

May - AMERICAN WETLANDS MONTH



Celebrate the Abbott Marshlands

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Discover the Tulpehaking Nature Center

Explore the Abbott Marshlands with a guide or walk the trails on your own! Trail maps are available for Roebling Park, Northern Community Park, the Bordentown Bluffs, and the D&R Canal State Park Tow Path Trail; see www.marsh-friends.org or njtrails.org.

Your local wetland types include: **tidal freshwater marsh** (this type can be seen, e.g., from the Watson Woods picnic area of Roebling Park); **ponds** (Spring Lake at Roebling Park; Northern Community Park); **marsh / swamp** (parts of Roebling Park, Northern Community Park); and **tidal rivers** (e.g., Crosswicks Creek from the Bordentown Bluffs; Delaware River from the Bordentown Beach or I-295 scenic overlook; Duck Creek from the D&R Canal Tow Path Trail).

To learn about the Abbott Marshlands see: <http://www.marsh-friends.org>.

Tulpehaking Nature Center - 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ

<http://mercercountyparks.org/facilities/tulpehaking-nature-center>. Center hours: Sundays: noon–4 PM; Mondays: 10 AM–4 PM, for programs, and other times by appointment. Manager and naturalist –Kelly Rypkema – 609-303-0704.

May 2015 Activities for your Wetland Enjoyment:

Note: program locations vary. The Tulpehaking Nature Center is located at 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ.

****NURTURING NATURE**

For children ages 3-5 and their parent. Session II: May 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 10 - 11:30 AM, \$45. Nature fuels a child's imagination. Search for multi-legged critters, dissect a plant or flower, and explore the park for birds and

frogs with guidance from the Naturalist Staff. Each themed program includes a group story or experiment, an outdoor hike, and a craft. Grow to appreciate nature with your little one. Registration required, 609-303-0704. Tulpehaking Nature Center.

****CANOE/KAYAK THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS**

Wednesday, May 13, 9 AM. Paddle with the tide on Crosswicks Creek from Bordentown to Watson Woods. Optional walk around Spring Lake to see Mute Swans. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. Rental boats are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com.

****ART EXHIBIT, OPENING RECEPTION**

Friday, May 15, 6-8 PM.

Joy Kreves. *The Absorbed Landscape: Art Installations Expressing the Human-Earth Connection: Craving Nature, Solastalgia, and Wetlands Diorama.*

Tulpehaking Nature Center. Information: 609-303-0704.

(Exhibit on view – May 15 through September)

****SPRING WILD FLOWERS**

Saturday May 16, 9:30 AM- noon. Leader: Mary Anne Borge. Discover the Crosswick Creek Floodplain and its diverse array of spring flowering plants. Meet at Bordentown Township's Northern Community Park on Groveville Rd., between Rts. 130 and 206. (Contact / info: 732-821-8310). (Cosponsors with Friends: D&R Greenway Land Trust, Bordentown Township Environmental Commission).

[May 16, 17 - Bordentown Street Fair]

****VISIT THE BALD EAGLE NEST**

Sunday, May 17, noon – 3 PM. View the Abbott Marshlands Bald Eagle nest. Researchers will be on hand with telescopes and to answer questions about these majestic raptors, our national emblem. Park at the I-295 Scenic Overlook (northbound side), north of Bordentown, NJ. Walk down steps, follow path to the canal, turn left, and go north approx. 1 mile to the nest site. Co-sponsored by: Mercer County Park Commission, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ and D&R Canal State Park. For information: 609-303-0706.

****BUILD A BEE ABODE WORKSHOP**

Saturday, May 30. 10 AM – 12 PM. \$5 per person, \$20 per family. If you like pumpkins, cherries, or blueberries, thank a native bee! Invite these helpful pollinators to your backyard with a bee house built using natural materials. Registration required, 609-303-0704. Tulpehaking Nature Center.

****DISCOVER THE BORDENTOWN BLUFFS, PART OF D&R CANAL STATE PARK**

Saturday, May 30, 1-3 PM. Leaders: Stephanie Fox, Naturalist, and Vicki Chirco, Historian. Info and to register: 609-924-5705. Meet at end of Stanton Ave., Bordentown Twp. (From US-206 south of I-195, take 1st right immediately past Pointe Breeze apartments. Look for Abbott Marshlands sign; Stanton St. sign is missing. Co-sponsored by the D&R Canal State Park, Bordentown Township Environmental Commission, and Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.

****STEWARDSHIP**

Interested in being part of a trail crew and play an active role in the maintenance of trails at the Abbott Marshlands? For volunteer orientation (required - May 16) and location information contact: 609-303-0706 or natureprograms@mercercounty.org.

Wetlands that are part of the Abbott Marshlands provide significant benefits by

- improving water quality by filtering pollutants and rainwater runoff;
- helping recharge groundwater;
- reducing flooding and storm damage; and
- providing critical habitat for plants and wildlife

Take action to protect and restore wetlands. Support and promote the Abbott Marshlands by informing your community and family members about the vital roles of wetlands. "Adopt" a part of the marsh wetland and learn the plants and animals found there. Pick up trash.

This flyer is provided by Friends for the Abbott Marshlands and is a collaboration with the Tulpehaking Nature Center.



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