

Summer 2010

Join us for another summer of sizzling programs

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Walking in the Wild

Enjoy weekly walks with a Wild Center Naturalist this summer. Learn the basics of birding while increasing your identification, ecology, and natural history skills. These programs are in partnership with Northern New York Audubon, the Adirondack Park Visitor's Interpretive Center, and the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA). Registration is required. To register contact Sally Gross at sgross@wildcenter.org or visit www.wildcenter.org/events.

Wild Wednesdays at the Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center

When: *Every Wednesday morning in June, July and August*

8:00a.m. - 10:00a.m.

Join The Wild Center naturalists on Wednesdays at the Adirondack Park Visitor's Interpretive Center in Paul Smith's to discover the rich diversity of habitats on its 1500 acres – Northern Hardwood forests, open marsh, sphagnum bogs, streams, conifer wetlands, and ponds. Starting in June we'll focus on spring migrating birds and wildflowers. As the season progresses, we'll explore pond life, wetlands, insects, and bog orchids. Free.

Boreal Birds and Bogs at Bloomingdale Bog

When: *June 12th, July 3rd, July 17th, July 31st and August 14th*

8:30a.m. - 10:30a.m.

Bloomingdale Bog is great habitat for boreal species such as the boreal chickadee, gray jay, and black-backed woodpecker. The area encompasses a large bog wetland area and cedar woods with sedge marsh and coniferous woods. Easy walking along an old railroad bed. Free.

Whiteface Mountain Ecology Exploration on Whiteface Mountain

When: *June 26th, July 10th, July 24th, and August 7th*

8:30a.m. - 11:00a.m.

This interpretive hike will focus on mountain habitats and birds on Whiteface Mountain Veteran's Memorial Highway and summit. We will stop along the way to look at the forest transition and check out the incredible views. At the summit, be prepared for a short hike ~ ¼ mile on rough, rocky ground. This is a great opportunity to study the alpine ecosystem as well as maybe see or hear the rare Bicknell's Thrush. Cost: \$5.00 (payable at the Tollhouse).

Shingle Shanty Preserve and Research Station eXpedition

When: *June 19th and August 18th*

8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Join The Wild Center on a unique, member-only field expedition to Shingle Shanty Preserve. Shingle Shanty Preserve and Research Station is located in one of the most remote parts of the Adirondacks on a large tract of land that has been privately held since the 1850s. This is a rare opportunity to access a truly unique part of the Adirondacks for birding and natural history exploration. The day will consist of multiple stops throughout the preserve and short hikes to ecologically significant areas with ample time for birding and exploration. For full trip descriptions and to register contact Susan Arnold at sarnold@wildcenter.org or visit www.wildcenter.org/events. This member-only program costs \$75 per person.

Farmers Market at The Wild Center

When: *Every Thursday from June 24th - September 30th*

11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Join us in The Wild Center's Esplanade Tent for a weekly Farmers Market where you can meet farmers and take home wonderful local food grown in the Adirondack region. The Wild Center has joined with the Adirondack Farmers' Market Cooperative, Inc. which promotes and manages markets across the region. Entrance to The Wild Center exhibits and additional programming requires admission. All related Farmer Market outdoor programming is **free** and open to the public.

Nature Play at The Wild Center

When: *Every Wednesday from July 1 – August 26th*

9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Join The Wild Center naturalists in a brand new program designed to connect kids to the outdoors through exploration and discovery. Using our live exhibits and 31 acre campus, each week will have different activities, such as meeting some of our animals up close, nature games, art activities, and lots of time outside. Open to kids 9-12 years. Each session costs \$15.00 for non-members and \$13.00 for members. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Registration is required. For more information and to register contact Sally Gross at sgross@wildcenter.org or visit www.wildcenter.org/events.

Naturally Speaking with Dr. O at The Wild Center

When: *Tuesdays and Thursdays in July and August*

11:30a.m.

