

How does this schedule work?

Programs are listed in order of appearance. Each program lasts between 1½ and 2 hours unless otherwise noted. Leaders and details about walks are listed below. Remember, you can't do everything! Pick what programs you want to attend, and then plan to stay for the whole program. **ALL PROGRAMS START NEAR THE BIG TENT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED!**

1:00 pm Friday

- ❖ **Amazing Pollinators:** Learn about Mason bees, native bees that are good pollinators; what we should do to create habitat for them. Carolyn Ruth
- ❖ **Five Mile Hike:** Start the pilgrimage with an invigorating hike. We will alternate periods of very moderate hiking with stops to study late spring wildflowers, migratory birds, and whatever other delights nature may present. Teresa & Peter Corrigan
- ❖ **Blacksnake Mountain-Wildflowers, Ferns, Birds and more:** A leisurely stroll along this trail runs through some exceptional areas for some special Allegany plants - including seeps lush with wildflowers and great diversity. Although the focus will be on the plants, we won't overlook whatever happens to come our way - whether birds, butterflies, fungi - whatever captures our fancy. **This will be a double session - allow 3 - 4 hours** for a leisurely stroll. Bring water, binoculars, and camera. **Meet at trailhead on ASP3 at 1 pm** Steve Daniel
- ❖ **Geologic History of ASP:** Visit Thunder Rocks & learn the geologic history of Allegany State Park. Not for young Children. Valerie Jill Podet.
- ❖ **Inner Nature Yoga:** A gentle yoga practice suitable for all levels which will emphasize our breath-and-body connection to the rest of the natural world. Please bring a mat and/or blanket. Katie Criest
- ❖ **Tree Identification by shape and size comparison using leaves, twigs, and seeds:** Learn to identify trees and shrubs using dried and fresh specimens. John Sly
- ❖ **Shades of Green:** 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. We will partially follow a nearby stream. This will be more of a leisurely stroll than a hike. For all ages. Nancy & Tiffany Jager
- ❖ **History of Red House:** There will be stops at the Administration Building, Park police, Native people, Olympic Ski Jumps, Red House Lake, CCC Camps & the Park Zoo. Tour requires some driving and mild walking Harold Stock
- ❖ **Fairy Houses & Toad Abodes:** Nature is full of lots of surprises –maybe even fairies! Participants will be able to build a house in the woods for Camp Allegany's fairies and nature's friends to visit. The simple challenge of creating a fairy house gives children a unique activity that encourages them to

go outside and connect with the natural world, nurturing care and respect for the environment. Please have children wear clothes that can get dirty. A short story will be read at the beginning. Lauren Makeyenko

- ❖ **Art of Conservation: Through an Artist's Eyes:** Learn about the importance of artwork in conservation from the perspective of the 2015 Federal Duck Stamp Artist, combined sketching and "seeing" nature from an artist's perspective. Participants are encouraged to sketch along with the artist, or simply watch and listen, depending on preference.

