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Allegany Nature Pilgrimage



Program Guide Book

**68th Annual Gathering of Nature Enthusiasts
Allegany State Park
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How to Plan Your Weekend

- Use the Program Guide and Schedule to plan your weekend. We have field trips from 6:00 am to 9:30 pm.
- Field trips are listed in the Program Guide by day and time offered. Field trips are 1.25 hours, 2.5 hours, 4 hours, or all day. For trips starting at Camp Allegany, you will find labeled signposts at Camp Allegany behind the Registration Building near the Big Tent and on the buildings. Other field trips start at locations throughout the park that will be found on the Park Visitors Map and marked by our signposts.
- Allegany State Park is a BIG park with speed limits of 25 and 35 mph and is patrolled by the Park Police. When driving to a location outside of Camp Allegany, give yourself plenty of time. Driving from the Red House area where Camp Allegany is located to the Quaker area where there are many field trips can take 30 or more minutes.
- You will not be able to attend every field trip on the schedule, especially if choosing trips which are outside of Camp Allegany and involve driving through the park.
- Use the Program Guide and Schedule to plan out your weekend. If you need assistance or have questions, stop by the Registration Building at Camp Allegany.

History

Attendance at the first Allegany Nature Pilgrimage in 1959 was approximately 70 people. The first event was organized by the Jamestown Audubon Society (now Audubon Community Nature Center) under the leadership of O. Gilbert Burgeson who conceived the idea after attending the Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in the Great Smokey Mountains. Over the years, attendance has grown and the number of sponsoring organizations increased to four. Volunteers from the Audubon Societies from Jamestown, Buffalo, and Presque Isle, and the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club, Rochester organize the annual event.

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Spread the Word

We hope you'll visit www.AlleganyNaturePilgrimage.com and click over to our Facebook Page. "Like" the page and share your photos and memories!

Note:

Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.
NO PETS are allowed at Camp Allegany or on field trips.
Service animals are welcome.

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Friday: 1:00 pm

Seated programs at Camp Allegany

Bad Boy Plants and the Insects that Love them - The natural world is built upon specialized relationships. Native plants need birds, insects and butterflies to spread their seed, protect their young and provide the essentials of life. These specialized relationships explain why biodiversity is critical for reliance in an ecosystem facing a changing climate. Classroom. A1,B3,C1 (offered twice - see Saturday 1:00 pm) *Kathleen Contrino*

Fibonacci Sequence & Sacred Geometry in Nature: Did you know there's a divine plan to nature? Mathematical principles can be found in nature, from flower petals to the spirals of galaxies and even human anatomy, creating a sense of balance and aesthetic pleasure. Often explained through concepts like the Fibonacci sequence, sacred geometry, and the golden ratio (1.618), these principles shape the world around us. After this lecture, you'll begin looking more closely at nature and see how these mathematical wonders reveal a deeper, hidden beauty in the natural world. Rec Hall/Lounge A1,B3,C1 *Diane Crandall*

The Bluebird of Happiness: Learn about our NY State bird; its habitat, diet and behaviors. You will see photos and a display of nests and eggs of native birds. You will learn how to build and monitor a nestbox and ways to help the bluebird survive. You will see how easy it is to build a nestbox! Handouts will be made available of building plans and instructions for mounting. Tent 1. A1,B1,C1 (offered 2 times, see Friday 2:30 pm) *Elaine Crossley*



Five, Six, Pick Up Sticks: We will look at samples of games and crafts you can make with sticks and then take a short walk to find sticks. Sticks are not just for kindling! When we return to the tent you will make a game/craft of your choice using your sticks and provided materials. Make a magic wand, journey stick, tic tac toe game, weaving project or make up your own. You will leave with your simple project and a list of ideas to take with you. Tent 2 A1,B1,C2 *Kimberly Clarke*

Trash Talk: A Fun Dive into Recycling and Circular Economy: Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop designed to empower participants with practical knowledge about recycling, reducing wasted food, and embracing circular economy principles.

Through discussion, hands-on activities, and creative challenges, attendees will learn how to make sustainable choices in their daily lives. Participants will explore the importance of waste minimization and recycling, discover innovative ways to reduce food waste at home, and understand the benefits of a circular economy. By the end of the workshop, everyone will leave with actionable tips, resources, and a renewed commitment to making a positive impact on the environment. This workshop will be fun and informative for sustainability novices and seasoned eco-warriors alike! Tent 3 A1,B3,C1 *Frank Gardner*

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

General Nature Hike: Easy walk near the camp. We will look at the features of the area and how they relate. We may walk to the bike path across from the camp. A1,B1,C2 *Laura Dustin*

Botany Blitz For Kidz!: Come learn some basic botany skills for kids! This program will teach kids some basic plant identification skills. We'll then use these skills to go on a botany blitz (AKA scavenger hunt) around the Camp Allegany area. Prizes for all competitors! A1,B1,C2 (offered twice - see Saturday 10:30 am) *Angela Driscoll*

