

HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY

2015

Calendar of Events

Visit www.hawkmountain.org for more info and additional events.

To register, call 610-756-6961.

APRIL

Spring Migration Watch Begins

Wednesday, April 1 - May 15

Trail fee for Non-Members

Salamander Search

Friday, April 3

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members.

Indoors lesson followed by flashlight survey for salamanders. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM,

Education Building

Raptor Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Children search for select “raptor” eggs hidden in the forest in this non-competitive hunt after a short lesson on eggs.

Registration required: 610-756-6961.

Limited to 50 participants ages 3 to 12.

Rain cancels.

11 AM, Outdoor Amphitheater

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, April 8

Free Members, \$5 Non-Members

Designed for children ages 3 to 5.

Includes story, nature activity,

short outdoor hike, and craft.

Different theme each month.

Registration required: 610-756-6961.

10 AM, Visitor Center Gallery

SPRING & AUTUMN WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Most Saturdays & Sundays

FREE with trail fee

M&T Bank's Raptor Up Close!

Spring: 11 AM & 2 PM

Fall: 10 AM, Noon & 2 PM

Trapping and Tracking

Spring: 11 AM

Fall: 11:30 AM & 2:30 PM

Binocular Basics

Spring: 10 AM

Fall: 9:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Name That Raptor

Spring: 12:30 PM

Fall: 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Naturalist in the Garden and Hawk Mountain History posted on site and upon availability. See website for details.



M&T Bank

Proud sponsor of *Raptors Up Close!*

Weekend Programs Begin

Saturday, April 11

Trail fee for Non-Members

M&T Bank's Raptors up Close and more. See website for details.

Appalachian Wildlife

Saturday, April 18, Trail fee required

Presented by Pocono Wildlife

Live mammal presentation focused on the wildlife of the Appalachians such as the opossum, skunk, porcupine, flying squirrel and more. Members are FREE.

11 AM, Amphitheater



New Moon Owl Prowl

Saturday, April 18

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

Volunteer Dave Krueel joins the education staff for this family-friendly program that begins indoors with a live owl program followed by time outside to call and listen for screech, barred, and great-horned owls. Flashlights with red light welcome, but not necessary. Walking confined to Visitor Center area. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

5:30 PM, Visitor Center

Teen Trail Day

Saturday, April 25, FREE

For Ages 13-17

Spend a day working with Todd Bauman and Ryan Beltz to improve the Hawk Mountain trail system. Limited to teens only. Dress for weather, wear sturdy shoes, and carry a daypack with water and bag lunch. Registration required: 610-756-6961. For information, contact Ryan at beltz@hawkmountain.org.

10 AM - 3 PM, Meet at Visitor Center

Learn Your Trees Walk

Saturday, April 25

Trail Fee for Non-Members

Led by Dr. Chris Sacchi

Guided walk to learn more about native trees and how to identify them by their bark, leaves, seeds and flowers. Takes place in and around Visitor Center. Sign up day of event or call 610-756-6961.

1 PM - 2:30 PM, Meet at Visitor Center

Central Park Birding Bus Trip

Saturday, April 30

\$80 and Limited seating

Includes transportation, guided bird walk, snacks, and free time. Lunch on own. 3 PM departure. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

6 AM departure, 7 PM return

MAY

Warbler Weekend

Fri, May 1, Sat, May 2 or Sun, May 3

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

Guided early-morning walk in search of songbirds. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

7 AM - 10 AM

Ernst Conservation Seeds Native Plant Lecture Series

Anne Raver: Saturday, May 2

FREE Members, \$5 Non-Members

**My Life in Gardens: Stories from
Gardens around the Globe**

With 30 years of garden writing including *The New York Times*, Anne Raver will share her favorite gardens across the country, down the Amazon, and up to the Arctic Circle. Book signing to follow.

5 PM, Visitor Center

Full Moon Walk to South Lookout

Sunday, May 3

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

Guided and moderate, two-hour walk by moonlight. Covers one mile of rugged, natural terrain with a gradual incline. Sturdy footwear recommended. Limited to 15. Ages 12 and over. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

7 PM, Visitor Center

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, May 6

Free Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing.

International Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 9, FREE.

Children's activities, crafts, games and information about bird migration with a focus on the importance of nesting and wintering habitats.

10 AM - 2 PM, Visitor Center

Beginner Bird Walk

Saturday, May 9

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Presented by Jon Levin

Head out on the trails and learn to identify spring migrants and local birds by their distinctive calls and field marks. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

8 AM, Visitor Center

Sundays on the River

May 10, May 24, and June 14

\$30 Members, \$60 Non-Members

Enjoy a fully guided, relaxing paddle down the Little Schuylkill or Schuylkill River. Trips generally cover 5 to 8 miles and take up to 3 hours. All equipment and basic instruction provided. Strong focus on the cultural and natural history of the river corridor. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

9 AM to Noon, Visitor Center

Educator Workshop: Pennsylvania Songbirds

Friday, May 15, \$5

Designed for formal and nonformal K-12 teachers. 8 am beginner's bird walk followed by 9-2 pm instruction on songbirds, and hands-on activities about birds, identification, and habitat. Participants receive curriculum book and ACT 48 hours available. Dress for indoors/outdoors and bring bag lunch. Light breakfast provided.

