

Valley Forge Audubon Society &
John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove



Calendar of Events
Bird Walks, Hikes, & Programs

March 2017 – August 2017



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We are pleased to announce the historic home of John James Audubon will be reopened this Spring in conjunction with the annual art show. While it's take a while, we think the wait is worth it!

The stone walls surrounding the home have been stabilized, the chimneys have been reconstructed, and the front porch and portico have been restored. Inside the home, a historic door that had been uncovered to allow access to a new gift shop space and create better flow through out the first floor. Plaster walls and ceilings have been repaired and painted. New light fixtures will illuminate the visitor experience. Most exciting, we have a brand new handicap accessible restroom and classroom space in the lower portion of the annex.

New exhibits in the house will represent the history of the property from the Lenape Indians to the sale of the property from the Wetherill family to Montgomery County in 1951. John James Audubon's time at Mill Grove will be highlighted, but his art will be moved to the new visitor center (schedule to open in 2018). The prior gift shop will become a library resource room with hands on learning opportunities for visitors of all ages. The popular drawing room on the second floor will remain, but will be enhanced by a reader rail that allows for visitors to understand the images representing Audubon's great adventures. There will be two changing art galleries and John's bedroom will remain.

Audubon and Montgomery County are thrilled for the public to finally experience the renovated historic home. Look for email special announcements and Facebook postings about events and activities at the house.

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Walks



Hikes

General Information

For information and registration, call the event leader. For information on Thursday morning walks, call Lois Brooks at 610-952-6878. If extreme weather conditions are forecast the day of the event, phone the event leader.



Bird Walks, Hikes & Programs

March



Hike: Natural Lands Trust Binky Lee Preserve, 1445 Pikeland Road, Chester Springs, PA (4-5 miles)

March 2, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Hike 112 acres of former agricultural land that is being converted back to natural woodlands and meadows. Some spots may be muddy. Bring lunch and water. Afterwards we will go to a nearby park to eat lunch, or you can eat in one of the many restaurants in Phoenixville.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 202, take the Route 401 exit. Drive west on 401 to the intersection of Routes 401 and 113. Turn right and drive northeast about 2.0 miles on 113 to Pikeland Road. (Hallman's General Store is on the corner). Turn right and drive 0.5 miles to the Preserve entrance on left. Follow the drive up the hill and turn right behind the large barn.

OR, from Routes 23 and 113 west of Phoenixville, drive south on 113 for 4.5 miles. Turn left on Pikeland Road and follow as above.

Leader: Esther Underhill 610-827-7776, cell: 484-716-9036 (morning of hike only), underwalt@aol.com.

Annual Sapsucker Festival, at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

March 4, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Explore the world of maple sugar on the historic grounds! Tree tapping demonstrations, sample stations, kids' games and crafts, and live owl presentations will take place through-out the day. Learn how birds like the yellow-bellied sapsucker rely on Pennsylvania's forests for food sources, such as sap! Scout programs also available. Admission to the festival is free. There is a pancake breakfast from 9:00 to 2:00. Cost is \$5 per person for the breakfast. Rain or shine event. Directions at end of calendar.

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext. 109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.



Hike: First State National Monument, near intersection of Brandywine Creek Road and Beaver Dam Road, Wilmington, DE (4-5 miles)

March 9, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

A different hike and a different hike leader -- but we will meet in the same Delaware park we visited last September. Bring water and lunch and after the hike eat at a picnic table near the creek. Or go to a restaurant on Route 202.

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Routes 1 and 202, take 202 south 1.8 miles to the light at Smithbridge Road (immediately after Chadds Ford Pool Care). Turn right onto Smithbridge Road and drive 2.3 miles to Brandywine Creek Road (just before the covered bridge). Turn left onto Brandywine Creek Road and drive 0.2 miles to parking lot on your right.

Leader: Fran DeMillion, cell: 610-316-2937 (day of hike only).

Program/Walk: Invasive Plant Control Meng Preserve, Lower Frederick Township

March 11, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Join us for a Meng work party in which we discuss invasive plants and the importance of their control at the Meng Preserve. Dress for manual labor and roll up your sleeves as we attempt to control some of invasive plants that are causing problems. Directions at the back of the Calendar.

Leader: Vincent Smith, 484-410-1157 or nyctea34@aol.com.



**Bird/Nature Walk TRACKING TIMBERDOODLES! Coventry Woods
– Jones Road entrance, 2375 Jones Road, Pottstown, 19465 (please see directions below)**

March 11, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

This evening walk will target the American Woodcock on its singing ground. Join us for a brief evening bird walk, after which we will settle in to (hopefully) hear and observe male woodcocks during their courtship displays in the dusk twilight. Last year on this date and location, 10 American Woodcocks were observed! Bring a flashlight, binoculars, and dress for the weather. Dinner afterwards at the Coventry Pub is a probability. Directions: Please note – this walk will be held at the Jones Road entrance to Coventry Woods – 2375 Jones Road, Pottstown. Directions from Audubon: Take Route 422 W toward Pottstown. Get off the PA 100 S exit in Pottstown. Turn Right onto W. Cedarville Road at the light, go to stop. Take slight Right onto Laurelwood Road and then first Left onto W. Cedarville Road again. Go to stop, then Left onto Sheep Hill Road. Keep Right at curve onto Temple Road, then first Left onto Chestnut Hill Rd. At stop, turn Left to stay on Chestnut Hill Road, then first Right onto Jones Road. Destination will be on your right. Follow the driveway up the hill to indicated parking area.