History of Allegany State Park: *This is a 2-1/2 hour field trip.* A historical timeline of the park and forgotten places. Take a trip back in time to the early days of Allegany State Park. We will cover pre-park, how and why the Park was formed, as well as what life was like in the early days. This field trip will be a combination of driving and walking. We will end in the Quaker Area which is about 25 minutes from the Red House Area and if time allows, we will take an optional short hike to a historical area. A1,B1,C2 (offered twice - see Saturday 1:00 pm) *Dave Robbins*

Fairy Houses and Toad Abodes: Nature is full of lots of surprises - maybe even fairies! Using all natural materials from the woods, participants will learn how to build a house anywhere they want to for fairies and nature's friends to visit. A great way to be creative and just play in the woods. This program is fun for kids and their parents or anyone that wants to enjoy a little time to let their imagination run free! A short story is also included. (Offered twice - see Saturday 2:30 am) *A1,B1,C2 Lauren Makeyenko*



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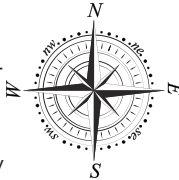
Splash Hike!: Needing to escape the summer heat? Come with us and cool off in the woods as we make our way up a streambed identifying fish, crayfish, salamanders, and more. Bring water shoes and prepare to get wet. A fun activity for the whole family! Field trip attendance is limited to the first 30 people at the signpost. Be sure to wear appropriate water shoes. (Offered three times - see Saturday 1:00 and 2:30)
A1,B1,C3 Giulianna Lalomia

Scavenger Hunt - Gratitude in Nature - Join Karen on a scavenger walk in nature. Different levels of exploration for families or individuals seeking a connection with our natural environment. Find something that makes you happy. Find something that you're thankful for in nature. A handout will guide you in your search in and around Camp Allegany. Limited to the first 20 people. A1,B1,C2 (Offered twice see Saturday 1 PM)
Karen Lalomia.

Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Botany & More Along the Blacksnake Mountain Trail: *This is a 4 hour field trip.* A moderate hike, but we'll take 3-4 hours to cover the 3 mile distance! This trail includes some exceptional areas for some special Allegany plants--including forested seeps that are incredibly lush with wildflowers, ferns and overall great plant diversity. Although the focus will be on the plants, we won't overlook whatever else happens to come our way--birds, butterflies, dragonflies, fungi. Bring water, binoculars and camera. A hiking stick would be helpful. Meet at Blacksnake Trail, Quaker, ASP 3. A2,B4,C3
Steven Daniel

5-Mile Nature Hike: *This is a 2-1/2 hour field trip.* We will hike the Christian Hollow cross-country trail in the Park's Summit area. Once the snow melts, this area features interesting wildflowers, cool plants and a variety of birds. Come share the beauty of Allegany's "upland" woods as we travel an excellent trail with nice views at a moderate pace. As we hike and observe, all will be welcome to share information about what we're seeing and enjoying. Bring water and perhaps a light snack.. Site 16 Summit, ASP1 Warming Hut A2,B3,C3
Teresa & Peter Corrigan



Hike to find a Wild Surviving American Chestnut: *Note this is a 2-1/2 hour walk.* Did you know that the forests surrounding us are home to a functionally extinct tree species? Join us for a hike to see wild

surviving American chestnuts and discuss their story in a forest setting. Hike will be led by Lake Graboski, Regional Science Coordinator with The American Chestnut Foundation. This will be an educational hike for those who want to improve their tree ID skills and for those interested in forest history and ecology Site 16 Summit Parking Lot, ASP1 A1,B3,C3
Lake Graboski

Bees, Butterflies & Beneficials: Join beekeeper Shannon Rinow in the Butterfly Meadow for an inside look at the fascinating world of honeybees and the role they play in our gardens and ecosystems. Learn about hive structure, bee behavior, and the basics of beekeeping, with real equipment on display. We'll also touch on native bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects, along with the native plants that support them. Meet at the Butterfly Meadow, Site 21, ASP 2. A2,B1,C2 (offered twice - see Friday 2:30 pm)
Shannon Rinow



Nature Symbols, Stories, and Healing: With the backdrop of Thunder Rocks, a sacred and spiritual area for the Seneca, Marvin, a Seneca Elder, will share the special relationships of people, animals and plants through stories. Meet at Site 35 off ASP 2 at Thunder Rocks. A1,B1,C2
Marvin Jacobs

Friday: 2:30 pm

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

Identifying Wild Mushrooms-Edible, Poisonous and Beautiful: This program is a photo show with explanations. Dr. Victor will show you, with photos, how to identify the most tasty edible mushrooms and explain how not to confuse them with dangerous varieties. He will explain the conditions when and where to find wild mushrooms; dates, weather and locations. He will also explain the French way to cook chanterelle mushrooms. Classroom. A1,B3,C1
Jeffrey Victor

Improving Your Nature Photography: This program starts out with thoroughly explaining the use and relationships between ISO, aperture and shutter speed settings. The remainder will cover composition, light, depth of field, subject selection, area photo locations, birds and dragonflies in flight and a host of suggestions, ideas, etc. Rec Hall/Lounge A2,B1,C1
Craig Braack



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The Bluebird of Happiness: See Friday at 1 pm for description. Tent 1 A1,B1,C1 *Elaine Crossley*