2:30 pm Friday

- ❖ **Animals of the World:** From reptiles to birds and mammals to arachnids get ready to meet animals from all over the world! Please join us and our animal ambassadors as we take you on a wildlife adventure! Chris Duckett
- ❖ **Air Plants; Their Ecology:** Learn about the fascinating ecology of Tillandsia, commonly known as air plants. One of the most interesting and easy to care for houseplants. Learn about them and take home your own Tillandsia mount. Sara Johnson
- ❖ **The Great Downhill Bird Hike:** We will drive/carpool up to the Summit area and then hike down the Patterson Trail to Camp Allegany via the Bova area. You do not need binoculars for this trip as we will likely be doing mostly birding by ear on this hike. It's about a 4-mile hike, so we need to keep up a decent pace, so we're not late for dinner☺. We will also need to drive the drivers back up to the Summit area to retrieve cars after the hike. Frank Gardner
- ❖ **Beginning Birding:** An introductory look at bird watching, including: focusing your binoculars, using a guide book, and easy bird identification. Please bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Easy walk, suitable for all ages. Kids welcome if accompanied by an adult. Garner Light.
- ❖ **General Nature Hike:** Look for fun things. Stay close to camp. Laura Dustin
- ❖ **Butterflies:** Look for butterflies, caterpillars and the plants they use. If the sun shines we will watch and identify the butterflies. If cloudy, we will look at the plants they use and discuss their life cycles.
- ❖ **Old Growth Forest:** A fascinating look at Allegany's old growth forest Carpool. Frank Crombe
- ❖ **Underwater Monsters of Science Lake:** Participants will catch live aquatic creatures, observe their identifying characteristics and behavior, and discuss their natural history. Meet at dam at Science Lake in Quaker Area, approx. 25 min drive from Camp Allegany.
- ❖ **Inner Nature Yoga:** see Fri 1:00
- ❖ **History of Allegany State Park:** Learn about the beginning of the park. Drive & Stop tour. Andy Maliki

6:00 pm Friday

- ❖ **Evening Bird Walk:** Let's see how many of our spring migrants and resident birds we can find in the evening hours. Bring your binoculars! This

informative yet informal walk is open to all ages and birding levels. Meet at tent, carpooling required. Rick Bacher

- ❖ **Beaver Walk:** Learn about the traits that make the beaver suited to its aquatic lifestyle, and visit an active beaver colony to observe them. Meet at tent, short drive to location. Kristen Rosenberg
- ❖ **Early Evening Salamander Walk:** Bring the whole family and learn about the salamanders of Allegany. Then take a wet walk to locate and count some resident salamanders. Bring nets! Wear boots! Kid-friendly, suitable for all ages. Meet at creek side of Registration Building at Camp Allegany. Mitchell Light & Andrew Burroughs
- ❖ **Watercolor Birds:** Liz Urbanski-Farrel

8:00

**Who's the Biggest Bird Brain?
Quizzes and Factoids of the Bird
World
Michele Rundquist-Franz**

Friday Late:

- ❖ **9:30-ish Bugs by Nightlight:** Participants will observe live insects (moths, beetles, flies, mayflies, caddisflies, stoneflies, etc.) attracted to mercury vapor light at white sheet. The identifying characteristics and natural history of these insects will be discussed. **After tent program at Camp Allegany behind lower barracks.** Wayne Gall & Steve Daniel
- ❖ **9:30-ish Owl Prowl:** Your leader will imitate owl calls in an effort to lure in these secretive nocturnal raptors. **Meet at tent, car pool** Chuck Rosenberg
- ❖ **9:30-ish Early Summer Sky Tour:** Enjoy sharing the dark places and just getting to the wild places. This year will be about Saturn! The ringed planet is always a treat to see with a telescope. We'll see star clusters, nebulas and maybe even a galaxy or two. Very casual, so come take a look. Dave Wymer
- ❖ **9:30-ish Night Hike:** Explore nature from dusk to darkness. We will do a bit of everything – Star gazing, calling owls, listening for night noises, and looking at some amazing rocks that “glow in the dark”.

Saturday

6:00 am

- ❖ **Bird Walk:** The early birder catches the birds! A guided birding walk, with talk about migration, habitat, and identification tips. Tom Kerr

7:00 am

- ❖ **Bird Banding:** Get a close view of warblers and other birds as our bird banders catch birds in nets and demonstrate how to band them. **Camp Allegany parking lot (across from Registration Building).** Linda Ordiway with Jack Skinner