Leaders: Patty and John Werth, 484-985-8164(h) or 215-859-1148(c), pattyww@comcast.net



Hike: Ridley Creek State Park, 351 Gradyville Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073 (4-5 miles)

March 16, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

This will be a relatively easy, relatively flat hike in Ridley Creek SP. Bring water and a snack.

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Routes 252 and 3 in Newtown Square, drive west to the next light. Turn left onto Bishop Hollow Road and drive to the four-way

stop at Gradyville Road. Turn right onto Gradyville Road and follow signs to Park Office. Turn left onto Sandy Flash Road and right to the Park Office. Park in the upper parking lot. *Leader: Barbara Amstutz, cell: 215-764-0468.*



Hike: Valley Forge National Historical Park (5 miles)

March 23, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for another in a series of interesting and varied VFNHP hikes. We will walk to bathroom facilities on the hike. Bring lunch and water or eat in the Chapel Cabin Shop after the hike.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 202: Exit 202 at Devon and take Route 252 north into the park. Park in the large Knox's Quarters Parking Lot on the left before the covered bridge.

OR, from the intersection of Routes 23 and 252, drive south on 252 to Knox's Quarters Parking Lot on right.

Leader: Marilyn Furfari, cell: 610-945-5228.



Bird/Nature Walk: Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA

March 25, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Join Green Valleys Watershed Association staff and VFAS naturalists for a free, guided walk around the ponds, meadows, and woodlands in this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Walks begin in the visitor parking lot. Paths are unpaved; one moderately steep section. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars and ID books. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar. *Leaders: TBD*

Bird Watching Basics - Birding & Bagels at Riverbend in Partnership with the Valley Forge Audubon Society

March 25, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bird walk with complementary morning refreshments provided by Riverbend. Over the years, Riverbend Environmental Education Center in Gladwyne has been dedicated to making improvements to the ecological health of our 30-acre preserve and it shows! By planting thousands of native trees and shrubs, removing invasive plants, creating our Alec Williamson Bird Observation Area, and improving our ponds, Riverbend has become an attractive location for resident and migrating birds. As our bird species list grows, we are excited to grow our birding program as well! Join us for bagels, muffins, and socializing before or after birding. Are you interested in bird watching but not sure where to start? Join Riverbend and Dan Sullivan of the Valley Forge Audubon Society for this birding 101 class and catch the birding fever! We'll teach you how to use binoculars, what field guide to choose, what clothing to wear, and teach you the tips and tricks to finding and identifying our local winter birds. Walks are open to all ages and are held at Riverbend Environmental Education Center located at 1950 Spring Mill Road, Gladwyne, PA 19035. To reserve your spot, rsvp to Lisa- lhancock@Riverbendec.org Important Note: For all walks, be sure to dress for the weather and bring binoculars. A limited number of binoculars will be available for shared use.



**Hike: Hiking to Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Elverson, PA
(5-6 miles)**

March 30, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

We will meet in French Creek State Park and hike trails to Hopewell Furnace, an 848 acre “iron plantation” that operated from 1771-1883 when Pennsylvania was the iron making center of America. Bring lunch and water or eat in nearby St. Peters Village. DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Routes 23 and 345 (west of St. Peters Village) drive north on 345 -- following all the turns -- to the entrance to French Creek State Park. Turn left onto South Entrance Road and drive to Park Road. Turn right onto Park Rd. and drive past the Park Office. After the brown sign for Hopewell Lake, turn right. Take the first left into the Hopewell Lake Boat Launch Parking Lot. Bathrooms are next to the Park Office.

Leader: Gary Rigg, cell: 610-716-7654.

April



Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

April 1, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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**Young Birder Walk at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum
8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19153**

April 2, Sunday, 9a.m. - 11a.m.

We invite young people to discover the birds of the freshwater marsh at Heinz Refuge. Early spring at Heinz is great for ducks, wading birds, and early songbird migrants. Bring binoculars and water to drink. Extra binoculars will be available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adult birders welcome, too. Look for other Young Birder Walks in this calendar with the same logo. Directions at end of calendar.

Leaders: Edie Parnum, 215-283-7372, Dan Sullivan, 484-919-0129; Joe Hudson, 610-489-1381, Jchudson41@gmail.com



**Hike: Coventry Woods, 1954 St. Peters Road, Pottstown, PA 19465
(5-6 miles)**

April 6, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

This 600+ acre preserve has been called North Coventry Township's natural wonder. Bring lunch and water.

DIRECTIONS: Take Route 422 west to the Route 724 exit. Drive west on Route 724 for 4.7 miles. Shortly after crossing into Berks County, turn left onto Unionville Road (no light at the corner). Drive south for 2.1 miles. Turn right onto St. Peters Road for 0.4 miles. Turn left onto Fernbrook Lane and into parking area. OR, from the intersection of Route 23 and St. Peters Road, drive north on St. Peters Road to the "T" at Harmonyville Road. Turn right and make an immediate left staying on St. Peters Rd. Drive 2.8 miles to Fernbrook Lane and turn right into the Preserve.

Leader: Ingrid Cantarella-Fox cell: 484-432-2150, ingridcf@verizon.net.



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill
Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

April 6, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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**Bird/Nature Walk: Bird Walk & Art Show Preview at the John James
Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

Saturday, April 8, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main

parking lot. After the walk, come enjoy some light refreshments and get to preview the Art Show before it opens to the public. Registration required, please email jjac_education@audubon.org to sign up. *Leader: Vince Smith.*

“Drawn From Nature”: 11th Annual Juried Art Show, at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

April 7 – 21, 2017. Tuesday through Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Sundays, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Over 175 artists will be exhibiting 200 works inspired by nature. The theme of the art show builds on the shared mission of the John James Audubon Center and the Valley Forge Audubon Society’s shared mission to inspire people to appreciate, preserve and protect birds, other wildlife and their habitat and to preserve the artistic, scientific and historic legacy of John James Audubon and celebrate the conservation movement he inspired. Free. All ages are welcome. Work is for sale.

