



Alleghany Nature Pilgrimage Beyond the Park 2021



This year's Allegany Nature Pilgrimage will not be taking place at Allegany State Park due to COVID-19 regulations and restrictions at the Park. As an alternative for 2021, ANP is promoting events at our sponsoring groups, Buffalo Audubon Society, Audubon Community Nature Center (Jamestown, NY), the Presque Isle Audubon Society (Erie, PA) and the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club (Rochester, NY). ***These events are organized by the sponsoring groups. Participant limitations, costs, and COVID restrictions are all set by the sponsoring groups.***

We look forward to our "Welcome Back" in 2022. Save the date June 3 – 5th, 2022. Updates will be posted periodically to our website www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com and click on this link to follow us on Facebook. 

The following is a description of our sponsors and planned activities.
Due to continued COVID restrictions, many of the programs are limited in size.



The Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC), located in Jamestown, NY is a 570-acre wetland preserve that includes over five miles of trails, a native tree arboretum, picnic areas, a natural play space, and educational gardens for you to explore daily from dawn until dusk. The Nature Center itself is home to the Blue Heron Gift Shop and three floors of interactive exhibits, including live animals, which inform and engage visitors of all ages.

For more information about the Audubon Community Nature Center [Click Here](#)

PROGRAMS**The Nature of Little Rock City (All Ages)****Part of Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage – Pilgrimage Beyond the Park****Meet at Little Rock City, directions below.****Saturday, June 5, 2021****8:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

\$16 Adults

\$12 Nature Center members

\$12 Children 3 – 15

free 2 and under

*Paid reservations required by Thursday, June 3, 2021.**Enrollment limited to 15.*[Click Here for more information and to register](#)

Explore and learn about the nature of this rock city with Tim Baird.

The Little Rock City in the Township of Little Valley, New York north of the City of Salamanca is a 'rock city' of Salamanca Conglomerate rock exposed at an elevation of approximately 2200 feet. At this location, large blocks of the conglomerate rock are separating from their parent layer and gravity is moving them downhill. In addition to being of local geological interest, the location lies within the Rock City State Forest. The surrounding forest is a habitat of mature trees and hosts many interesting plants and animals, including several species of birds. The visit will last from two to three hours in exploration of this interesting natural area. Little Rock City can be accessed by turning off Route 219 north of Salamanca on to Hungry Hollow Road then turning left on to the Little Rock City road at the top of the hill and continuing to the end. Alternatively, one can use Whig Street, turning off from Route 353 north of Elkdale. Hungry Hollow Road can be then accessed turning right from Whig Street and continuing to the top of the hill then right on to the Little Rock City road. Tim Baird, a Salamanca resident and nature enthusiast, will lead the walk. Tim is a retired teacher and has lead walks for many years at the Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage. He has spent much time studying local natural history and enjoys nature photography.

Special Information: This program is outdoors at Little Rock City. Please dress for the weather. ACNC will cancel the program if it is raining hard.

Shades of Green: Wild Plants in Your Backyard (All Ages)
Part of Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage – Pilgrimage Beyond the Park
Saturday, June 5, 2021

10:30 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 15

free 2 and under

Paid reservations required by Thursday, June 3, 2021.

Enrollment limited to 15.

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Learn about some wild plants that grow in your backyard, some that don't, some that are edible and beneficial, and one or more of the invasives. This will be more of a leisurely stroll than a hike.

Nancy Jager is a nature enthusiast from Dunkirk, New York who enjoys nature photography and learning about plants, local and native edible weeds, invasive species, and garden herbs. Nancy is a Chautauqua Master Gardener of Cornell Cooperative Extension. She holds a M.S. in Education from the State University of New York at Fredonia and is presently teaching international students at Fredonia State University.

She has been a participant of Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage since 2009, and leader since 2014.

Bones: What Can We Learn From Them (Adults)**Part of Allegany Nature Pilgrimage – Pilgrimage Beyond the Park****Saturday, June 5, 2021****1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 9 – 15

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In this indoor program, participants learn how to tell herbivore from carnivore skulls in mammals and birds, discover how nature recycles bones and antlers, learn about examples of convergent evolution (like beavers and crocodiles), and delve into several miscellaneous concepts of natural history.

Glen Wahl teaches geology at JCC and has a Master's degree in Biology.

Introducing the Allegany Wildlands: Virtual Program (Adults)**Part of Allegany Nature Pilgrimage – Pilgrimage Beyond the Park****Saturday, June 5, 2021****2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

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The Allegany Wildlands is located within a portion of the Allegheny Plateau that was never covered by the glaciers in the last ice age, making it an extremely rare landscape in New York State. The forest's rich soils weren't scoured by glaciers, and they support a diverse plant community that includes rare orchids, a threatened fern, and several surviving American Chestnut trees that provide hope for the future of this threatened species.