9:00 am Saturday

- ❖ **Bog Slog at Allenberg Swamp (All Day):** Participants will experience the flora and fauna typical of peat bogs found further north, including quaking mats fringing one (potentially two!) open bog pools. We will get wet and mucky so wear old sneakers and pants. Bring lunch and water. Participants should have good mobility for walking on unstable substrates, and be in good health for a strenuous walk Wayne Gall & Steve Daniel
- ❖ **All Day Birding (5-6 hours):** We will car-pool to several different bird habitats within Allegany State Park. Bring a lunch. Rest stops will be available. Tim Baird.
- ❖ **Plant Lore:** Once we've identified a plant, is there something interesting about it? Did you hear the story about the Libyan boy who sang? What plants have been around since the dinosaurs? Hey, come along and find out. Mild walking. Kim Alexander-Thomson
- ❖ **Wild Edibles:** Learn to identify and taste some of the edible plants we have in our own back yards and woods. Suitable for all ages. Adele Wellman.
- ❖ **Attracting & Studying Moths:** This will be a classroom presentation that will walk through attracting moths, photographing and collecting specimens, resources for identifying specimens, and ways that your data can add to the relatively sparse body of scientific knowledge of these nocturnal creatures. With over 11,000 species in North America and relatively few researchers it is easy to make new discoveries in your own backyard! Jeremy Martin
- ❖ **The New York State Purple Martin Project:** Curious about those beautiful purplish-black swallows you've seen on weird plastic gourds? Come and learn all about Purple Martins and their current status in New York State. Celeste Morien
- ❖ **Exotic Animals:** Meet Mark's creepy and crawly collection of live animal ambassadors! All are captive raised and are never, under any circumstance, taken from the wild. Mark Carra
- ❖ **Nature Games and Activities:** This is adapted from “Project Wild” and is for teachers, scout leaders & other adults as well as children. Teresa Corrigan.
- ❖ **History of ASP:** See Fri 2:30 Andy Malicki
- ❖ **Lasagna Gardening:** No dig gardening method in line with permaculture. David Winner
- ❖ **Mushroom Walk:** Walk around the area to get more familiar with our closest non-Animalia relatives. Garret Taylor

10:30 am Saturday

- ❖ **Origami Animals of Allegany:** Make Origami Animals of those found in the park and learn about them. Fun for all ages but small children need to be assisted by an adult, some of the folding may be hard for small fingers. Iesa Erck
- ❖ **Air Plants; Their Ecology:** See Fri 1:00 Sara Johnson
- ❖ **Bova Area Birding:** The group will walk from Camp Allegany up to the Bova area, birding in various

habitats along the way. The total distance walked will be approximately 2 miles. Frank Gardner

- ❖ **Papermaking:** Paper making is a centuries old (and all natural) art. Kids will have fun forming sheets of paper from natural, as well as recycled material. We may even add in some 'found' fibers and local plant materials. Dan Farrell
- ❖ **Weird Nature:** Nature is full of weird and unexpected facts and connections. This short hike in Camp Allegany will focus on the unexpected connections in nature and delve into the unusual life of things we may pass every day. Jeff Tome
- ❖ **Fern Walk:** A fairly easy walk during which we learn how to identify most of the native ferns of our state, employ a dichotomous key, and understand the spore cycle. Kid friendly, suitable for all ages. **Meet behind Administration Bldg at flagpole.** Allen Podet
- ❖ **Tree Identification by shape and size comparison using leaves, twigs, and seeds:** See Fri 1:00 John Sly
- ❖ **Fairy Houses & Toad Abodes:** See Fri 1:00 Lauren Makeyanko
- ❖ **History of Red House:** See Fri 1:00 Harold Stock
- ❖ **Tornado Blowdown:** August 28, 1990 an F1 Tornado sweep through the Quaker Run of Allegany State Park. This walk discussed what happened on the Mt. Onondaga site 25 years ago and what is it like today. Tom LeBlanc
- ❖ **Benefits of Wild Herbs:** Learn the benefits of wild herbs and their medicinal uses. Barbara Winner