Contact: Wendy Christie, 610-666-5593, x 110, wchristie@audubon.org. For prospectus, <http://johnjames.audubon.org/get-involved/art-show-2017>

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Leaders: Rick Keyser, 610-933-3709, rick.keyser@verizon.net.



**Hike: Paradise Farm Camps, 1300 Valley Creek Road, Downingtown, PA
19335 (4–6 miles)**

April 13, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

This is the hike that Ron and Maria introduced last year. These 600 acres are owned by the Children’s Country Week Association. Hiking will be on trails in meadows and forested hills. There are several loops where a hike can be shortened. Bring a snack and water.

DIRECTIONS: From King of Prussia, take Route 202 South to the 30 Bypass exit (towards Downingtown/Coatesville). Exit to right and drive 5 miles west to the Business 30/Lancaster Ave. exit. At bottom of ramp, turn left and drive to first light at Quarry Road. Turn left onto Quarry Road and drive past two lights to Boot Road. Do NOT turn onto Boot Rd. Continue straight ahead onto Valley Creek Rd. for 0.6 miles. Turn right into the Camp and park across from the office, where toilet facilities are available.

Leaders: Ron Barchet and Maria Brooks, cell: 484-678-4621, ronderalte@gmail.com.



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill
Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

April 13, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Young Birder Walk at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

April 14, Friday, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

We invite young people to discover the birds of Mill Grove during the spring migration. Neotropical migrants arrive at Mill Grove on their way to breeding ground further north. Bring binoculars and water to drink. Extra binoculars will be available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adult birders welcome, too. Look for other young Birder walks in this calendar with the same logo. Directions at end of calendar.

Leaders: Joe Hudson, 610-489-1381, Jchudson41@gmail.com; Dan Sullivan, 484-919-0129; Edie Parnum, 215-283-7372



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Hike: Springton Manor Farm, 860 Springton Road, Glenmoore, PA (5 miles)

April 20, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

A rich variety of trails pass through woods, along the Indian Run Creek and around agricultural fields and meadows. We'll also walk to a nearby park and eat lunch by the Brandywine Creek. Bring lunch and water.

DIRECTIONS: From the Route 30 Bypass, take the Route 322 exit in Downingtown. Drive west on 322 for about 4 miles to the fourth traffic light. Make a soft right onto Springton Road. Continue on Springton Road across Highspire Road. Drive 0.5 miles to park entrance on right. Park in the Office/Visitors Center lot.

Leader: Ann Lane, cell: 443-472-8716, lane822@verizon.net.



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April 20, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Program/Walk: Bird ID for Beginners John at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

April 22, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Join us for a Bird Watching for Beginners class. This class and field study will demonstrate a few tricks bird watchers use to identify the birds in our area. It is a 4 hour class with the first 2 hours in the field and last two hours in the classroom. Please register for the event. Directions are at the back of the Calendar. Leader: Vincent Smith, 484-410-1157 or nyctea34@aol.com.



**Young Birder Walk at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road,
Pottstown, PA**

April 23, Sunday, 8:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m.

Join naturalists to search for birds and other wildlife at Welkinweir! Stroll through the fields, around the ponds, and on the woodland hiking trails of this 197-acre preserve and arboretum. Bring binoculars if you have them, and water. Children must be accompanied by an adult. These walks are perfect for beginning and longtime birders alike! Birders will meet at Welkinweir's visitor parking lot off of Prizer Road, which lies less than a mile south of Rte 23 on Rte 100 in Chester County.

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Leader: Sarah Neto, 610-664-3895 or sarahboucasneto@comcast.net.



**Bird/Nature Walk Coventry Woods, 1954 Saint Peters Rd, Pottstown,
PA (Fernbrook entrance)**

April 23, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Join us for a bird walk in the dense woodland forests of northern Chester County. Coventry Woods is part of the Hopewell Big Woods, and 143 species of birds have been recorded at this site in just the last four years. Bring your binoculars, ID books, and dress for the weather. The trails are unpaved and moderately steep, so sturdy boots are recommended. Children and beginners are welcome. A portable restroom is on site. Directions: Coventry Woods, Pottstown PA - Directions from Audubon: Take Route 422 W toward Pottstown. Get off the PA 100 S exit in Pottstown. Turn Right at the light onto W. Cedarville Road, proceed to stop. Take a slight Right onto Laurelwood Road, then immediate Left to continue on W. Cedarville Road. At stop turn Left onto Sheep Hill Road. Keep Right at bend onto Temple Road, then take 2nd Left onto St. Peters Road. Proceed 1.5 miles on St. Peters Rd to Coventry Woods entrance, on the Left across from Fernbrook Road.

Leaders: Patty and John Werth, 484-985-8164(h) or 215-859-1148(c), pattyww@comcast.net



**Hike: Natural Lands Trust ChesLen Preserve, 1199 Cannery Road,
Coatesville, PA (5-6 miles)**

April 27, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

This NLT preserve has 1,263 acres of woods, hills, farm fields, streams, wetlands and native grasses. We will hike some of the 13 miles of trails in this varied terrain and maybe see some interesting birds. Bring water and lunch.