Live Animals of the World Give Up Their Secrets: Living creatures from distant places will teach us that they are perfectly adapted to their natural habitats and how this relates to our own survival. (Offered twice - See Sunday 10:30 am) Tent 2. A1,B1,C1 *Mark Carra*

Falconry: Come along for a meet and greet with Meeps the American Kestrel and an introduction to the 4,000 year old practice of falconry. Tent 3 (Offered 3 times See Saturday 10:30 and Saturday 2:30). A1,B3,C2 *Jessica Hill*

Friday: 2:30 pm

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Beginning Birding: An Introductory experience. We will concentrate on birdwatching basics like how to use a guide book, binoculars and some easy bird identification. Please bring your own binoculars. A1,B2,C1 (offered twice - see Sunday 9:00am) *Garner Light*



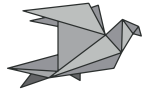
Life Under a Lens: Enter the world of all that is small as we explore species seldom seen. We will investigate tree bark, stumps, logs, rocks and everything in between! Bring a hand lens if you have one. Focus will be on mosses, liverworts and overlooked species in the woods. (Offered twice - see Saturday 1 pm Site 12, ASP 2. Osgood Trail) A1,B1,C2 *Matthew Nusstein*

Nature Bingo! Kids of all ages are welcome! Come out as we walk, talk, and play a round of Bingo in nature. We will cover some nature basics, as we find items for our Bingo game. Everything you need will be provided and there will be some fun prizes too! (Offered twice - see Saturday 2:30 pm). A1,B1,C2 *Tonie Cowen*

Orienteering for Beginners: This is an introduction to the map and compass sport that can be enjoyed by all ages and activity levels from walking to running. For this program we will remain at Camp Allegany. Maps will be provided and we have compasses to lend. We will describe the sport of orienteering, the maps that are used and how the compass is used with the map. Then each individual or family group can try a very short course on their own. A few controls will be placed for anyone who wants to try intermediate level controls. We'll regroup afterwards for any questions or feedback. (Offered 4 times - see Saturday 10:30 am, & 2:30 pm, Sunday 10:30 am) A1,B2,C3 *Katy Carrier*

Nature Mandalas (A Circle from Natural Materials): This workshop aims to connect participants with nature through a creative and meditative experience. Using natural objects collected from the forest, participants will collaboratively create a mandala, drawing inspiration from the works of environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy. The activity fosters mindfulness, appreciation for natural forms, and community engagement. (Offered twice - see Sunday 10:30 am) A1, B3, C2 *Amy Witman*

Pond Origami 1 (Seated Program) Learn about some pond residents as you fold along with me. All ages are welcome to make their own paper pond! Fold origami models of a beetle, tadpole, frog and snake to live in your pond. Digital directions will be available to all participants. Join me again on Sunday at 9:00 AM to add more paper residents to your pond. Meet at the Dining Hall in Dorm Area. A1,B1,C1 *Judy Light*



Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Underwater Monsters of Science Lake: Participants will collect aquatic creatures from Science Lake with D-framed aquatic nets, then return them back to the water. Discussion will focus on the identifying characteristics and natural history of the organisms collected and observed alive. Meet at Science Lake Quaker Area ASP 3 Site 40. A1,B1,C2 *Wayne Gall*

Amble, Ramble and maybe a Scramble: - Meet at the Stone Tower on Stone Tower Road, off of ASP Route 1 for a reading the forest exploration on the Bear Paw Trail. How to see the trees in the forest and what do they tell us. A1,B3,C3 *Ro Woodard*

Fern Foray! Come befriend the fabulous ferns that fill the forest floor with feathery fronds! We will hike the Red Jacket Trail (#8, 1 mile loop) behind the Red House Administration Building and explore the basics of fern identification while getting to know Allegany's most common species! Meet at Site 1, Red House Administration Building. A1,B1,C3 (offered twice - see Saturday 2:30 pm) *Marcus Rosten*

Bees, Butterflies & Beneficials: For description see Friday at 1:00 pm. Site 21, ASP 2 *Shannon Rinow*

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Water Quality and Harmful Algal Blooms: Let's take a look at the equipment required for monitoring the health of our lakes and waterways and have a discussion about the cause and effect of the naturally occurring bacteria that cause harmful algal blooms. Wear shoes that can get wet or plan to stay out of the water; a small amount of wading is encouraged. Meet at Site 7, ASP 2. A1,B1,C2 (offered twice - see Saturday 2:30 pm) *Emilie Nobles*

Friday: 6:00 pm

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

Nature in Song & Story: Revel in the wildness of nature, ponder nature's mysteries and protection and laugh at its oddities, all in a program of folktales, music, myths and personal accounts for all ages. The song-story duo of Dee and George will entertain and inspire you with some of their favorite tales and songs that celebrate our natural world. Classroom. A1,B1,C1 *George Crafts & Dee Kysor*

Botanical Outlaws: Thieves, Parasites & Carnivores: Wayne will review the natural history of some native plants that behave "badly," meaning they obtain sugars or nutrients by unconventional means. Parasitic plants like oakdrops and beechdrops steal sugars directly from a photosynthetic host. Mycotrophic (fungus-nourished) plants like Indian pipe and coralroot orchids steal their sugars indirectly from a photosynthetic host via a fungal intermediary. Carnivorous plants like pitcher plants and sundews supplement their nutrient supply via insect corpses. Rec Hall/Lounge. A1,B3,C1 *Wayne Gall*

