

What is the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage?

The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is an annual outdoor learning experience. It combines fun with a variety of nature oriented activities. This traditional weekend of natural history welcomes both the seasoned naturalist and the inquisitive beginner.

Hundreds of eager participants will gather this year on the weekend of **May 30, 31, June 1, 2014** in New York's Allegany State Park. The park's cabins and campsites provide a home for many, while others commute from home or prefer local motels.

The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is organized by a committee of volunteers from four local Audubon Societies: **Buffalo Audubon Society, Jamestown Audubon Society, Presque Isle Audubon Society** in Erie and **Burroughs Audubon Nature Club** in Rochester. If you would like to help plan the pilgrimage, please call one of the committee members listed on the back.



Allegany State Park consists of over 60,000 acres of forested hillsides, lakes, miles of bike paths and over 70 miles of hiking trails. There are hundreds of cabins and campsites to stay in.

The park abounds with wildlife, and it is not uncommon to see deer, porcupines, raccoons and the occasional black bear. There are also incredible numbers of wildflowers, birds, butterflies and trees. It has some of the best examples of Old Growth Forest in the region. The differences in habitat and altitude provide great birding.

Unlike most of the state, the park was not covered by glaciers in the last ice age. Its unique geological features include Thunder Rocks and the Bear Caves. The park provides a beautiful setting to discover the best nature has to offer.

Weekend Schedule

FRIDAY MAY 30TH

- 10:00 AM Registration Opens**
- 1:00 PM 2 Hour Nature Walks**
- 2:30 PM 2 Hour Nature Walks**
- 6:00 PM 1 Hour Nature Walks**
- 8:00 PM TENT program**
- 9:30-ish: Night Walks**



SATURDAY MAY 31ST

- 6:00 AM Birdwalk**
- 7:00 AM Bird Banding**
- 9:00 AM 2 hour Nature Walks
4 hour All-Day Hikes**
- 10:30 AM 2 hour Nature Walks**
- LUNCH: Hot dog Fund Raiser**
- 1:00 PM 2 hour Nature Walks**
- 2:30 PM 2 hour Nature Walks**
- 5:00 PM Chicken BBQ/Vegan-pre reg.**
- 5:30 PM Folk Concert**
- 6:00 PM 1 hour Nature Walks**
- 8:00 PM: Evening Program**
- 9:30-ish: Night Walks or OPEN MIC at the Fireside Lounge**

SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

- 6:00 AM Birdwalks**
- 7:00 AM Bird Banding**
- 9:00 AM 2 hour Nature Walks**
- 10:30 AM 2 hour Nature Walks**



To find a place to stay:

To reserve a tent site or cabin at the park:

Call 1-800-456-CAMP

(Website: www.reserveamerica.com)

Reservations should be made as far in advance as possible.

Allegany State Park Information:

(716) 354-9121

Other Lodging:

Call Cattaraugus Tourism 1-800-331-0543
www.enchangedmountains.com

Salamanca:

1-888-465-4329 Holiday Inn Express
866-678-6350 Dudley Hotel



Cost:

- \$25 for Audubon Members.
- \$35 for non-Audubon Members.
- \$5 for any child aged 5-18.
- FREE for children under age 5.
- **All Adult Registrations** received after April 24 will cost \$40.

Things to know before you go:

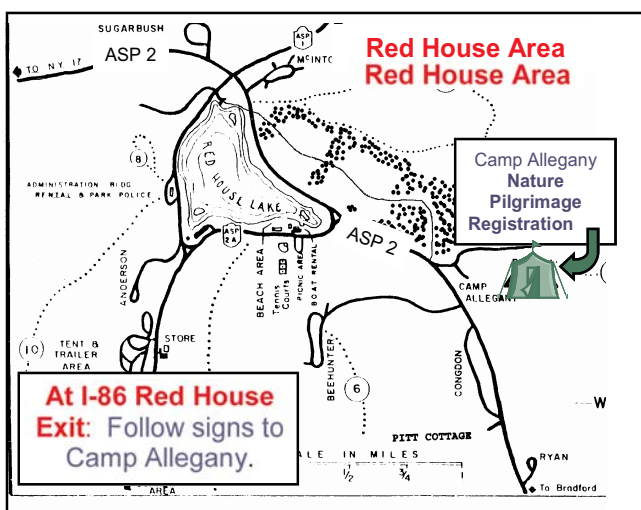
- **Bring a Mug:** We provide tea and coffee in the morning, but no disposable cups. Pilgrimage travel mugs will be available for a small fee (supplies limited).
- **Bring a Blanket or Lawn Chairs:** There will be an outdoor picnic and concert for those who are interested.
- **Bring Water Bottles:** There is one drinking fountain in Camp Allegany, but it is best to have water available as you need it.
- **Bring an Instrument** for open Mic.
- **No Dogs** will be allowed on field trips.

May 30, 31st, June 1, 2014

Look Inside to see what's happening that weekend.

OPEN

Check us out!
**WALK-INS
WELCOMED!**
\$25.00/day



Directions:

- Take I-86 (formerly 17) in New York to the Allegany State Park Red House exit.
- Follow the signs to Camp Allegany. (You can't miss the giant tent!)
- In Camp Allegany, register at the brown registration building, where you will get a schedule for the weekend.