DIRECTIONS: Take the Route 30 Bypass west to Route 340. Take Route 340 East. At Business Route 30, continue straight onto Marshallton-Thorndale Road. Drive to Route 162 (fairly soon after Highland Orchards on right). Turn right onto 162 west. After passing Embreeville Mill and crossing Brandywine Creek, slow down and take the first left up the hill onto Cannery Road (no light). It's less than 0.5 miles to the Preserve entrance on the right. We will meet at the Lenfest Center.

Leader: Esther Underhill, 610 827-7776; cell: 484-716-9036 (day of hike), underwalt@aol.com.



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April 29, Saturday, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the mead-

ows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org.

Tree ID Program: Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA

April 30, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate Arbor Day with Green Valleys Watershed Association: learn native tree identification using leaf, bark, and flower characteristics, then apply your skills on a walk through the 55-acre Welkinweir Arboretum. Paths are unpaved; one moderately steep section. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars and ID books. Cost is \$10 per person, \$8 for GVWA members. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar.

Leader: Kelsey Stanton, kelsey@greenvalleys.org



Bird Walk: Haverford College, Haverford, PA

April 30, Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

Birding in the Delaware Valley is superb year-round, but the greatest concentrations of numbers and species are seen during spring migration. The peak movement of spring land birds continues through the first three weeks of May. Meet in the South parking lot on campus, reached by following the perimeter road from Haverford College entrances. Walk is led in conjunction with the Birding Club of Delaware County.

Leader: Sheryl Johnson, 610-649-4621, sjohnso@haverford.edu.

May



Hike: Crossing Ben Franklin Bridge, Philadelphia (4-5 miles)

May 4, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

If you've never seen Philadelphia by foot from the Ben Franklin Bridge, you're in for a treat. We will walk from SEPTA's Jefferson Station, through Chinatown and Olde City to the bridge, walk across the bridge, then turn around and walk back to Reading Terminal Market for lunch. Many opportunities to shorten the hike. DIRECTIONS: Check your SEPTA schedule for a train or bus that will get you to or near Jefferson Station (formerly Market East) before 10:00 a.m. For example, Train # 544 on the Paoli/Thorndale Line Regional Rail arrives at Jefferson Station at 9:55 a.m. If you arrive at Jefferson Station, walk up the stairs to the main level. Stay to the left as you walk east towards the lower numbered streets. Walk past the SEPTA ticket office. Walk up the stairs and exit. We will meet outside at the southwest corner of 10th and Filbert Streets. (Filbert is a short block north of Market St.) *Leader: Gary Rigg, cell: 610-716-7654.*



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May 4, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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**Bird/Nature Walk: Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
May 6, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Join Green Valleys Watershed Association staff and VFAS naturalists for a free, guided walk around the ponds, meadows, and woodlands in this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Walks begin in the visitor parking lot. Paths are unpaved; one moderately steep section. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars and ID books. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar.
Leaders: Rick Keyser, 610-933-3709, rick.keyser@verizon.net



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May 6, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Leader: Sheryl Johnson, 610-649-4621, sbjohnso@haverford.edu.



Hike: Lock 60 on the Schuylkill River Trail, 400 Towpath Road, Mont Clare, PA (5-6 miles)

May 11, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

We will hike the upper trail for a view of the river, and then continue to Upper Schuylkill Park to see which native animals are up and about this time of year. Parts of this hike are hilly and may be muddy. Bring sticks, water and lunch.

DIRECTIONS: From King of Prussia, take Route 422 to the Oaks Exit. Turn left and drive southwest on Egypt Road to Route 29. Bear left onto Route 29 (Bridge St.). Drive past the traffic light in Mont Clare just before the bridge. As soon as you are on the bridge, slow down, turn right at the Lock 60 sign and take Towpath Road to the end. OR, from Valley Forge NHP, drive west on Route 23 to the light at Starr St. south of Phoenixville. Turn right onto Starr St. and drive down to the light at Bridge St. (You're on Route 29 North.) Turn right and cross the river. While still on the bridge, turn left onto Towpath Road and drive to the end.

Leader: Esther Underhill, home: 610-827-7776, cell: 484-716-9036 (morning of hike), underwalt@aol.com.



Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

May 11, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Program/Walk: International Bird Migration Day and Bird-a-thon Fundraiser at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA.

May 13, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Join us on this special day set aside to honor all the wonderful species of birds passing through our woods, thickets and fields. This event promises great looks at spring's migrants on walks and also raise money for Audubon. Similar to other walk-a-thons, walk leaders will be sponsored in wither a lump sum or per species counted at the event. If you would like to be a walk leader or sponsor a leader, please contact Vincent Smith at nyctea34@aol.com. Directions are at the back of the Calendar.



Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

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Bird/Nature Walk: Night Hike at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

May 17, Wednesday, 6:45 – 8:15 p.m.

Explore a side of the Mill Grove rarely seen with a night hike in the park. As we rise and set with the sun, another amazing world of nocturnal animals become alive after dark! Let your senses be your guide as we explore the sounds, sights, and smells of this amazing nocturnal world. This program is the first of our "Millgrove at Night" series this Spring, a series of programs that celebrate the night! Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month, May-July, as we explore a different nocturnal theme. Join us for one, or for

all, as we experience the park after dark! \$5.00 per person, please register by emailing jjac_education@audubon.org. Directions at end of calendar.



Hike: Hiking West from St. Peters Village, 3471 St. Peters Rd., St. Peters, PA 19470 (6 miles)

May 18, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

This time Gary Rigg will lead a loop hike going west from St. Peters Village utilizing part of the Horse-Shoe Trail. Bring lunch and water or buy lunch at St. Peters Bakery after the hike.

DIRECTIONS: From Routes 100 and 23, drive west on 23 about 3.5 miles. Turn right at the sign for St. Peters Village in Knauertown onto St. Peters Road. Park in the parking lot at the north end of the village on the left.