Team Building Circles: Practice Leads to Mastery Level up your team building facilitation skills! This session explores the art of selecting purposeful activities—ranging from energizers to complex strategic challenges—to meet specific group needs in real time. Participants will learn to push groups beyond "just playing a game" to drive real change through high-impact facilitation and reflection strategies. Tent 1 A3,B4,C3 *Jonathan Anderson*

Corn Husk Dolls: The story of the No Face Doll will be shared and we have a step-by-step process of the corn husk doll to complete in our time together. Time and patience, some knot tying is involved and families with small children will need aid to complete the project. All materials will be included. **Limited to 15 ppl per session. Sign up at Registration.** Tent 3 (Offered twice - Saturday, 1 pm) A1,B1,C1 *Penny Minner*

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Busy Beavers: Learn all about the official mammal of New York State while visiting an active beaver colony. Short drive to location. (offered twice - see Saturday 6:00 pm) A1,B1,C2 *Kristen Rosenburg*

Mushroom Walk: Walk around Camp Allegany and search for interesting mushrooms and share our discoveries. (Offered twice - see Saturday 6:00 pm) A1,B1,C2. *Garrett Taylor*



FLASH! Contemplative Cellphone Photography: Contemplative practices have emerged from diverse traditions and involve practical methods of bringing about a state of mind/body well-being through movement, self-awareness and focused attention. In this introduction to a perception-based approach to photography, you'll learn a few simple skills for quieting the mind to help you engage directly with the land through looking and seeing. Then you'll use your cellphone to make photographic images of the "ordinary magic" that has - FLASH! - caught your eye. Please note: our aim is to tune our "human perceptual apparatus," NOT to learn cellphone camera technology! A1,B3,C1 *Jennifer Fendya*

Beginner to Intermediate Birding: This walk is intended for beginner to intermediate birders. The pace is leisurely with time for observation and education in varied habitat. Bring binoculars and bird books if you have them. A1,B3,C2 *Matthew Nusstein*

Friday: 8:00 pm - Big Tent Program

Return of the American Chestnut with Lake Graboski

What do you know about the American chestnut tree? Join Lake Graboski, Regional Science Coordinator with The American Chestnut Foundation, for a history on the American chestnut, its demise, and restoration efforts. Find out what makes the American chestnut a special tree, for people and wildlife alike. Learn about the ecology of this forest tree and how human impact reduced its niche to that of a shrub. See how people through history and into today are helping the species make a come-back and learn how you can help!



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Friday: 9:30 pm

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Bugs by Nightlight: Meet at shelter above Upper Dorm. Participants will observe night-flying insects attracted to a mercury vapor light and white sheet after dark. A diversity of moths, caddisflies, mayflies, stoneflies, and beetles are just some of the insect taxa likely to be encountered. Discussion will focus on identifying characteristics and the natural history of the attracted insects.. A1,B1,C1 (offered twice - see Saturday 9:30 pm) *Wayne Gall & Steven Daniel*

Owl Prowl: Your leaders will imitate owl calls in an effort to lure in these secretive nocturnal raptors. Meet at the Big Tent for a brief introduction to owl calling; participants will then drive to the owl prowl location(s). Feel free to bring a small flashlight and/or binoculars (but neither is necessary). A1,B1,C2 (offered twice - see Saturday 9:30 pm) *Charles Rosenburg, Tom Kerr*



"Star Trek"- A Crepuscular Walk in the Woods...Join Brian as he leads a short walk from Camp Allegany to explore the night. This experiential and interactive walk will look at the night sky, learn about nighttime flora and fauna and check out some fluorescent minerals. White and brown dwarfs are topics and possibly the seven dwarfs. If you have binoculars for viewing, be sure to bring them, but they are not necessary. A red light is also helpful, but not necessary. Offered twice, See Saturday 9:30 PM A1,B1,C3 *Brian Deck*

Saturday: 6:00 am

Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Early Morning Birding: Sunrise birding at the Red House Wetland Trail. Binoculars will be provided as needed. Meet at Red House Wetlands Interpretive Area parking lot, below dam on Maintenance Road. A1,B1,C2 (offered twice - see Sunday 6:00 am) *Tom Kerr*

Saturday: 7:00 am

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

Nature-Themed Yoga: Start the day's activities with outdoor nature themed meditation and yoga. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat or towel. No experience needed. Rec Hall/Lounge. A1,B1,C1 *Teresa Corrigan*

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

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. Meet at the Education Office Porch. A1,B1,C1 (offered twice - see Sunday 7:00 am) *Thomas LeBlanc*

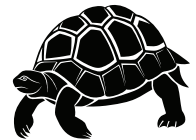
Saturday: 9:00 am

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Nature's Medicine Cabinet Classroom: An Introduction to Homeopathy- If you've ever wished you knew how to support your family's wellness in more natural, gentle ways, this class is for you. Come learn what homeopathy is, how it works, and how you can begin using it confidently at home. You'll also discover trusted resources to help you care for your whole family and pets too! A1,B3,C1 *Tonie Cowen*

