=326220&depNav_GID=1655#SessionDir

May 5 - Pond Life Explorations, Kellogg Environmental Center, Derby - Discover the variety of life living in a pond! Learn how to identify the different species that you find http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2691&q=322544&depNav_GID=1705

May 5 - Flying WILD Bird Festival, Kellogg Environmental Center, Derby - Enjoy a fun-filled day while learning all about birds. Events include games and activities, live birds, guided bird walks, guest speakers, and more! http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2691&q=322544&depNav_GID=1705
Contact: Donna Kingston (203) 734-2513.

May 19 - Saturday Morning Bird Walk, Kellogg Environmental Center, Derby Join volunteer birder Maria Stockmal for a relaxing Saturday morning hike through the grounds of the Kellogg Estate and Osbornedale State Park in search of birds.

http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2691&q=322544&depNav_GID=1705 Contact: Donna Kingston (203) 734-2513.

May 19-June 30 - Family Canoe Programs at the Charles E. Wheeler Salt Marsh Steeped in local history, the Marsh offers an abundance of birds and other wildlife, beautiful vistas, and a chance to paddle and relax. Contact: Connecticut Audubon Society, Coastal Center at Milford Point, <http://www.ctaudubon.org> or 203-878-7440.

May 19 & 26 - Early Morning Bird Walk, Milford Point - Share your interest in birds and learn identification tips from others while searching for migrants with Frank Gallo on the productive beaches, marshes and mudflats of Milford Point. Contact: Connecticut Audubon Society, Coastal Center at Milford Point, <http://www.ctaudubon.org> or 203-878-7440.

District of Columbia

May 1-13 - Vanishing Wetlands: Two Views, United States Botanic Garden - This exhibit portrays the tragic beauty of Louisiana's eroding coast and the urgency of restoring coastal wetlands through the photographs of C.C. Lockwood and paintings of Rhea Gary, both of Baton Rouge. <http://www.usbg.gov/education/events/Vanishing-Wetlands.cfm>

May 1-24 - Hurricane on the Bayou, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History - The Johnson IMAX Theater presents the film "Hurricane on the Bayou," a breathtaking tour of the Louisiana Bayou and the City of New Orleans. <http://www.si.edu/imax/#johnson>

May 11 - Anacostia River Environmental Education Fair, DC Department of Health - Outdoor event on the banks of the Anacostia River offers school children a day of hands-on learning experiences presented by exhibitors from a number of different organizations including US EPA. Contact: DC DOH
http://app.doh.dc.gov/services/administration_offices/environmental/watershed/enved.shtm

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May 11 - Wetlands Lecture, United States Botanic Garden - Talk by Bronwyn Mitchell, Education Director at Environmental Concern, on the threats facing local wetlands and what can be done to protect them. <http://www.usbg.gov/education/events/Wetlands.cfm>

May 18 - Rock Creek BioBlitz - Sponsored by the National Park Service and National Geographic Society, teams of scientists, naturalists, and volunteers will comb Rock Creek Park's 1755 acres to observe and record as many species as possible. Call 202-775-6186 or visit <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/bioblitz> for information. [EXIT Disclaimer](#)

Illinois

May Activities - Volo Bog State Natural Area - Volo Bog is Illinois' only remaining open-water quaking bog and with this past winter's snow it sure is wet! A number of events are scheduled throughout May. Contact Stacy Iwanicki (815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov) for information.

Guided Tours (most Saturdays and Sundays) - Red-winged blackbirds, sandhill cranes, fiddlehead ferns and a warm southerly breeze accent the spring bog tours which are open to individuals, families and small groups. No reservations are required however, groups of 10 or more are asked to please phone 815-344-1294 for special arrangements. Tours are about one hour.

In Search of Woodcocks (May 4) - Described as being composed of spare parts, the woodcock is indeed an odd fellow! Spend this evening on a spy mission to watch his amazing

courtship dance and also listen for owls, coyotes and other critters of the night. Program begins indoors but is mostly out - please dress warmer than you think necessary in DARK, QUIET clothes. Ages 9 - Adult. Please make reservations at dnr.volobog@illinois.gov or 815-344-1294.