12:00 pm Saturday

- ❖ **BOY SCOUT HOT DOG SALE**

1:00 pm Saturday

- ❖ **Wild Edibles:** See Saturday 9:00am Adele Wellman
- ❖ **Live Birds of Prey:** What is a raptor? Why and how are they different from other birds? The audience will be introduced to different families of raptors. Learn the natural history, biology and physical adaptations of birds of prey. With many hands-on items we explore size, feathers, flying, hunting styles, beaks, feet and talons. **Inside the big tent.** EagleDreams Rehabilitation Center. Mark Baker
- ❖ **Nature Tangles:** Use patterns from nature to draw a beautiful design, stress free!-no experience necessary! If you can, bring phone, camera or tablet to take digital pictures, all other supplies provided. Make a great design to remember your ANP experience. Judy Light & Sue Burroughs
- ❖ **The New York State Purple Martin Project:** See Fri 2:30
- ❖ **Paper Making:** See Sat 10:30 Dan Farrell
- ❖ **Animal Signs:** Use our senses to spot evidence of animals on an easy walk. Valerie Jill Podet
- ❖ **Dragonfly & Damselfly Walk:** We will review the life cycle of these fascinating creatures and then attempt to get up close and personal with a few resident species in the park. Kids will love trying to catch the adults flying around and dipping for the

nymphs in the water. Most years we have been lucky enough to find them emerging as well. I will have some nets, but feel free to bring your own. Jeremy Martin

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- ❖ **Drawing the Geometrical Nature of Flowers:** Using a compass and ruler we will explore, through drawing, the geometry of flowers. Materials will be provided. Our explorations are based on Rudolf Steiner's Waldorf curriculum. **Only room for 12 ages 12 & up.** Mary Lyn Nutting
- ❖ **Weird Nature:** See Saturday 10:30. Jeff Tome
- ❖ **Animals of the World:** See Friday 2:30 Chris Duckett
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- ❖ **Science Lake Pond Study:** Pond Study for Kids at Science Lake. Will provide nets and other supplies. Be prepared to get wet. Tom Kerr
- ❖ **Splash Hike:** Have fun, splashing your way up a stream discovering the animals and plants in and around a creek and beaver meadow. Come prepared to get wet. Wear your water shoes and shorts (or swim suit)
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- ❖ **Butterflies:** See Fri 2:30 Carol & David Southby

Late Afternoon/Evening Saturday

- ❖ **5:30 Chicken BBQ/Vegan Meal:** Tickets for this need to be purchased in advance when registering. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to listen to the music during/after.
- ❖ **5:30pm Folk Concert with Nan Hoffman:** Enjoy the music during and after your chicken or vegan dinner.
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The Far Side of Nature
Part 2
Wayne Gall

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9:00 am Sunday

- ❖ **Mount Tuscarora Hike:** Somewhat strenuous climb along trail to Mt Tuscarora to observe plants & birds. 3-4 Hrs. Tim Baird
- ❖ **Attracting Pollinators:** See Fri 1:00
- ❖ **Birding - Bay State Rd:** Both leaders will use their bird identification skills to point out birds on this driving, birding tour of Bay State Road and the little town of Red House. Please bring binoculars, dress for the weather and be willing to car-pool. Kid friendly when accompanied by an adult. Garner Light & Celeste Morien
- ❖ **Tree Identification by shape and size comparison using leaves, twigs, and seeds:** See Fri 1:00 John Sly
- ❖ **Origami is For the Birds:** We will be discussing birds that can be found in Allegany State park and making origami models of them. This is more advanced than the earlier classes that I teach. Iesa Erck
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- ❖ **XXX Adults Only:** We will talk about things that are uncomfortable around younger ears. Myths, Mating, Drug Culture. Aphrodisiacs will be provided.
- ❖ **Vernal Pools:** We will drive to a seasonal woodland pool and observe the unique community of amphibians, invertebrates and other organisms that depend on these delicate and underappreciated wetlands. Wading shoes/boots and bug nets encouraged. Carpooling will be necessary. Mark VanDerwater