The Outdoors Are for Everyone: It's true, the mountains, trees and animals do not care what you look like or what you can do, but that isn't always true about the people in the outdoors. Folks that don't fit a specific body size or have a disability can feel out of place and intimidated to try things like hiking or traveling. Not seeing others that look like you in outdoor groups or spaces can feel exclusionary. Finding accessible options and properly fitting clothing and gear can be difficult, making some activities unnecessarily dangerous. This talk will discuss obstacles to true inclusion in the outdoor industry and how we can do better. Making the outdoors more welcoming to a larger range of people will greatly benefit us all. Open to anyone that wants to make the outdoors more welcoming. Rec Hall. A1,B1,C1 *Andrea DiMaio*

Turtles and Tortoises: Join us as we explore the amazing world of turtles! We will learn the differences and similarities between turtles and tortoises, special adaptations, natural history and much more! There will also be several different species of turtles and tortoises to meet throughout the program! Tent 1. A1,B1,C1 *Chris Duckett*



Native Plant Garden Design: Hands-on design help from Kathy Contrino. We will discuss specific designs principles, discuss different ways of growing plants, answer any questions on gardening challenges, peruse books, and create a native plant garden. Tent 2. A1,B3,C1 *Kathleen Contrino*

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Community Climate Convo - How would our climate change if (more than human) nature had rights? One of the biggest challenges humans face now is dealing in a healthy way with the viewpoints and emotions that inform our decisions regarding rapidly increasing environmental degradation and depletion, loss of biodiversity, and the destabilization of our most complex and essential Earth systems. The more skilled we become in sharing our values and feelings, holding them with care and consideration for each other, the stronger is our capacity to respond to the global metacrisis with integrity and in community. Join us for an exploration of how the rapidly growing Rights of Nature movement is imagining new pathways for the future of ALL Earth inhabitants. Tent 3. A1,B4,C1 *Jennifer Fendya*

Saturday: 9:00 am

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Allenberg Bog Slog: *This is an all day field trip leaving from Camp Allegany.* Experience the unique flora and fauna of a spectacular northern peat bog that features a quaking mat surrounding a bog pool. Many plants that are uncommon or rare in this part of New York occur here. We'll also pay special attention to dragonflies and damselflies, including some unusual ones often are flying here at this time. Participants should be in good health and have good mobility for walking on unstable substrates. Expect wet and mucky conditions and bring bug repellent as some years (not all) mosquitoes can be annoying. Recommended attire: long pants, long sleeves, hat, closed-toe footwear that can get wet such as old sneakers. Bring lunch & water. This program extends from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, including 45-minute drive outside the park. Departs from Camp Allegany. Driving instructions will be provided. Please note that re-entry to the park may result in an entrance fee if you are not staying in the park. A2,B4,C3 *Steven Daniel & Wayne Gall*

Herpetology with Twan Leenders: This is limited to the first 30 attendees. Join renowned author, Twan Leenders as we learn about the reptiles and amphibians found in the lower elevations around Camp Allegany and search the nearby streambed in search of reptiles and amphibians. A1,B1,C2 *Twan Leenders*



Edible Wild Plants: Can I eat that? Learn to identify common edible plants in the woods or field. Some medicinal uses will also be discussed A1,B1,C2 (Offered twice - See Saturday 1 PM) *Adele Wellman*

All-Day Birding: *This is an all day field trip.* Participants will travel (carpool if possible) throughout Allegany State Park. We will visit many different habitats looking for the birds, and other wildlife present. Dressing appropriately for the weather is important. Please bring a lunch as this program will likely last 5 to 6 hours. It is not necessary to commit to the entire time, but have transportation available should you decide to leave the trip early. A1,B1,C3 *Timothy Baird*



Mammals: Explore Mammal habitat and learn to look for signs of mammals. We will study skulls, pelts, and adventure into the woods in search of tracks, bedding, foraging, and scat. We will also learn how to make plaster casts. (Offered Twice - Sunday 9:00 am) A1,B3,C2 *Salah Griffis*

Let the Forest Come to You: - Meet at Camp Allegany for a unique field trip lead by you! We will briefly talk about still observations from a sitting spot and then find our own place to quietly observe and let the birds, and animals come to us for a half hour; then regroup and share our experiences. You may want to bring a seat or cushion, binoculars, or camera. What will we see? A1,B3,C3 *Ro Woodard*

Creature Clues: Using a variety of discovery tools, from hand lenses and ID sheets to your own senses, get ready to put those powers of observation to the test. Children and their adults will work together to look for animals and the clues they leave behind to figure out what animal dug that hole, who is living under the logs, and explore the forest. There will be a mix of structured activities and free exploration time to help you discover what animals, large and small, might be calling Allegany State Park home. (Offered twice - See Sunday 9 am). A1,B1,C2 *Chelsea Jandreau*

Vernal Pool Exploration: 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 - some will be provided. Driving/cooling down to Red House Lake will be necessary. A1,B2,C3 *Mark VanDerwate*