Spring Bird Count (May 5) - From the time Volo Bog opens until it closes, count all the birds for the official Spring Bird Count organized by National Audubon! Participants must register to be sure the same places aren't counted twice! Ages 7 - Adult. Please make reservations at dnr.volobog@illinois.gov or 815-344-1294.

Bird Walks (May 13, 19, and 26) - Enjoy migrating ducks, warblers and other birds of spring. Walk length and time varies from 1 - 3+ hours with weather & luck in birding! Co-sponsored by McHenry County Audubon. Please make reservations at dnr.volobog@illinois.gov or 815-344-1294.

Spring Wetland Botany (May 27) - Bring along your favorite field guides and a magnifying glass. The workshop includes both a classroom and field session; dress accordingly. Geared to adults but interested youth are encouraged to attend. Please make reservations at dnr.volobog@illinois.gov or 815-344-1294.

Iowa

May 17 - Wet and Muddy Day, City of Coralville - Junior High students will be planting and cleaning up Coralville wetlands. Contact: Sherri Proud (319-248-1750)

Maine

May Activities - Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center - Discover the wildlife and plants of Scarborough Marsh with a trained naturalist. Contact: (207) 883-5100. smac@maineaudubon.org.

Canoe Tours - Daily 10-11:30am and Sunday 1-2:30pm - Discover the wildlife and plants of Scarborough Marsh with a trained naturalist. Contact: (207) 883-5100 or smac@maineaudubon.org.

Family Nature Walk: Mummichogs and Marsh Muck - Wednesdays 10:30am-12:00pm - Explore the marsh for plants and animals through discovery-oriented, fun-filled activities. Contact: (207) 883-5100 or smac@maineaudubon.org.

Full Moon Canoe Tours - May 30 & 31 - Experience the sights and sounds of marsh creatures under the full moon. Registration is necessary. Contact: (207) 781-2330 ext. 213 or smac@maineaudubon.org.

Maryland

May Activities - Jug Bay Wetland Sanctuary - Many activities are planned during May at this wetland sanctuary, located just 20 miles from Washington DC and Annapolis. The sanctuary consists of more than 1400 acres of tidal freshwater wetlands, forests, meadows, and fields along the Patuxent River. Trails provide ample opportunity to enjoy the many birds, fish, reptiles, and mammals that call these wetlands home. Information on visiting the sanctuary is available at <http://www.jugbay.org> or by calling 410-741-9330 or emailing programs@jugbay.org. [\[EXIT Disclaimer\]](#).

Stream Monitoring (May 1) - Volunteers are needed to help collect, identify, and count stream invertebrates that are used to evaluate stream health.

Birding at Jug Bay (May 5) - Learn the skills of identifying birds by sight and sound. Binoculars and field guides will be available to borrow. Please make reservations at 410-741-9330 or programs@jugbay.org

Vernal Pool Census (May 6) - Don a pair of hip waders and walk the vernal pool at Glendening Preserve to document the eggs and larvae of spring-breeding amphibians.

Blue Heron Biology (May 12) - Learn about these majestic waders and enjoy a hike to glimpse them in their habitat. Please make reservations at 410-741-9330 or programs@jugbay.org.

Nocturnal Animals of Jug Bay (May 17) - Enjoy an evening under the stars with Jug Bay's nighttime critters. Please make reservations at 410-741-9330 or programs@jugbay.org.

Friday Ramble (May 18) - Celebrate spring by exploring the further reaches of the sanctuary trails. Please make reservations at 410-741-9330 or programs@jugbay.org.

Fish Survey (May 19) - Volunteers are needed to help catch, identify, and measure (and release) fish in order to monitor fish populations living in shallow water and creeks.

Toad Abodes (May 19) - Learn about the many beneficial attributes of these small amphibians, who can consume as many as 1000 insects in a day. Then make your very own toad abode to take home. Please make reservations at 410-741-9330 or programs@jugbay.org.

Ospreys along the Patuxent (May 20) - Learn about the migration and life history of this bird and then head outdoors to view their behavior. Please make reservations at 410-741-9330 or programs@jugbay.org.

Identification of Frogs and Toads by Sight and Sound (May 25) - Learn visual and vocal identification techniques and discuss amphibian biology. Please make reservations at 410-741-9330 or programs@jugbay.org.