This remarkable landscape — a 200-acre privately-owned forest near Allegheny State Park — is threatened, and the Land Conservancy is working with the community to raise \$879,000 by the end of this year to protect it and open it to the public. Part of a large tract of forest, it forms a perfect corridor of connectivity with Pennsylvania's vast forests to the south. Some of our region's most iconic mammals, such as black bears, bobcats, porcupines, and fishers all likely roam here.

It is also part of a globally significant Important Bird Area — a designation it shares with the Everglades, the Galapagos, and our own Niagara River — because of its abundant nesting warblers and other songbirds.

Join the Land Conservancy's Deputy Executive Director, Jajeon Rose-Burney, for a virtual tour of this magnificent forest. If the Land Conservancy can reach their fundraising goal by the end of this year and protect the Allegheny Wildlands, it will become part of the Western

New York Wildway, a proposed system of protected wildlife habitat connecting Pennsylvania's forests to the Great Lakes, the Finger Lakes, and beyond.

Jajeon Rose-Burney was born and raised in Western New York. He has a bachelor's degree in environmental design and a master's degree in urban planning, both from the University at Buffalo (UB). After graduating in 2007, he worked at the Urban Design Project, a research center at UB, on several local planning efforts, environmental coalition building, and non-profit development. As a graduate student, Jajeon studied in the Sustainable Futures program in Costa Rica, and taught in the same program while working for the Urban Design Project. From 2010 to 2012 he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer stationed with Mexico's federal environmental agency in Puebla, a large city in southern Mexico, along with his wife Ana. There, he helped protect a large wetland from rapid and unplanned urban development, a project that led to an international Ramsar Site designation for the wetland and a new state park. This project won the 2013 International Planning Award from the American Planning Association (APA). Jajeon has written numerous articles and books on environmental topics, leads bird and nature tours, and has worked with several environmental organizations.



Buffalo Audubon serves the metropolitan area of Buffalo. It has several preserves and manages the Beaver Meadow Nature Center. Buffalo Audubon Society offers events throughout the year. BAS has several leaders that participate in the Pilgrimage each year.

For more information about the Buffalo Audubon Society [Click here](#)

PROGRAMS

Birding at Allenberg Bog

Part of Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage – Pilgrimage Beyond the Park

Saturday, June 5th

9AM – 11AM – Allenberg Bog Audubon Preserve

Limited Participation

Members \$8

Non-members \$10

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Allenberg Bog is accessible only through our guided tours, as it is home to several rare plant species, and can be difficult to traverse in some areas. A regionally unique example of a high elevation floating Bog and kettle pond wetland complex formed on a glacially derived lake in Western New York. The site also contains an alkaline meadow and several acres of Rhododendron, many of which exceed 20ft. Join Audubon Naturalist Tom Kerr at Buffalo Audubon's best kept secret. We'll hike through the different habitats leading into the bog looking for nesting Canada Warblers and other birds that rely on this unique and special habitat.

Forest Bathing**Part of Allegany Nature Pilgrimage – Pilgrimage Beyond the Park****Saturday, June 5th****1pm – 3PM****Limited Participation**

Members \$8

Non-members \$10

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Forest Bathing is a translation of Shinrin-Yoku, a Japanese therapeutic practice of nature immersion. Science confirms that “taking in the forest atmosphere” on a regular basis is beneficial in numerous ways to human physiological health and psychological well-being. In turn, indigenous wisdom teaches that cultivating relationships with “all our kin” in the natural world supports their health and can relieve stresses they are experiencing currently. During this walk, your guide will offer invitations to slow our pace, set aside our “devices” and rest the “thinking” mind as we introduce ourselves to a small area of Beaver Meadow near Kettle Pond and its more-than-human inhabitants. We’ll exercise our senses (there are more than five!) and engage with the “wood-wide-web,” stopping along the way to share with each other what we’re noticing.

Beaver Meadow Perimeter Walk**Part of Allegany Nature Pilgrimage – Pilgrimage Beyond the Park****Saturday, June 5th****4PM-6PM****Limited Participation**

Members \$8

Non-members \$10

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Beaver Meadow is Buffalo Audubon’s 324-acre nature preserve in North Java, NY. The preserve features its namesake beaver meadow with its associated ponds, glacial kettle ponds, wetlands with a boardwalk trail, wooded uplands, meadows, a hawk watch, an arboretum, and eight miles of well-marked trails.