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Saturday: 9:00 am

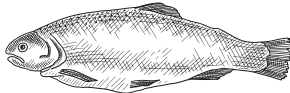
Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Beginner Hiking Walk and Talk: This introductory hike focuses on the basics of hiking—how to begin, what to bring, and how to safely enjoy time outdoors—while taking time to notice and explore the nature around us. Along the way, we'll share practical hiking safety tips, trail etiquette, and simple tricks to make your hikes more enjoyable. The walk will be guided by a New York State-certified hiking guide, making it a welcoming experience for beginners and anyone looking to reconnect with the outdoors. Meet at the Warming Hut, Summit Trail Site 16 ASP 1 (Offered twice - See Saturday 2:30) A1,B1,C3. *Jennifer Crane*

Wetland Birding: Let's see how many different birds we can find in the wetland interpretative area on the Maintenance Road. The boardwalks and observation platforms there make for easy access and great birding. Meet at the Red House Wetlands Interpretive Area Parking Lot, below dam on Maintenance Rd. A1,B1,C2 *Frank Gardner*

Bridal Falls Birding: Take a walk down to the Bridal Falls in search of Louisiana Waterthrush, Acadian Flycatcher, Winter Wren, and other forested ravine specialties. Please be prepared with appropriate footwear for hiking down a steep and possibly wet trail. Binoculars are available to borrow. Meet at the Bridal Falls Trail, ASP 1. Site 62. A2,B4,C3 *Tom Kerr*

Seneca Nations of Indians Fish Hatchery/Eastern Hellbender Presentation: *This field trip is outside the Red House gate and return may result in an entrance fee if you are not staying in the park.* Split session located at the Seneca Nation Fish Hatchery. The Hatchery Manager will provide overview of fisheries program and information on the green facility. Seneca Nation staff will present on the Eastern Hellbender and provide information and have a live hellbender for a question and answer session. Presentations will be held outside the park at the Seneca Nation Fish Hatchery off Hatchery Road ASP 2 just outside of the Red House park entrance. Meet at the Hatchery. A1,B1,C2 (offered twice - See Sunday 9:00 am) *Andrew Howard/William Miller*



Birds & Buds-Step by Step Artwork: *This is a 2-1/2 hour field trip.* Dad and daughter duo Charles and Erin



will guide participants through the entire artistic process from sketch to final painting. Participants will create an image of a backyard bird and native plant (species to be revealed!), using a variety of materials including colored pencils, pastels, and paint. Everyone will leave with knowledge about principles of design, media techniques, and a ready-to-display work of art. Materials provided on a first-come first-served basis. Relaxed pace, all abilities welcome. Meet at the Site 9, Beehunter Picnic Pavillion. A1,B1,C1 (offered twice - See Saturday 1:00 pm) *Charles & Erin Ruffino*

Science Lake / Allegany School of Natural History / School in the Woods: We will be walking the Science Lake Trail # 22 around the lake learning about the lake history and exploring some of the Allegany School of Natural History (School in the Woods) ruins and its history. Meet at Site 40, Quaker, ASP 3. A1,B1,C3 (offered twice - See Saturday 1:00 pm) *Randal Fabritius*

Margery Gallogly Allegany Wildlands Tour: *This is a half day event.* Join the WNY Land Conservancy for a guided hike at their Janet Gallogly Allegany Wildlands, originally protected in 2022, and more than doubled in size with the Allegany Wildlands Expansion in 2025. Explore the preserves' mature forests and diverse plant life while searching for breeding Cerulean Warblers and other forest birds during this exciting time of year. We will meet at the Margery Gallogly Allegany Wildlands parking lot in South Valley and enjoy a 2-hour hike through this spectacular preserve. Bring water, snacks, and binoculars. **Please note that re-entry to the park may result in an entrance fee if you are not staying in the park.** Directions will be available in the Registration Area. A1,B1,C3 *Andrew Gaerte*



Saturday: 10:30 am

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

Common Bird Identification: This talk will provide basic information about some bird species commonly seen and/or heard in the woodlands and backyards of Western New York. The information presented is geared toward non-birders who want to learn something about the birds with whom they share the earth. Classroom. A1,B1,C1 *Peter Corrigan*

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Bones-What We Can Learn from Them: Ever find a bone on one of your forays into nature and wondered what kind of animal left it? Ever wonder why we don't tend to find more bones and antlers? Ever wonder how old you actually are (and what that has to do with a talk on bones)? Those topics and much more will be covered in this presentation. Rec Hall/Lounge. A1,B1,C1 (Offered twice - See Sunday 9:00 am) *Glenn Wahl*

Storytime with Make & Take: Come to our program to listen to a nature-themed story, make a simple craft and meet new friends! Perfect for kids to practice active listening skills and get creative! Short walk and seated tent program. Meet at Tent 1. A1,B2,C1 (offered twice - See Sunday Rec Hall/Lounge 10:30 am) *Maggie Myers*



Falconry: For description see Friday at 2:30. A1,B1,C2 Tent 2. A1,B3,C2 *Jessica Hill*

How to Use a Field Guide: Field Guides can be confusing, and there are so many different kinds of them. Bring your most hated field guide nemesis and the one you love the most. We'll look at why there is no one size fits all field guide, how to make the most out of what you have and how you can use apps and google lens to supplement the guides you have. Tent 3 A1,B1,C1 *Jeff Tome*