Register by calling 610-756-6000 x 208.

8 AM - 2 PM, Education Building

Endangered Species Day

Saturday, May 16, FREE

Children's activities, crafts, games, and info about threatened and endangered species in Pennsylvania.

*10 AM - 2 PM, Visitor Center
and Info Pavilion*

Native Plant Sale Weekend

Sat & Sun May 16-17 • 10 am to 4 pm

Ernst Conservation Seeds Native Plant Lecture Series

William Cullina: Saturday, May 16

FREE Members, \$5 Non-Members

**Why You Can't Buy a Forest in a Can:
Managing and Restoring Diversity in
our Woodlands and Gardens**

Bill Cullina will look at what makes our eastern forests special and what we can do in our own backyards and communities to restore diversity of our woodlands. Bill is the Executive Director of the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and former Nursery Director and Head Propagator for the New England Wildflower Society.

1 PM, Education Building

Ernst Conservation Seeds Native Plant Lecture Series

William Cullina: Saturday, May 16,

FREE Members, \$5 Non-Members

**Sugar, Sex, and Poison: Shocking
Plant Secrets Caught on Camera**

In this talk, Bill Cullina will show how the plant world of pollen, pigments, pheromones, sugars, and sex translates to sound organic practices that we can all benefit from.

5 PM, Visitor Center

Ernst Conservation Seeds Native Plant Lecture Series

Mark Feily: Sunday, May 17,

FREE Members, \$5 Non-Members

**Establishment and Maintenance of
Wildlife Friendly Meadows**

Learn about natural grasslands in Pennsylvania with a focus on a large area of little bluestem at Ft. Indiantown Gap. This lecture will explore meadows with tall and short statured grasses and diversity.

1 PM, Visitor Center

**Children's Workshop:
The Caterpillar and the Polliwog**

Saturday, May 23

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Presented by Sue Reier

Listen to the story and watch a short video. Crawl into a knitted "chrysalis," make butterflies, sing metamorphosis songs, complete a floor puzzle, and meet real caterpillars and tadpoles. Concludes with walk to the pond to search for butterflies and frogs. Limited to 15 children ages 4 to 8. Registration is required: 610-756-6961.

10 AM - 1 PM Visitor Center

Warblers by Water

Friday, May 29

\$25 Members, \$50 Non-Members

Led by Todd Bauman and Rudy Keller

Relaxed paddle along the Little Schuylkill to survey spring songbirds. Registration required: 610-756-6961. Limited to 8. Adults only.

7 AM - 9:30 AM, Meet at Visitor Center

JUNE

Full Moon Walk to South Lookout

Tuesday, June 2

\$10 Member, \$20 Non-Members

Guided and moderate two-hour walk by moonlight. Covers one mile of rugged, natural terrain with a gradual incline. Wear sturdy footwear and bring red-light flashlight or headlamp. Limited to 15, ages 12 and over. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

7 PM, Visitor Center

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, June 3

Free Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

10 AM, Visitor Center Gallery

Hawk Mountain Arts Tour & Sale

Saturday, June 6, FREE

Self-guided driving tour leads to nearly two dozen local artists within a 25-mile radius in the valley below Hawk Mountain. Map and artist list at hawkmountain.org/artstour.

9 AM - 5 PM

Hawk Mountain Hill Climb

Saturday, June 13

\$25 in Advance, \$30 after May 30

Challenging uphill 5K on Hawk Mountain Road.

Registration opens at 8 am. Visitor Center.

**Pennsylvania Biodiversity
Educator Workshop**

Thursday, June 18

Includes time indoors and out, sharing activities that correlate with the Environment and Ecology Standards. Dress for weather, bring bag lunch, and light breakfast provided. For formal and informal K-12 educators. Includes biodiversity curriculum guide and Act 48 hours. Registration required: 610-756-6000 x208.

\$5 fee covers all costs.

9 AM - 3 PM, Education Building

Night of the Moth

Saturday, June 20

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

*Presented by Ken Lebo and Jim Eckert
Limited to 20 participants.*

Learn more about moths and how to identify them as you spend an evening at a "trapping station. Wear dark clothing and bring a dim flashlight. Field guide optional. Registration required:

610-756-6961

8:30 PM, Visitor Center

Broun Birding Bowl: 24-Hour Youth Competition

*Friday, June 26 to Saturday, June 27
FREE to Register. Fundraising
encouraged.*

Join the chase and race for the birds during this 24-hour challenge. Registration opens March 1 and closes May 31. Groups may use any amount of time but must end at 3 pm at Hawk Mountain on June 27. More information at hawkmountain.org/brounbowl.