Travel the outer trails of Beaver Meadow with ANP guide, Brian Deck. The talks will focus on the flora, fauna, history and environment around us. Anything interesting and appropriate is fair game to talk about. Hikes may be on uneven or slippery ground. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear and bring a snack and drink to eat on the trail if you'd like.

Underwater Monsters of Arboretum Pond – Beaver Meadow
Part of Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage – Pilgrimage Beyond the Park
Sunday, June 6th
1PM-2:30PM
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Non-members \$10

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Join ANP guide extraordinaire, Wayne Gall to explore the pond at Beaver Meadow's Arboretum. Participants will catch aquatic creatures from the pond for up close viewing. Discussions will focus on identifying characteristics and the natural history of the inhabitants. Meet in the main parking lot by the flagpole on Welch Rd. Meet in Arboretum Parking Lot located 1/2 mile east of main parking lot off Welch Rd. on north side of street.



Burrough Audubon Nature Club (BANC) serves the metropolitan area of Rochester. BANC is an organization of hikers, birdwatchers, butterfly, wildflower, and nature lovers who are dedicated to promoting the natural sciences, ecology, and conservation through regular programs and field trips.

BANC enjoys a 30-acre nature sanctuary with trails and a clubhouse located in Victor, south-east of the village of Pittsford, and a 90-acre nature preserve near Dansville in Livingston County. BANC has several leaders that participate in the Pilgrimage each year.

For more information about the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club [Click Here](#)

PROGRAMS

Saturday, June 5th

Trees of BANC Sanctuary

10 AM to 11:30 AM

Join Frank Crombe as he walks around and explores the trees of the the BANC sanctuary.

Burroughs Audubon Nature Club Sanctuary

301 Railroad Mills Road, Pittsford

Participants must register with Frank at fcacrombe@hotmail.com to attend.

Sunday, June 6th

Nature by Kayak

9:30AM to 11:00AM

Join Ellen Prill as she explores nature from the cockpit of a kayak. Ideally, we will paddle down the Irondequoit Creek with an alternative route if that is not possible. The kayaks will need to be rented and can be done through Baycreek Paddling Center www.baycreek.com

Participants must register with Ellen at ekprill@gmail.com to attend.

Saturday, July 17th

**An Evening at the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club Sanctuary with Lon Myers
6PM to 10:00PM**

Bring your own Brown Bag Supper* to enjoy at the sanctuary followed by an early evening walk leading into night looking for fireflies, listening for frogs, learning to call owls, hearing about the mythology of constellations, and marveling at fluorescent minerals. In addition, Lon will share fun and humorous memories of the sanctuary from the 60's and 70's. Fun for the whole family.

Lon is originally from the Rochester area and served on the executive committee of the BANC. He is currently Chairman of the Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage, an annual nature event sponsored by the Audubon's of Rochester, Buffalo, Jamestown and Erie. Lon is a self-taught naturalist having led nature walks for nearly 50 years. His nature walks include Beginning Birding, Night Walk, Stream Adventure, Sharing Nature with Children, and an adult themed talk of mythology and animal behavior. He currently resides in the Philadelphia suburbs where he leads walks for local nature organizations.

*Due to COVID safety considerations, use of the kitchen is unavailable, and everyone should bring his/her own meal, beverage, place setting, chair, and optional side table. Masks and social distancing are required. Any weather-related cancellation will be posted at www.bancny.org by 4:00 PM.

To register for this [Click Here](#)



The Presque Isle Audubon Society (PIAS) is a chapter of the National Audubon Society and a member of Audubon Pennsylvania serving northwestern Pennsylvania including Erie, Crawford and Warren counties. It is named after Presque Isle, a peninsula on the shores of Lake Erie near the city of Erie.

The Presque Isle Audubon Society provides educational and recreational activities throughout the year which are centered around the natural world and open to the public. PIAS holds meetings on the third Friday of the month in September, October, November, February, March, April, May and June. A wide variety of field trips are offered throughout the year. For more information about PIAS [Click Here](#)

PROGRAMS

Saturday, May 29th, June 12th, June 26th

Birding with Michele Franz

8AM-

Free. Open to the all. Binoculars available

Join Michele Franz for a bird walk. Meet at Stull Center 8 AM on Presque Isle State Park.

Save the date for the
64th annual Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage
June 3-5th , 2022

The Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage is an annual outdoor learning experience. It combines fun with a variety of nature-oriented activities. This traditional weekend of natural history and outdoor education welcomes both the experienced naturalist as well as the inquisitive beginner!