Saturday: 10:30 am

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Amphibians and Reptiles of Allegany State Park: Join Mark on a walk around Camp Allegany to find local amphibians and reptiles and learn about their biology. Field trip attendance is limited to the first 30 people at the signpost. A1,B1,C3 *Mark Carra*

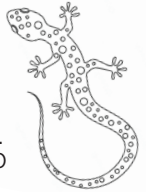
Botany Blitz For Kidz!: For description see Friday at 1:00 pm. A1,B1,C2 *Angela Driscoll*

Forest Bathing-It's Not What You Think!: Forest Bathing/Forest Therapy has its roots in the Japanese shinrin-yoku, a well-researched method of nature immersion that supports physiological health and psychological well-being. It is equally informed by embodiment & mindfulness practices, indigenous principles of reciprocity, and deep ecology. On this relaxed, pleasure-oriented walk, participants are offered invitations to explore sensory experiences and engage with the

"other-than-human" world. We'll gather along the way to share what we're noticing as we "bathe" in the forest atmosphere. Field trip attendance is limited to the first 20 people at the signpost. A1,B3,C1 *Jennifer Fendya*

The Skeptical Naturalist: Moss will always point north. You can sex a deer by looking at its prints. Vultures have inner beauty. Nature is full of "facts" like these - we've heard them a hundred times—but are they true, mostly true, or just good stories? Join Bill and Steve—co-hosts of The Field Guides podcast—for a fun, rambling hike that pokes, prods, and laughs about common and uncommon bits of nature lore, as well as whatever crosses our path on the. A1,B3,C2 *The Field Guides*

The Salamander Walk: Explore the remarkable world of salamanders with us! On this walk you will get to learn all about the habitats, behaviors and species of salamanders that live in Allegany State Park! Plan on getting a little dirty and dress for the weather as we search for some of these amazing creatures! This field trip will be limited to the first 30 participants at the signpost. A1,B1,C3 (Offered 4 times - Saturday 1,2:30 and Sunday 10:30) *Charles Tuberdylke*



Orienteering for Beginners: For description see Friday at 2:30 pm A1,B2,C3 *Katy Carrier*

Saturday: 10:30 am

Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Dragonflies & Damselflies: Learn about these beautiful flying beasts of the ponds and lakes. Groups will catch, identify and release the insects after taking a closer look at each one. Boots or water shoes are recommended but not necessary. Meet at Red House Picnic Area, Stone Pier, Site 7, ASP 2. A1,B1,C2 (Offered twice - See Saturday, 2:30 pm) *Jeremy Martin*

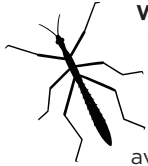


Geology of the Region: A family oriented interactive geology program with hands-on demonstrations. Together, we'll journey through time to uncover the geologic history of the surrounding area. Come ready to discover and ask questions. Meet at Site 35,Thunder Rocks off ASP 2. A1,B1,C2 (Offered twice - See Sunday 10:30 am) *Chris Myers*

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Disc Golf: This introductory disc golf class will teach you the fundamentals of the game through a variety of fun and engaging activities all while enjoying nature. You'll learn proper throwing techniques, rules, and strategies while enjoying the outdoors. Disc golf is a fantastic way to add a recreational element to your nature walks, combining exercise, skill-building, and appreciation for nature in a single experience. Beehunter Picnic Area A1,B1,C2 *Jonathan Anderson*

Headwaters Hike: Have you ever wondered where our streams, creeks, and rivers begin? The "headwaters" are the source of a waterway. We'll explore a headwater forest in Allegany State Park, where the water we see will eventually travel all of the way to the Gulf of Mexico. We'll discuss why healthy headwaters are important for our watershed and enjoy some natural discoveries along the way. Meet at Bridal Falls Site 62, ASP 1, A1,B1,C3. (Offered twice - See Saturday, 1:00 pm) *Claudia Nusstein*



What Lurks in the Wetland: Wetlands are a unique habitat filled with dragons, toe biters, and water scorpions. Join naturalist, Mike Adriaansen, as we search for the mysterious creatures of the wetland. A limited number of nets and binoculars will be available to borrow. Meet at the Red House

Wetlands Interpretive Area Parking Lot, below dan on Maintenance Rd. A1,B3,C2 (Offered twice - See Sunday 10:30 am) *Michael Adriaansen*

Fire Towers of Allegany State Park: This will be an in-depth talk about the history of Allegany State Park fire towers with a discussion, questions and tour of the fire tower after the presentation. Meet at Site 16, Summit Warming Hut, ASP 1. A1,B1,C2 (Offered twice - See Saturday 2:30) *Kevin Gallineau*

Saturday: 1:00 pm

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

Bringing the Pilgrimage Home: Your yard can be a nature preserve as amazing as what you find at the pilgrimage. Learn how planting native plants for pollinators and butterflies also brings a host of other animals from birds to toads. Classroom A1,B1,C1 *Jeff Tome*

Bad Boy Plants and the Insects that Love them. Rec Hall/Lounge. For description see Friday 1:00 pm. A1,B3,C1 *Kathleen Contrino*