JULY

River of Rocks Full Moon Excursion: MEMBERS ONLY

*Wednesday, July 1
\$10 Members*

Fully guided and challenging moonlit hike at the advanced level drops 800 feet in elevation to the River of Rocks boulder field and back. Must be in solid physical shape to tackle rugged natural trails, rocky areas, a steep descent and incline, all over two miles. Headlamps provided. Carry a daypack with water and snack, wear sturdy foot wear, and bring a sense of adventure. Registration required: 610-756-6961. Adults only.
7:30 PM - 10 PM, Meet at Visitor Center

Raptor Day Camp

*July 13 -17
\$125 Members, \$150 Non-Members.
Registration required: 610-756-6961.
For children entering grades 5 through 7*

Spend five days in a row at Hawk Mountain, with each day devoted to fun and interesting activities focused on a different family of raptors with related crafts, activities and games. Each day will include time exploring the Sanctuary and the chance to use binoculars and watch for hawks.

9 AM - 3 PM, Education Building

Beginner Fern ID Walk

*Saturday, July 18
\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members
Presented by Mike Slater*

Begin indoors with a short program on the life cycle of ferns and identification. Visit Maurice Broun's former garden at historic Schaumboch's Tavern. Hike (driving optional) to the Native Plant Garden to view several species, including the new Broun Fernery. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

10 AM – Noon, Education Building

Foray for Fungi

*Saturday, July 25
\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members
Presented by Laura Weishaupt
and Rick Bortnick, Ph.D.*

Beginner lecture and foray to learn the basics of mushroom ecology, differences between major groups, helpful tips and techniques to ID common species, and more. Dress for outdoors, wear sturdy shoes, and carry a daypack with lunch, water, hand lens and insect repellent. Optional field work session after lunch from 1 to 3 PM. Registration required: 610-756-6961. Rain date July 26.

9 AM - Noon, Education Building

Full Moon Hike to North Lookout

*Friday, July 31
\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members*

Challenging hike over two miles of rough, rocky and uneven terrain with moderate inclines and descents demands intermediate hiking experience. Participants should bring a daypack with water and snacks and wear sturdy shoes. Participants may bring their own headlamp with red light or one will be provided. Registration required: 610-756-6961. Limited to 15, ages 12 and over.

7 PM - 9:30 PM, Meet at Visitor Center

AUGUST

Book Signing: Chippy Chipmunk: Friends in the Garden

Saturday, August 1, FREE

Presented by Kathy Miller

In this third book, Chippy experiences the loss of his best friend Pickle, a meadow vole, hibernates, then emerges in spring. Includes activity page, fun facts, and notes to parents and educators.

2 PM, Visitor Center

Kid's Nature Photography Workshop

Saturday, August 1

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Presented by Kathy Miller

One-hour workshop designed for children ages 6 to 12. Please bring camera. Limited to 15 and registration is required: 610-756-6961.

1 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Plein Air Painting Workshop

August 3 – August 7

Presented by artist Andrew Rose. Register through www.googleworks.org

Education Building.

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, August 5

Free Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

10 AM, Visitor Center Gallery

Hummingbirds: Flying Jewels and Flower Kissers

Saturday, August 8

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

Presented by Sandy Lockerman

Join a master bander and learn more about hummingbird biology and current migration research. Includes presentation followed by banding demo. Limited to 15. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

10 AM, Visitor Center

WILD About Raptors Educator Workshop

Monday, August 10, \$5

Designed for K-12 educators, activities cover adaptation, natural history, and conservation status. Live raptor program followed by time outdoors to build raptor watching and identification skills. Dress for the indoors and weather, carry a daypack with bag lunch of water. Light breakfast provided. Participants receive curriculum guide and Act 48 hours. Registration required: 610-756-6000 x208.

9 AM - 3 PM, Education Building

Remembrance Day

Saturday, August 15

Informal outdoor service to honor individuals remembered with an honor or memorial gift made over the past year. For details call Craig George: 610-756-6000 x212.

1 PM, Visitor Center

Autumn Hawkwatch Begins

Saturday, August 15

Trail fee applies for Non-Members

Daily through Dec. 15, North Lookout

Children's Workshop: Knot on the Mountain

Saturday, August 22

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Presented by Sue Reier

Hear the story "High Tide for Horseshoe Crabs" by Lisa Kahn Schnell, then learn about migration and inter-relationships using the horseshoe crab and the red knot as a focus. Migration activity using a floor map, song, sensory activity, and craft included. Book signing with Lisa Kahn Schnell at 10 am. Limited to 15 children ages 4 to 8. Registration is required: 610-756-6961.