May 5 - Invasive Plant Removal - Little Paint Branch and Magruder Parks. Join the Anacostia Watershed Society for an invasive plant species removal exercise at Little Paint Branch Park and Magruder Park. Call 301-699-6204 or e-mail Anacostia Watershed Society at info@anacostiaws.org for further details. <http://www.anacostiaws.org/index.html> EXIT Disclaimer

Massachusetts

May 5 & 26 - Beaver Hikes, Pearl Hill State Park, West Townsend. Learn about the beaver's life history, its habitat, and its role in nature with Townsend resident, Eino Kauppi. Contact: (978) 597-8802.

May 5 - Fowl Meadow Bird Walk, Milton - Learn to bird on this 3-mile walk! Join the Friends of the Blue Hills for a beginner's bird walk with trip leader, Steve Olanoff. Contact: (781) 326-6585.

May 6 - Birds and Blossoms, Tucker Preserve - Join Elyn Einhorn from Mass Audubon to look for early spring wild flowers and migrating song birds as we explore the Tucker Preserve-along the Indian Head River. Sponsored by the North and South Rivers Watershed Association. Contact: Paula Christie (781) 659-8168.

May 9 - Seminar: Shedding Light on the North River: Land Use, Rivers and Flooding. Forten Hall, Salem State College - Many factors contribute to the flooding problems on the North River that plague Peabody and Salem. This seminar will look at the flooding issue from a holistic approach -- how rivers and watershed work, how land use affects flooding, and options for solving the problem. Contact: Salem Sound Coastwatch, 978-741-7900.

May 12 - North River Awareness Walk, Talk, and Pickup - Join Barbara Warren, Salem Sound Coastwatch Director, for a brief 'walk and talk' along the banks of the North River Canal with a clean up as participants walk. Key environmental issues facing the river will be discussed. Contact: Salem Sound Coastwatch, 978-741-7900.

May 17 - Early Explorers - The Marsh, Boston Nature Center, Mattapan - Preschool age children learn basic concepts about the natural world through stories, sharing, games, hands-on/minds-on discoveries, art projects, and outdoor explorations. Contact: (617) 983-8500 or bnc@massaudubon.org

May 19 - Vernal Pools at Betty Maitland Memorial Forest - Vernal pools are ephemeral wetlands which provide critical habitats for many familiar and not-so-familiar animals. Learn to identify these habitats and their unique features with wildlife ecologist Pat Serrentino. Sign up by May 17. Deerfield River Watershed Association, Greenfield. drwa@deerfieldriver.org. Co-sponsored with the Franklin Land Trust. Contact: (413) 625-6628

May 19 - Canoe Belle Isle - Explore this ecologically important marsh by canoe. Pre-registration is required. Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, North Region Headquarters. <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/events/nothmetro.pdf>. Contact: (617) 727-1199, Ext. 212.

May 19 - Spring Canoe Trip, Neponset II Park - With the canoe launch at this new park, parts of the estuary are newly accessible. Come explore with a DCR ranger leading the trip. Registration is required. Call Boston Natural Areas Network at 617-542-7696 or email info@bostonnatural.org to register. <http://www.bostonnatural.org/index.php>

May 20 - Canoe and Kayak Trip from Dedham to Needham - Hosted by Ned Watts, Charles River Watershed Association. <http://www.crwa.org>. Contact: Rebecca Scibek (781) 788-0007.

May 26 - Ipswich River Paddle Trip, Topsfield - A leisurely 6 mile paddle on a winding river through protected lands sponsored by the Merrimack River Watershed Council. <http://www.merrimack.org/paddlingtrips/index.html>. Contact: Trip leaders Gary Watson (gwatson6876@comcast.net (978)455-6876), Jo Watson (jwtsn@comcast.net (978)425-4653), or MRWC office (978)275-0120.

May 27 - Nashua River Paddle Trip, Leominster - A paddling trip on a section of the Nashua River that offers something for everyone. Sponsored by the Merrimack River Watershed Council. <http://www.merrimack.org/paddlingtrips/index.html> Contact: Trip leader Neal Menschel (978)448-8699 or MRWC office (978) 275-0120.

