

**Adventures to the Ancients
(Old-Growth Walks in the Poconos)
April 29, May 20, June 24
1:00-5:00 p.m.**

Join naturalists Bill Sweeney and Don Miller as they explore and interpret the unique natural & cultural history of some of the finest old growth forests left in eastern Pennsylvania. Wear comfortable hiking shoes and dress for the weather. To register, contact Bill Sweeney at wisweeney@state.pa.us or (610) 746-2808.

**Neotropical Birding Weekend at
Promised Land State Park
Fri. – Sun., May 11 - 13th**



Join Nolde Forest EE Center and Jacobsburg EE center for this birding weekend at Promised Land State Park in the beautiful Pocono Mountains. See colorful Neotropical birds typical of high elevations like Blackburnian and Magnolia Warblers, Alder Flycatchers and many other species. Promised Land also has the distinction of having the most reliable nesting location of Merlins at the southern limit of their breeding range in eastern U.S.! Opening program "Neotropical Bird Conservation" on Friday night by Rick Wiltraut and Linda Ingram. Cost is \$25 per person.



Transportation, lodging and meals are on your own. To register and for more information on lodging (or camping), contact Linda Ingram at liingram@pa.gov 610-796-3699.

**Exploring Cherry Valley
National Wildlife Refuge
Sat. and Sun., May 19 - 20th**



In 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved an acquisition boundary for the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, bringing into existence a refuge that a strong coalition of community and conservation interests worked together to establish in Cherry Valley. Five federally listed threatened or endangered species occur or are likely to occur in this diverse mosaic of wetland and upland habitats. Join us as we explore this beautiful area and learn about the wildlife and other

ecological treasures found here. Topics will include reptiles and amphibians, Neotropical and grassland birds, forest ecology, greenways, endangered species, and the conservation process.

Presenters will include The Nature Conservancy, Friends of Cherry Valley, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

To register, contact Rick Wiltraut rwiltraut@pa.gov 610-746-2810.

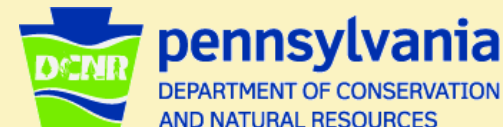


Registration required for all programs.

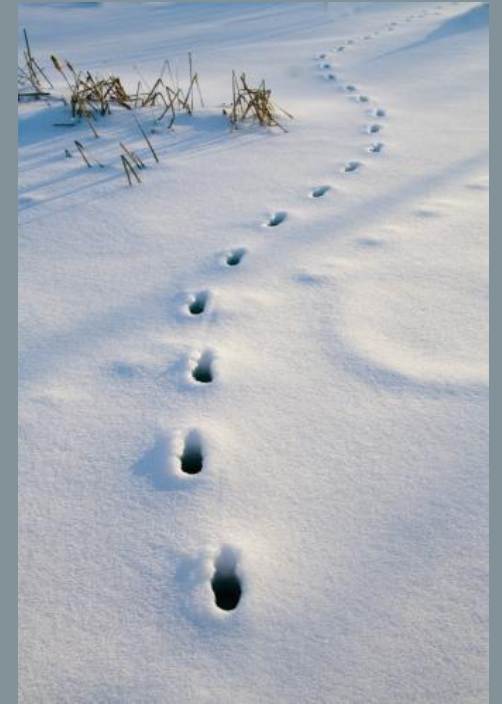
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To register online visit <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/Parks/jacobsburg.aspx> and click on "What to Do" and "Calendar of Events."

If you need an accommodation to participate in an activity due to a disability, please contact the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks: 1-888-PA-PARKS (voice) 1-888-537-7294 (TTY) 1-717-558-2711 (local or international TTY) or 1-800-654-5984 (PA AT&T Relay Service).



**Jacobsburg
Environmental Education
Center
Community Programs
Winter/Spring 2012**



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Wind Gap, PA 18091
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Winter Birding, Tracking, and Plant ID Walk

Saturday, January 14th
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for this winter walk along the Lehigh River in search of winter birds, plants, and animal tracks. Participants should dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes, and bring binoculars, lunch and beverages. To register, contact Bill Sweeney at wisweeney@pa.gov 610-746-2808

Eagles and Old-Growth of the Delaware Water Gap

National Recreation Area
Saturday, Jan. 28th & Feb. 11th
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Join us as we venture up along the Delaware River from Arrow Island Overlook to Milford to search for Bald Eagles, one of the best areas in the east to view these magnificent birds. Other possibilities along the river include Common Goldeneyes, Pileated Woodpeckers, Peregrine Falcons, and the rare Golden Eagle. If we are real lucky we might see a River Otter or Bobcat. This is a great opportunity for photographers. Meet at Arrow Island parking area at the Delaware Water Gap. Please dress for the weather, wear comfortable

shoes, and bring binoculars, lunch and beverages. We will stop for hot drinks and snacks along the way.

To register for Jan 28th trip, contact Rick Wiltraut rwiltraut@pa.gov 610-746-2810. To register for Feb 11th trip, contact Bill Sweeney wisweeney@pa.gov 610-746-2808

Birding at Middle Creek Saturday, March 3rd 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is one of the premier birding spots in eastern Pennsylvania and the best place to see large numbers of Snow Geese. Join us for this birding tour of Middle Creek as we look for Snow Geese, Tundra Swans, and other waterfowl. We'll also check the extensive grasslands for raptors and for songbirds like Eastern Meadowlarks and Eastern Bluebirds. Leaders will stay until dusk to look for Northern Harriers and Short-eared Owls and also listen for early arriving American Woodcocks. Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars.

To register, contact Rick Wiltraut rwiltraut@pa.gov 610-746-2810



Frog Slog Fridays Friday, March 30th & April 13th 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Have you ever slogged for frogs in a vernal pond? Vernal ponds are temporary bodies of water that form in spring from rain and snow melt. Because these ponds lack predatory fish, they are used by frogs and salamanders to breed and lay eggs. Join us for this nighttime journey to explore these woodlands ponds in search of these amphibian wonders. Please dress for the weather, wear waterproof footwear, and bring a flashlight. Be prepared to get wet! Program limited to 30 participants. To register for the March 30th walk, contact Rick Wiltraut rwiltraut@pa.gov 610-746-2810 and to register for the April 13th walk, contact Bill Sweeney wisweeney@pa.gov 610-746-2808.



The Sky Dance Saturday, April 7th 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The "sky dance" is what the famous conservationist Aldo Leopold called the spring flight of the American Woodcock. A member of the shorebird family, the woodcock uses its long bill to probe the mud for

food. Unfortunately, development is encroaching on the last remaining woodcock habitat in the Lehigh Valley and Jacobsburg is one of their last strongholds. Join us for this special evening to observe male woodcocks displaying. Learn how Jacobsburg is managing habitat for woodcocks and what you can do in your area to preserve habitat for this special bird and other wildlife. Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars and a flashlight. To register, contact Rick Wiltraut at rwiltraut@pa.gov 610-746-2810.

Earth Day at Jacobsburg Sunday, April 22nd 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day by participating in one of the many stewardship projects, including invasive plant removal, native plant plantings, butterfly garden clean-up, litter pick-up and more. Children activities and *live* critters! Learn about creating a backyard habitat for birds, butterflies and other animals.

To register, contact Lauren Forster 610-746-2809

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