Join Don Osterberg, PhD., Biology Professor Emeritus, SUNY Potsdam on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. In the morning, Dr. O will "take you outside" in the Flammer Theater by providing an interactive, multimedia presentation filled with in-depth natural history information on a variety of Adirondack themes. Then join Dr. O in the afternoons either on the trail or among the exhibits with a "traveling wild show". These programs are free for members or with admission.

Climate Change in the Adirondacks: The Path to Sustainability

When: July 15th

4:00p.m.

Join us for a presentation and book release of *Climate Change in the Adirondacks: The Path to Sustainability*, a new book by Wildlife Conservation Society ecologist and author Jerry Jenkins. The book addresses the issue of climate change, and its relationship to the Adirondacks with maps, illustrations, and powerful prose. Part One: *The Climate Problem* addresses the science of climate change and its impacts globally and especially locally. Part Two: *An Adirondack Strategy* demonstrates how changes in personal energy consumption can fundamentally alter the present trajectory of global warming, and shows how the Adirondacks can take a nationally leading role by achieving energy independence in 20 years.

Breakfast with the Otters at The Wild Center

When: July 17th, July 29th, August 7th, and August 19th

8:45a.m. - 9:45a.m.

Breakfast with the Otters is a member favorite where you can enjoy an early morning private breakfast and an "otter-this-world" experience. Our animal care staff will talk about otter life and a movie on river otters will screen in the Find Out Forest. Call us early to reserve one of our breakfast dates. Reservations are required and this members-only event costs \$5.00 per person. To register contact Susan Arnold at sarnold@wildcenter.org or visit www.wildcenter.org/events.

On the Scent of Adirondack Moose

When: July 20th

1:00p.m.

The return of moose to the Adirondacks can be considered a great conservation success. Pressure from development and the overarching threat of climate change continues to threaten moose populations. Join Heidi Kretser, from the Wildlife Conservation Society, to learn about the unique partnership with Working Dogs for Conservation, a project partially funded by The Wild Center. The results of this work will lay the foundation to guide long-term conservation and management of moose in the Adirondacks.

B.Y.O.B. Canoe Trips with The Wild Center and The Adirondack Museum

Join Adirondack Museum Curator Hallie Bond and a Wild Center Naturalist for these member-only field trips. Learn the natural history and historical interpretations of these wild areas while enjoying beautiful Adirondack scenery. These are B.Y.O.B. events (bring your own boat) and PFDs are required. Additional information including directions to the launch site will be provided upon registration. For full trip descriptions and to register contact Susan Arnold at sarnold@wildcenter.org or visit www.wildcenter.org/events.

Rainbow Lake Canoe Trip

When: July 24th

10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Rainbow Lake and Lake Kushaqua are little known today and off the beaten path, but have been visited by thousands over the millennia. Join us for a trip filled with eskers and entrepreneurs, Indians and invalids as you explore both the natural and human history of the region and visit The Six Nations Indian Museum in Onchiota. Cost: \$22 per person.

Canoe the Blue

When: August 25th

9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Paddle Blue Mountain Lake to learn about this popular travel destination of the late 1800s and early 1900s. This will be a six-mile flatwater paddle trip. Cost: \$40 per person and includes lunch at The Hedges.

The Bog River and the Wilderness Empire of A.A. Low

When: September 4th

9:30a.m. - 3:30p.m.

Come take advantage of natural history and historical interpretations of the Bog River area while enjoying abundant wildlife and beautiful scenery. The day will include a three-mile flat water paddle and a two-mile round-trip walk. Cost: \$20 per person.

Raquette River Awareness Week

When: July 31st - August 8th

The Raquette River Blueway Corridor Project is sponsoring a week of activities focusing on the Raquette River Corridor from its origin at Blue Mountain Lake to its mouth on the St. Lawrence River at Akwesasne (near Massena, NY). Events will take place in communities along the entire 174-mile-long watercourse and shoreline. The project is bringing together people who are working to develop a broad-based strategy to promote and sustain one of the region's most important and beautiful natural assets. The Wild Center will sponsor daily activities throughout the week including lectures, demonstrations, clean-up activities, and naturalist walks. Visit www.wildcenter.org/events for more information.



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