

Mercer County Park Commission and the Tulpehaking Nature Center

Winter Events 2016

To learn more, visit <http://mercercountyparks.org/> and <http://mercercountyparks.org/facilities/tulpehaking>

Just A Hike

Fri. Jan. 8, 2016. Noon – 2 p.m.

FREE.

Belle Mountain parking lot (Rte. 29 & Valley Road).

No theme, no focus, no itinerary; this program really is just a hike. We may take brief pauses to admire various elements of nature, but who knows what we will see or where this hike will lead us. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle.

Lenape Life Program series: Musical Instruments

Sat. Jan. 9, 2016. 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon.

\$5/person or \$20/family. Registration required at 609-303-0706.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Learn about the tools and techniques of the Lenape in this series of presentations through storytelling, real artifacts, games, and activities.

Winter Walk & Exhibit Reception

Sun. Jan. 10. 1-4 p.m.

FREE

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Enjoy the quiet beauty of winter on our guided nature walk, then warm up inside the nature center with coffee and hot chocolate as we celebrate *The Quiet Months*, our current exhibit on winter, ice and snow. Sponsored by Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.

Saturday Science Lab

Saturday, January 16. 1 - 2:30 p.m.

\$5/person or \$20/family. Registration required at 609-303-0706.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Conquer winter boredom by exploring the properties of ice and snow through fun, hands-on science experiments led by our teacher naturalist, Christy. Can ice get hot? Do volcanoes erupt during winter? Find out the answers to these questions and more!

Winter Duck Walk

Sunday, January 17. 1-3 p.m.

FREE.

Roebing Park @ Spring Lake, Hamilton.

Each winter, many species of duck flock to the wetlands and waterways of New Jersey, including our very own Abbott Marshlands. Join our Naturalists for this birdwatching excursion into the marsh to view our wintering waterfowl. Please dress for cold, windy weather, and bring your binoculars if you have them! Appropriate for teens and adults.

Waterwise Gardening

Sat. Jan. 30. 10 - 11:30 a.m.

FREE. Registration required at 609-989-6830.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Learn gardening techniques you can use at home to help conserve our precious water supply, including attention on rain barrels and rain gardens. Led by Dr. Christopher Obropta, Specialist with Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and sponsored by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County.

First Friday Storytime

Fri. Feb. 5. 10:30 a.m.

FREE, donations welcome.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton 08610.

Gather with your little ones to hear one of our educators share a storybook tale worthy of the Abbott Marshlands, followed by a related craft or activity. *Donations benefit Friends for Mercer County Parks.*

Valentines for Nature

Saturday, February 6. Noon - 4 p.m.

\$5/child.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Stop by for a jam-packed afternoon filled with crafts, stories, and refreshments for your family to enjoy. Join us by the fireplace for storytelling time, create valentines to bring home for your friends and family, and even a "Valentine for Nature" to hang outdoors.

Winter Duck Walk

Sunday, February 7. 1-3 p.m.

FREE.

Roebing Park @ Spring Lake, Hamilton.

Each winter, many species of duck flock to the wetlands and waterways of New Jersey, including our very own Abbott Marshlands. Join our Naturalists for this birdwatching excursion into the marsh to view our wintering waterfowl. Please dress for cold, windy weather, and bring your binoculars if you have them! Appropriate for teens and adults.

Wildlife in the Bedroom

Thursday, February 11. 7 - 9 p.m.

\$5/person. For adults. Registration required at 609-303-0706.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

In the world of wildlife, it takes much more than a well-wrapped box of chocolates to get the ladies' attention. Join Naturalists Jenn Rogers and Kelly Rypkema for this presentation on the bizarre and fascinating mating behaviors of wildlife. Wild aerial displays and role reversals are not taboo for discussion this night. For adults.

Lenape Life Program: Building Shelter

Sat. Feb. 13, 2016. 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon.

\$5/person or \$20/family. Registration required at 609-303-0706.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

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Just A Hike

Fri. Feb. 19, 2016. Noon – 2 p.m.

FREE.

Baldpate Mountain, Summit parking area.

No theme, no focus, no itinerary; this program really is just a hike. We may take brief pauses to admire various elements of nature, but who knows what we will see or where this hike will lead us. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle.

Wildlife SOS

Sun., Feb. 21, 2016. 1-2:30 PM.

\$5/person. Registration required at 609-303-0706.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Through discussion about native wildlife, learn what to do if you find injured, orphaned or displaced wildlife near your home. Co-sponsored by the Mercer County Wildlife Center. Appropriate for teens and adults.

Birding Basics

Sunday, February 28. 2 - 4 p.m.

\$5/person. Registration required at 609-303-0706.

Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton.

Do you aspire to take to the sky, but feel overwhelmed when you look at the bird field guide? Join County Naturalist Jenn Rogers for this indoor presentation that will cover essential birding gear and when and how to enjoy birds in your backyard and beyond. Appropriate for teens and adults.

Lenape Life Program: Hunting.

Sat. Mar. 12, 2016. 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon.

\$5/person or \$20/family. Registration required at 609-303-0706.

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