Leader: Gary Rigg, cell: 610-716-7654, gar.dean@verizon.net.



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Bird/Nature Walk Coventry Woods, 1954 Saint Peters Rd, Pottstown, PA (Fernbrook entrance)

May 20, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Join us for a bird walk in the dense woodland forests of northern Chester County. Coventry Woods is part of the Hopewell Big Woods, and 143 species of birds have been recorded at this site in just the last four years. Bring your binoculars, ID books, and dress for the weather. The trails are unpaved and moderately steep, so sturdy boots are recommended. Children and beginners are welcome. A portable restroom is on site. Directions: Coventry Woods, Pottstown PA - Directions from Audubon: Take Route 422 W toward Pottstown. Get off the PA 100 S exit in Pottstown. Turn Right at the light onto W. Cedarville Road, proceed to stop. Take a slight Right onto Laurelwood Road, then immediate Left to continue on W. Cedarville Road. At stop turn Left onto Sheep Hill Road. Keep Right at bend onto Temple Road, then take 2nd Left onto St. Peters Road. Proceed 1.5 miles on St. Peters Rd to Coventry Woods entrance, on the Left across from Fernbrook Road.

Leaders: Rick Keyser, 610-933-3709, rick.keyser@verizon.net; Patty and John Werth, 484-985-8164(h) or 215-859-1148(c), pattyww@comcast.net.



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Program: Native Plant Exchange, Seed Swap, Native Garden Adoption at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA May 20, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bring one...take one! Explore new plants the easy way...exchange with another plant enthusiasts!

Come and learn about native plants or find new homes for your extras.

Please stop by (any time) even if you have nothing to trade; seeds/plants will be available for a \$1-2 donation. Find out about adopting one of our native plant beds at Mill Grove.

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.



Bird/Nature Walk: Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA May 21, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Join Green Valleys Watershed Association staff and VFAS naturalists for a free, guided walk around the ponds, meadows, and woodlands in this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Walks begin in the visitor parking lot. Paths are unpaved; one moderately steep section. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars and ID books. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. *Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar. Leaders: TBD*



Hike: Three Bridges Over the Schuylkill River, 501 Belmont Ave. Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 (nearest GPS). (5-6 miles)

May 25, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Except for a short hill, this is a rather flat hike with the challenge of crossing a railroad bridge, although it's rarely used. We will be crossing the Pencoyd and the Tow Bridges as well as the Viaduct (Manayunk Bridge Trail). Facilities 5 minutes after hike begins. Bring lunch and water or eat at the Trail's End Café at the Cynwyd station.

Short hike alternative: No bridges, no leader necessary, about 3 miles.

DIRECTIONS: Take the Schuylkill Expy. (I-76 E) to Exit 338. Turn right onto Belmont Ave. and continue for 0.7 miles. At the light at Levering Mill Road turn left. Drive downhill to parking lot at right.

Leader: Evamarie Malsch, home: 215-984-8377, cell: 610-212-7186 (hike day only).



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May 25, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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May 27, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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June



**Hike: Horse-Shoe Trail Maintenance, Rees Road, Charlestown, PA
June 1, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**

Join the semi-annual work trip to keep the trail corridor open. Wear old clothes, a long sleeved top and gloves. Bring clipping tools. There are no bathrooms. Bring lunch and water.

DIRECTIONS: If you have E-Z Pass, the easiest way is to take the PA Turnpike to Exit 320. Turn north onto Route 29. Drive under the Turnpike and take the first right onto Whitehorse Road. Drive 0.6 miles to stop sign at top of hill. It says Union Hill Road on the left. Turn right onto Rees Road. (This sign is hard to see). After another stop sign, drive a short distance to the H-ST parking lot on right.

OR, from Route 202 take the Route 29 North exit. Take Liberty Blvd. to Route 29. Turn right onto 29. Follow as above.

OR, from the intersection of Routes 23 and 252 in Valley Forge NHP, drive west on Route 23 to the light at Whitehorse Rd. just east of Phoenixville. Turn left onto Whitehorse Rd. and drive to the stop sign at Rees and Union Hill Roads. Turn left onto Rees Rd. and follow as above.

Leader: Ingrid Cantarella-Fox, cell: 484-432-2150.



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June 1, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Program: Spring Bird Count

June 3, Saturday

This annual Event includes teams of birders surveying eleven 11 sections within the prescribed area 15 mile radius diameter circle, the center of which is the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove. Beginning and experienced birders are welcome. Section leaders will notify past participants. New volunteers please register by June 1 to be assigned to a team.

Contact Vincent Smith at nyctea34@aol.com or 484-410-1157.



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June 3, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Join Green Valleys Watershed Association staff and VFAS naturalists for a free, guided walk around the ponds, meadows, and woodlands in this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Walks begin in the visitor parking lot. Paths are unpaved; one moderately steep section. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars and ID books. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar.

Leader: Sarah Neto, 610-664-3895 or sarahboucasneto@comacast.net.



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Wildflower Walk at Welkinweir 1368 Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA 19465**June 4, Sunday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Follow wildflower expert Link Davis on a walk through Welkinweir's woodlands and meadows on a search for a variety of native and introduced wildflowers. Learn identification tips and little-known facts about each plant's history and habitat; and keep an eye out for pollinators like Monarch butterflies! Dress for the season and wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring water, a camera, and field guides if you have them. We will meet at Welkinweir's visitor parking lot off of Prizer Road. This event will take place rain or shine unless severe weather threatens.