10 AM - 1 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Bald Eagle Migration Day

Saturday, August 29

*Presented by Carbon County
Environmental Center*

*Trail fee applies for Non-Members
Members are Free*

Live eagle programs at 11 and 2 pm.
Rain or shine.

11 AM & 2 PM, Amphitheater

Full Moon Walk to South Lookout

Saturday, August 29

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

Two-hour program and moderate walk by moonlight covers one mile of rugged, natural terrain with a gradual incline. Wear sturdy footwear and bring red-light flashlight or headlamp. Limited to 15 ages 12 and over. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

7 PM - 9 PM, Visitor Center

SEPTEMBER

Wee Ones Walk

Wednesday, September 2

Free Members, \$5 Non-Members

See April listing. Registration required: 610-756-6961.

10 AM, Visitor Center Gallery

International Vulture Awareness Day

Saturday, September 5. Free.

Two live vulture programs, activities for young people, and free information about the importance of our winged scavengers.

Noon and 2 PM, Amphitheater (program)

First Autumn Lecture:

***Chasing Broadwings to
Brazil and Back***

Saturday, September 19, FREE

*Presented by Dr. Laurie Goodrich and
Rebecca McCabe*

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Learn Your Trees Walk

Saturday, September 19

*Trail Fee for Non-Members
Led by Dr. Chris Sacchi*

Casual walk to learn more about native trees, how they prepare for winter, and how you can identify them by their fall colors, bark and seeds. Takes place in and around Visitor Center. Sign up day of event or call 610-756-6961.

1 PM - 2:30 PM, Meet at Visitor Center

Fall Native Plant Sale

Sat & Sun Sept 19-20 • 10 am to 4 pm

Shop from a variety of fall-flowering natives.

Visitor Center

Monarch Migration Day

Saturday, September 26, FREE

Activities, information and learning stations focused on monarch metamorphosis and migration.

10 AM - 2 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Bear Mountain Butterflies

Saturday, September 26

Trail fee for Non-Members • 10 AM

Presented by Mari Gruber. Monarch population and migration will be the focus of this family-friendly program that uses props, puppets, costumes and both mounted and live specimens. Great for all ages and features a surprise ending. Held rain or shine.

Outdoor Amphitheater

Swarovski Optics Day

Saturday, September 26

Meet with an optics rep and test a variety of products.

10 AM - 4 PM, Visitor Center

2nd Autumn Lecture: The Impact of Alien Plants on Songbirds

Saturday, September 26, FREE

*Presented by Dr. Todd Underwood
5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery*

OCTOBER

3rd Autumn Lecture:

Bird Strikes and Bodysnatchers

Saturday, October 3

Presented by Dr. Dan Klem, Jr.

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

4th Autumn Lecture: In a Nut Shell: Animal-mediated Dispersal of Oaks

Saturday, October 10

Presented by Dr. Michael Steele

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

5th Autumn Lecture: Natural History of Bats and Present Day Threats

Saturday, October 24

Presented by Susan Gallagher

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

NOVEMBER

7th Autumn Lecture:

Moving on Up: Climate Change and Hybridization in Chickadees

Saturday, November 7

Presented by Dr. Robert Curry

5:30 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Golden Eagle Saturday

Saturday, November 14

Presented by Shaver's Creek

Environmental Center

Trail fee applies for Non-Members.

Members are free.

Live eagle programs at 10 AM,

Noon and 2 PM.

Outdoor Amphitheater

The State of our Birds

Saturday, November 21

Member's Only. FREE.

Spend a morning on the Mountain with Hawk Mountain scientists for a first-hand update on the very latest research projects and how it helps to protect raptors.

Includes complimentary light breakfast and shade-grown coffee and concludes with a live raptor visit. Registration is required and space is limited.

8 AM – 10 AM, Visitor Center Gallery

Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 28

Guest speaker Scott Weidensaul, crafts for kids, discounts, guided walk, complimentary hot beverages.

11 AM - 3 PM, Visitor Center

DECEMBER

Texas Birding: Lower Rio Grande Valley, the Southern Gulf Coast & Whooping Cranes

December 5 – December 10, 2015

Guides: Bob Schutsky and Dan Heathcote, Bird Treks, and Mary-Therese Grob, Hawk Mountain. \$1,895 per person, double occupancy. Limited to 11 participants.

Visit one of the best birding destinations in the lower 48 for six days and five nights, including a boat excursion on Aransas Bay to see the endangered Whooping Crane and many aquatic species. Cost includes expert guide service, lodging, meals, entrance fees, ground transportation, and boat excursion. Transportation on your own to Corpus Christi and departing from McAllen, Texas. Full details available at hawkmountain.org/ecotour.