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Allegany Nature Pilgrimage

Jamestown Audubon
1600 Riverside Road
Jamestown, NY 14701

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Don't you deserve a weekend in the woods?

56th Annual

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For more information:

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OR

Feel free to call the Pilgrimage Board Member near you for more information!

Buffalo:

Marcia Nixon: (716) 304-1257
or Buffalo Audubon: (585) 457-3228

Jamestown:

Judy Long: (716) 664-7114
or Audubon (716) 569-2345

Erie:

Steve or Lisa Danko:
(814) 898-0284

Rochester:

Harold or Jane Stock:
(585) 425-7293

Register for the Pilgrimage

All you have to do is fill out the form below and mail it to our registrar.

Keep in mind:

- **All adult registrations** received after April 24 will cost \$40.
- **Checks should be made out to Allegany Nature Pilgrimage.**
- **You will not receive further information**, so please save this brochure.

Mail registration form to:

Allegany Nature Pilgrimage

In care of: Marcia Nixon
246 N. 5th Street
Lewiston, NY 14092

email: alleganynaturepilgrimage@gmail.com



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Are you an Audubon Member ___Yes ___No

Audubon Chapter _____

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	Fee	Number Attending	Cost
Student w/ID	\$20		
Audubon Member	\$25		
Adult Non-member	\$35		
All Adults After April 24	\$40		
Children Aged 5-18	\$5		
Children Under 5	Free		
Chicken BBQ or Vegan Meal (Saturday 5 pm)			
Chicken	1/2	\$10.00	
	1/4	\$6.00	
Vegan	Adult	\$10.00	
	Child	\$6.00	
Your donation here			
Total Cost			

Consider a donation to help with the expenses. Thank you!

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Evening Events at the Main Tent

FRIDAY NIGHT

All About Bats, Our Flying Mammals
Gregory Turner
Endangered Mammal Specialist
Pennsylvania Game Commission

SATURDAY NIGHT

Birds of the National Aviary
Julia Ecklar
Avian Specialist at National Aviary

Bring a lawn chair!

Go to www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com for information, register or online payments

email us at alleganynaturepilgrimage@gmail.com



Field Trips & Programs

There are 80+ trips, walks and talks through the weekend. Each trip is led by a teacher, professor, PhD, expert or someone sharing their lifelong passion. All trips begin at Camp Allegany.

Here is a list of possible activities:

Birding:

Dawn and Dusk Bird Walks: Go on an informal walk with birders to see what's happening during peak birding times.

Bird Banding: See how scientists capture and put metal bracelets on birds to study them.

Beginning Birding: Learn how to use a field guide and binoculars . . . and what to look for when purchasing them.

Advanced Birding: Look for harder to find birds and identify them by sight and sound.

Also Look For: Birding by Ear, Bluebirds, Maintenance Road Bird Walks, and more!



Insects:

Butterflies: Look for and catch some of the butterflies of the park. Learn how to identify them and their habits.

Pond Life: Discover the underwater monsters of the insect world. Many insects start out as strange looking critters underwater.

Insects: Take nets out and discover the amazing kinds of insects that can be found in the park.

Dragonflies: See these beauties up close and personal!

Animals:

Animal Tracking: Learn how to find the scat and signs of local mammals.

Beavers: Go out and search for the local beavers and learn about their lives.



Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy FOLKSINGER NAN HOFFMAN 5:30 pm Saturday

ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHECK OUT OUR SALES ITEMS

Weekend volunteers & new committee members always Welcomed

Always 1st weekend after Memorial Day!



Herpetology:

Look at snakes and other reptiles, then go on a salamander hunt.



Bird Banding with Linda

Plants:

Plant Exhibit:

Get a look at some of the most incredible plants in our area. This photo exhibit stays up through out the weekend

Wildflowers: Learn how to identify some of the spring wildflowers in the park. Beginning or advanced.

Edible Plants: Hunt down plants that taste great and learn what to eat in the woods.

Ferns: Learn how to identify local ferns.

Primeval Forest: Hike into the old growth areas of the park and learn what constitutes an Old Grown Forest.

Trees: Learn how to identify local trees and shrubs.

Forest Ecology: A forest is more than trees, it is an interconnected web of soil, animals, plants and more. Find out how it works.



Other Programs:

Night Walks: Go on owl prowls or hunt for bats. Watch the stars or the insects of the night, weather dependent.

5-mile Hike: Go for a five mile hike through some of the parks most scenic areas.

Wilderness Survival: Learn how to survive in the wilderness by making fire and shelter.

Papermaking: Learn how to make paper from natural materials.

Off-trail Hike: Get off the regular trails and wander through the woods where few folks go.

Park History: Learn the human history behind this incredible natural area.

Geology: The park is one of the only places in the state that did not get plowed over by a glacier in the last ice age. Discover the unique geology, fossils and formations common to this region.

Green Yoga: How else to relax but outside.

Nature Photography: Improve your skills.

Nature Painting: Watercolors or pastels.

Open Mic: Bring an instrument/voice to share.

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