Leader: Link Davis, linkmdavis@gmail.com

**Bird Walk: George Lorimer Preserve, Open Land Conservancy 1379-1529 North Valley Road, Malvern PA****June 4th, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**

We will search for breeding bird species on this Open Land Conservancy preserve. Managed to provide a variety of habitats for wildlife on 88 acres of meadows, woods, ponds and a stream, it has much successional habitat which may host Prairie warbler and Yellow-breasted chat among others. Bring your binoculars, ID books and dress for the weather. No steep trails.

Directions: Exit Route 202 at Chester Brook Blvd. and drive north less than 2/10's mile to Duportail Road. Turn left on to Duportail and proceed for 9/10's mile to (W.) Swedesford Road. Turn right on Swedesford and proceed 8/10's mile to (N.) Valley Road. Turn right on Valley and drive 3/10's mile to the Preserve parking on your right.

Leader: Rick Keyser, 610-933-3709, rick.keyser@verizon.net

**Hike: Wissahickon Creek Gorge, Philadelphia, PA (5 miles)****June 8, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**

We'll mainly walk the flat path of Forbidden Drive. But we'll also hike up to the Indian Statue, mistakenly called "Teedyuscung." This 15-foot statue was sculpted in 1902 to commemorate the migration of the Lenape tribe from this area. He is depicted with his hand to his brow looking west, in the direction the Lenape moved. He was also given a war bonnet, a headdress that was worn by Western Plains Indians, not the Lenape who were East Coast Forest Indians. Bring lunch and water or just water and eat at the Cedars House café near Northwestern Ave.

DIRECTIONS; Take the Blue Route (476) to Exit 19 (Germantown Pike - East). At end of the ramp, turn right onto Germantown Pike and drive 3.2 miles to Northwestern Ave. Turn right and park at end of street.

OR, drive west on Germantown Ave. to Northwestern Ave. and turn left.

Leader: Marilyn Furfari, cell: 610-945-5228.

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Hike: Perkiomen Creek Trail - I (5-6 miles) June 15, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

The first in a series of hikes of the entire 20-mile Perkiomen Trail – much of it the former rail bed of the Perkiomen Line of the Reading Railroad. We will start at the southern terminus of the Trail and six (?) hikes later end in Green Lane Park. This hike is out-and-back, an ideal choice for anyone who wants a shorter, slower hike. Come early and use the bathrooms at the end of New Mill Road (where we park for the Audubon Loop hikes). Bring lunch and water or eat nearby.

DIRECTIONS: From King of Prussia, take Route 422 West to the Oaks exit. At the bottom of the ramp turn right onto Egypt Road. Make an immediate right into Lower Perkiomen Valley Park. Turn left into the first parking lot. We will meet at the map of the Perkiomen Trail nearby.

Leaders: Pat and Jeff Robbins, cell: 610 952-2136.



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Bird/Nature Walk Warwick County Park, Pottstown, PA

June 17, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

The 535-acre Warwick County Park includes dense hardwood forest, wetlands, meadows, and riparian areas along a section of French Creek, an “exceptional value” stream. This diversity provides excellent habitat for birds. Terrain covered will range from flat (and possibly muddy) to moderately steep on unpaved trails. Beginners and children welcome. Bring binoculars, field guide, and dress for the weather. Restrooms are on site. Directions: From the intersection of Routes 100 and 23, proceed west on Route 23 for 3.4 miles. Turn left onto County Park Road (entrance is somewhat hidden) and continue 0.3 miles to the entrance to Warwick County Park, on the left. Follow the drive to the last parking area on the left.

Leaders: Rick Keyser, 610-933-3709, rick.keyser@verizon.net; Patty and John Werth, 484-985-8164(h) or 215-859-1148(c), pattyww@comcast.net



**Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James
Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA,**

June 17, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

June 17, Saturday, 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants

are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Directions at end of calendar.

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**Bird/Nature Walk: Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
June 18, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Join Green Valleys Watershed Association staff and VFAS naturalists for a free, guided walk around the ponds, meadows, and woodlands in this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Walks begin in the visitor parking lot. Paths are unpaved; one moderately steep section. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars and ID books. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar.

Leader: Sarah Neto, 610-664-3895 or sarahboucasneto@comacast.net.



**Bird/Nature Walk: Night Hike at the John James Audubon Center at
Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

June 21, Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:45 p.m.

Explore a side of the Mill Grove rarely seen with a night hike in the park. As we rise and set with the sun, another amazing world of nocturnal animals become alive after dark! Let your senses be your guide as we explore the sounds, sights, and smells of this amazing nocturnal world. This program is the first of our “Millgrove at Night” series this Spring, a series of programs that celebrate the night! Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month, May-July, as we explore a different nocturnal theme. Join us for one, or for all, as we experience the park after dark! \$5.00 per person, *please register by emailing jjac_education@audubon.org. Directions at end of calendar.*



**Hike: John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge At Tinicum, 8601 Lindbergh
Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19153 (4-5 miles).**

June 22, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Tinicum Marsh is America’s first urban refuge and the largest freshwater tidal marsh in Pennsylvania. Hike around the impoundment, see newly restored wetlands, and visit the “green” Environmental Center. Bring lunch and water. DIRECTIONS: Take I-95 to Exit 10 (Route 291 East, Airport). At the first traffic light, turn left onto Bartram Ave. Drive 1.6 miles to 84th Street. Turn left on 84th Street. At the 2nd light turn left onto Lindbergh Blvd. Turn right at the stop sign into the Refuge. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Michael Brooks, cell: 610-952-6878.



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

June 22, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully

catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Directions at end of calendar. *For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.*



Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA, June 24, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org*



Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA June 24, Saturday, 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Directions at end of calendar.