May 27 - Green Harbor River Paddle - This is a great opportunity to explore the Green Harbor River up through the middle of the Mass Audubon Webster Sanctuary. Sponsored by the North and South Rivers Watershed Association. Contact: Paula Christie (781) 659-8168.

New Hampshire

May 5 - Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Concord - Well-positioned at the center of the Harris Center Supersanctuary, the 27-acre McGreal Forest offers a complex mosaic of ecosystems to explore, and a plethora of plants and animals await discovery. Join Ecologist Peter Ellis and Meade Cadot of the Harris Center for an exploration of natural communities, plants and wildlife of the recently designated McGreal Forest Ecological Reserve. Contact: Trish Churchill (603) 224-9945 or email signup@forestsociety.org.

May 5 - Nature Walk along the Piscataquog River, Hillsborough County Forest, Goffstown - Join Goffstown Naturalist, Jason Sachs, and County Extension Forester, Jon Nute, for an easy walking tour along the Piscataquog River. Co sponsored by the UNH Cooperative Extension. Contact: (603) 641-6060.

May 16 - Ponemah Bog Sanctuary Walk Beaver Brook, Hollis - Join Beaver Brook Association naturalists to tour the bog, examine its blooming wonders, and all its other unique features. The Ponemah Bog Preserve features a three-acre pond surrounded by a floating sphagnum mat. The bog is a wonderful and unique place to study wetland biology. Contact: Beaver Brook Association (602) 465-7787.

May 20 - Souhegan River Paddle, Amherst - Enjoy a leisurely paddle that is mostly flat water or swift water with views of trees, meadows, birds, and perhaps wildlife. Contact: Trip Leader Rich Hart (harts@ultranet.com, (603) 673-5128) or Trip Partners Souhegan Watershed Association and NH Rivers Council.

New Jersey

May 1-31 - Hackensack River Keeper - Organization will offer pontoon boat rides, clean-up events, bird watches, and other activities throughout May. Contact: Nicholas Vos-Wein (201-968-0808) <http://www.hackensackriverkeeper.org/> EXIT Disclaimer

Vermont

May 12 - Migratory Bird Day Event - Join the Birds of Vermont Museum and Audubon Vermont in a celebration of migratory birds! A variety of indoor and outdoor activities are planned for the day including; raffles with great prizes, a bird banding demonstration, bird walks, a live raptor show and children's art projects. <http://vt.audubon.org>. Contact: Audubon Vermont (802) 434-3068.

May 12 - International Migratory Bird Day Celebration, Swanton - Birdwatchers of all abilities are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Annual Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge International Migratory Bird Day Count. Meet at the Refuge Headquarters Visitor Center on Tabor Rd. Reservations are required. <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/profiles/enviroEd.cfm?ID=53520> Contact: (802) 868-4781.

Wisconsin

May 6 - Frogs of the Bog Evening Walk (Ozaukee Co.) - "See" the Cedarburg Bog in a brand new way - through sound. Listen for a variety of frog calls including Wood frog, Spring peeper, Chorus frog, and American toad and possibly Cope's gray tree frog and Eastern gray tree frog. Contact: Laura England (608-250-9971 or programs@wisconsinwetlands.org) <http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/fieldtrips07.htm> EXIT Disclaimer

May 13 - Birds of Faville Grove Sanctuary (Jefferson Co.) - Experience Madison Audubon Society's Faville Grove Sanctuary with resident managers David Musolf and Roger Packard. Participants will hike through northwestern Jefferson County's recessional glacial terrain while viewing its attendant array of plant communities (wetland, prairie, sedge meadow, perched tamarack bog, fen, savanna, and woodland). Contact: Laura England (608-250-9971 or programs@wisconsinwetlands.org) <http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/fieldtrips07.htm> EXIT Disclaimer

May 16 - Cherokee Marsh Walk, South Unit (Dane Co.) - Meet Russ Hefty, Conservation Resource Supervisor for the City of Madison Parks Division. Learn about recent restoration efforts near a natural fen wetland. Contact: Laura England (608-250-9971 or programs@wisconsinwetlands.org) <http://www.wisconsinwetlands.org/fieldtrips07.htm> EXIT Disclaimer