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Hike: Willows, Skunk Hollow and Brook Farm Trails, Wayne, PA (5-6 miles). June 29, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Take a walk along Little Darby and Darby Creeks in three Radnor Township parks. Bring lunch and water. We'll supply drinks and dessert.

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Routes 3 and 252 in Newtown Square, take Route 252 north. Turn right onto St. Davids Road at the traffic circle. Turn right onto Darby Paoli Road. Turn right into the entrance to the Willows. Drive around to the mansion parking lot.

OR, from the intersection of Lancaster and Aberdeen Aves east of Wayne, turn south onto Aberdeen Ave. Drive across Conestoga Road at the light onto Church Road. Drive to Brooke Road and turn left at the stop sign. Drive to Darby Paoli Road and turn left. Follow as above. *Leader: Bob Leonetti, cell: 610-420-5858.*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

June 29, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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July

**Program: Meng Preserve Bird Census Meng Preserve,
Lower Frederick Township**

July 1, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Join us on a bird Walk at the Meng Preserve as we get a census on the breeding birds that inhabit the site. Directions at the back of the Calendar.

Leader: Vince Smith nyctea34@aol.com or 484-410-1157.



**Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James
Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA,
July 1, Saturday, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org.*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

July 1, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
July 5, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

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**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
July 5, Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Welkinweir is offering extended hours this summer: pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the serene views of this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Join a guided walk around the ponds with staff at Green Valleys Watershed Association at 6:30 p.m.; or take a self-guided stroll. Paths are unpaved and steep in areas. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. *Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar. Leaders: TBD*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

July 6, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Directions at end of calendar.

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**Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James
Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA,**

July 8, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org.*



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1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

July 8, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
July 12, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Welkinweir is offering extended hours this summer: pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the serene views of this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Join a guided walk around the ponds with staff at Green Valleys Watershed Association at 6:30 p.m.; or take a self-guided stroll. Paths are unpaved and steep in areas. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. *Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar. Leaders: TBD*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

July 13, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.*



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**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
July 19, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

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**Bird/Nature Walk: Night Hike at the John James Audubon Center at
Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

July 19, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Explore a side of the Mill Grove rarely seen with a night hike in the park. As we rise and set with the sun, another amazing world of nocturnal animals become alive after dark! Let your senses be your guide as we explore the sounds, sights, and smells of this amazing nocturnal world. This program is the first of our “Millgrove at Night” series this Spring, a series of programs that celebrate the night! Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month, May-July, as we explore a different nocturnal theme. Join us for one, or for all, as we experience the park after dark! \$5.00 per person, *please register by emailing jjac_education@audubon.org. Directions at end of calendar.*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

July 20, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.*



Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA, July 22, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org.*



Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA July 22, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Bird/Nature Walk: Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Smyrna, DE July 22, Saturday, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Bombay Hook NWR is a great place to witness migrating shorebirds on their journey from Canadian and arctic regions south as far as Argentina. Look for wading birds and other summer residents, too.

Bring binoculars and water to drink, sunblock and insect repellent.

Directions: Take I-95 South to Delaware Route 1 South (Christiana exit), then leave Route 1 at exit 114 (Smyrna-South exit) to Route 13 North. Then turn left at Route 12 East (Smyrna-Leipsic Road) in a few miles and drive 5 more miles to merge with Route 9. Then, less than a mile from the merger, turn left onto Whitehall Neck Road which ends at the Refuge entrance. Join us to watch the return of the migrant shore birds.

Directions at end of calendar.

Leaders: Dan Sullivan, 484-919-0129; Joe Hudson, 610-489-1381, Jchudson41@gmail.com

**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
July 26, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Welkinweir is offering extended hours this summer: pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the serene views of this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Join a guided walk around the ponds with staff at Green Valleys Watershed Association at 6:30 p.m.; or take a self-guided stroll. Paths are unpaved and steep in areas. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. *Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar. Leaders: TBD*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

July 27, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.*



**Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James
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July 29, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org.*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
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July 29, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.*

August

**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
August 2, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

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**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

August 3, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar.*

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**Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James
Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA,
August 5, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

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**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
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August 5, Saturday, 10:00am – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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**Young Birder Walk at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum
8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19153**

August 6, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

We invite young people to discover the birds of this National Wildlife Refuge, the largest freshwater marsh in Pennsylvania. Bring binoculars and water to drink. Sunblock and insect repellent, too. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adult beginning and longtime birders welcome, too. Late summer at Heinz is great for wading birds, early shorebird and perhaps a Bald Eagle!

Meet at the Visitors Center.

Leaders: Edie Parnum, 215-283-7372; Joe Hudson, 610-489-1381, Jchudson41@gmail.com

**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
August 9, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

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Leaders: TBD



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

August 10, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Directions at end of calendar.

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Leaders: Edie Parnum, 215-283-7372; Joe Hudson, 610-489-1381, Jchudson41@gmail.com

**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
August 9, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Welkinweir is offering extended hours this summer: pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the serene views of this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Join a guided walk around the ponds with staff at Green Valleys Watershed Association at 6:30 p.m.; or take a self-guided stroll. Paths are unpaved and steep in areas. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. *Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar. Leaders: TBD*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

August 10, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar.*

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.



**Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James
Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA,**

August 12, Saturday, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org.*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

August 12, Saturday, 10:00am – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar.*

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**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
August 16, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Welkinweir is offering extended hours this summer: pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the serene views of this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Join a guided walk around the ponds with staff at Green Valleys Watershed Association at 6:30 p.m.; or take a self-guided stroll. Paths are unpaved and steep in areas. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. *Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar. Leaders: TBD*



**Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove,
1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA**

August 17, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.*



**Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James
Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA,**

August 19, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a free, guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 a.m. the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. *Directions at end of calendar. For more information call 610-666-5593 ext.109 or email jjac_education@audubon.org.*

Program: Native Plant Family Program at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

August 19, Saturday, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Want to know how to enhance your property with native plants while engaging in an exciting new program with National Audubon Society. Adults will be learning about the importance of native plants while taking a bird walk on the property. Kids will be doing plant drawings, planting native seeds in take home containers, and exploring the grounds. All families will be enrolled in the native plant program and will have take-home activities and resources. No charge. *For more information, please contact the Education Department at 610-666-5593 ext.109 or jjac_education@audubon.org.*



Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

August 19, Saturday, 10:00am – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
August 23, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Welkinweir is offering extended hours this summer: pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the serene views of this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Join a guided walk around the ponds with staff at Green Valleys Watershed Association at 6:30 p.m.; or take a self-guided stroll. Paths are unpaved and steep in areas. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. *Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar. Leaders: TBD*



Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

August 24, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. *Directions at end of calendar.*

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Bird/Nature Walk: Morning Bird Walk at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

August 26, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Join us for an early morning bird walk as we search for residents and early fall migrants. Open to beginners and non-birders. Directions at the back of the Calendar.

Leader: Vincent Smith Nyctea34@aol.com or 484-410-1157.



Bird/Nature Walk: Saturday Morning Bird Walks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA,

August 26, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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Canoe with Perks at the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA

August 26, Saturday, 10:00am – 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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**Summer Nature Nights at Welkinweir Arboretum, Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA
August 30, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Welkinweir is offering extended hours this summer: pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the serene views of this beautiful 197-acre preserve. Join a guided walk around the ponds with staff at Green Valleys Watershed Association at 6:30 p.m.; or take a self-guided stroll. Paths are unpaved and steep in areas. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. Rain or Shine. Portable facility is on site. *Directions and Phone Number at end of Calendar.*

Leaders: TBD



**Canoe with Perks at the
John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, Audubon, PA**

August 31, Thursday, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Directions at end of calendar.

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Directions

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove: 1201 Pawlings Road, Audubon, PA. The entrance is at the junction of Audubon and Pawlings Roads. From Route 422 West: Follow Route 422 West to third exit, Rte 363 North – Audubon/Trooper. Bear right at the end of the ramp, and move into the left traffic lane. Turn left at the first light, onto Audubon Road. Follow to the end, to the Mill Grove entrance at Pawlings Road (approximately ¾ mile). From Route 30: Follow Route 202 North to exit for 422 West (Pottstown). Follow directions for “Route 422 West” above. Phone 610-666-5593 x101. (more parking on first right after main entrance heading towards Phoenixville)

Exton Park: Exton Park is located on former Church Farm School property on Swedesford Road. in West Whiteland Township. From the intersection of Routes 30 and 202, drive west along Route 30 and turn right on Valley Creek Blvd. At the end of the road, make a left on Swedesford Road. Park in the gravel parking lot on your left where the perimeter trail starts.

Okehocking Preserve: Going west on Route 3 (West Chester Pike) drive past the lights at Providence Road and Delchester Road. The Preserve entrance is on the right, ½ mile past Delchester Road. If going eastbound on Route 3, because the highway is divided, you will need to make a U-turn at Delchester Road.

Welkinweir: From Downingtown exit of PA Tpk. (Exit 312), north on Route 100 for 6 miles. Left on Prizer Road for 0.8 miles. Or, from intersection of Routes 100 & 23 in Bucktown, south on Route 100 for 1.1 miles, right on Prizer Road for 0.8 miles. Go beyond the first driveway with a Welkinweir sign (which goes to the residence and Green Valleys Association offices) to the next driveway which is the one to the barn. Call Welkinweir at 610-469-4900 for more information.

John National Wildlife Refuge At Tinicum,

8601 Lindbergh Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19153 Take I-95 to Exit 10 (Route 291 east, Airport). At the first traffic light, turn left onto Bartram Ave. Drive 1.6 miles to 84th Street. Turn left on 84th Street. At the 2nd light turn left onto Lindbergh Blvd. Turn right at the stop sign into the Refuge.

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Smyrna, DE

Take I-95 South into Delaware to Route 1 South (Christiana exit) (toll road \$1.00). From Route 1 South take exit 114 (Smyrna- South exit). RT 13 North will be a right turn at the end of the exit ramp at a traffic light. Turn right at the next light on to Road 12 East (Smyrna-Leipsic Road). This road merges with Route 9 South (5 miles). Turn left onto Whitehall Neck Road which ends at the Refuge entrance.

Coventry Woods, Potstown PA

Directions from Audubon: Take Route 422 W toward Pottstown
Get off the PA 100 S exit in Pottstown Turn Right onto W. Cedarville Road
Slight Right onto Laurelwood Road Take a left onto W. Cedarville Road
Left onto Sheep Hill Road 1st Right onto Temple Road
Take 2nd left onto St. Peters Road. Parking lot is across from Fernbrook Road.

Not a Member? Please Join Us!

**Valley Forge Audubon Society &
John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove
Joint Membership Application**

Yes, I want to join and support Valley Forge Audubon Society and the John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove. I have enclosed my payment at the level checked below:

___ \$40 Individual Membership for 1 year. Seniors: \$35

___ \$55 Friends Membership for 1 year. Seniors: \$50

___ \$55 Family/Grandparent Membership for 1 year. Seniors: \$50

___ \$100 Supporter Membership for 1 year.

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1201 Pawlings Road

Audubon, PA 19403

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