Family Nature - Plants and Animals Need Each Other! Participants will explore the interdependence of plants and animals through a series of fun activities, demonstrations, and a nature walk which will start at Tent 1. We will investigate habitats and food webs to identify how different species thrive in places like Allegany State Park and in your own backyards. Using game cards designed specifically for this program, adults and children alike will learn about plants and animals that live together and benefit from each other. All participants will receive nature-themed prizes! Tent 1 A1,B1,C2 (Offered twice see Saturday 2:30 PM) *Nicole Gerber and Dave Reilly*

Corn Husk Dolls: Tent 3 For description see Friday 6 pm **Limited to 15 ppl per session. Sign up at Registration.** A1,B1,C1 *Penny Minner*

Saturday: 1:00 pm

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Edible Wild Plants: Can I eat that? Learn to identify common edible plants in the woods or field. Some medicinal uses will also be discussed A1,B1,C2 For description see Saturday 9:00 AM *Adele Wellman*



General Nature: We will take a short walk along the Red House bike trail from Camp Allegany and venture into the woods to see what we can find. We will learn a bit about trees and some of the other organisms that call the park home. We won't be able to identify everything that we see, but that's part of the fun. You deserve a walk in the woods! A1,B1,C2 *Robert Reeves*

The Salamander Walk: This program is offered 4 times. See Saturday at 10:30 for description. This field trip will be limited to the first 30 participants at the signpost. A1,B1,C3 *Charles Tuburdyke*

History of Allegany State Park: *This is a 2 1/2 hour field trip* A1,B1,C2 For description see Friday 1:00 pm) *Dave Robbins*

Splash Hike: *Offered 3 times - For description see Friday 1:00 pm for description. Limited to the first 30 people* A1,B1,C3 *Giuliana Lalomio*

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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. A1,B1,C2 (offered twice - See Saturday 2:30 am) *Nancy Jager*

Scavenger Hunt - Gratitude in Nature - Limited to the first 20 people. Involves an easy walk from Camp Allegany. For description see Friday 1pm. A1,B1,C2 *Karen Lalomia*

Search for Wildflowers: During this 2-1/2 hour program we will seek some of the less common plants and wildflowers of that require covering a little more ground. Of course, along the way we expect to stumble upon some unexpected plants and animals that may also frequent these particular communities. A1,B2,C3 *Mark VanDerwater*



Not Your Usual Dam Nature Tour: A 3-1/2 hour tour. A driving tour to visit the nature, history and impact of dams in Allegany State Park. We will travel to the Quaker area and work our way through the park to the Red House Dam. At each site we visit, expect a short to moderate walk. A1,B1,C3 *Brian Deck*

Saturday: 1:00 pm

Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Old Growth Forest Hike: *This is a 2-1/2 hour field trip.* Frank will lead an intrepid band of hearty explorers to an old growth stand in Allegany State Park. We will observe the characteristics of old growth forest as we go along. The reward for spending a time in such a unique area is well worth it for said band of hearty explorers. The walk will be considered strenuous due to the steep incline in hiking to and climbing up out of the area. Otherwise, the hike is relatively short. Meet at Eastwood Meadow Trail, ASP 1. A1,B1,C4 *Frank Crombe*

Forest Health and a Changing Landscape -Participants will learn what a forester does and be exposed to forest health issues in the western NY area. learning will focus on how these affect forest diversity and the recreational experiences of the trail user. Participants will stop at several sites along the Three Sisters trail to learn how to identify common forest invasive species in the area, and they will be exposed to using IMAP invasive app to record invasive species. Learn how to become a citizen

scientist of the forest we love! This is a hike/talk, please wear appropriate footwear, bring bug spray, and be prepared for inclement weather. Meet at the Three Sisters Trailhead in Quaker Area. Parking nearby is at the Quaker store, or Via short walk just down the road by the Quaker pavilion. Nearby Bathrooms are at the Diehl Cabin trail bathhouse. A1,B1,C3 (Offered twice - See Sunday 9:00 am) *Theresa Draves*

Headwaters Hike: Meet at Bridal Falls Site 62, ASP 1 For description see Saturday 10:30 am. A1,B1,C3 *Claudia Nusstein*

Life Under a Lens: For description see Friday 2:30 pm Meet at Site 12, ASP 2. Osgood Trail. A1,B12,C2 *Matthew Nusstein*

Birds & Buds-Step by Step Artwork: This is a 2-1/2 hour program. For description see Saturday at 9:00 am. Meet at Site 9, Beehunter Picnic Pavillion A1,B1,C1 *Charles & Erin Ruffino*

Science Lake / Allegany School of Natural History / School in the Woods: For description see Saturday 9 am. Meet at Site 40, Quaker, ASP 3. A1,B1,C3 *Randal Fabritius*

Bearpaw Loop Adventure: Exploring the Stone Tower and Fire Tower of the Summit Area

2-1/2 hours: This 3-mile moderately challenging loop hike offers stunning views of forests, fields and valleys. Along the way you will explore two iconic towers. This adventure offers the perfect blend of nature, history and scenic landscapes. Be sure to bring water and snacks. Meet at the Warming Hut, Summit Trail Site 16 ASP 1 A2,B1,C4 *Jonathan Anderson*



Saturday: 2:30 pm

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

The History of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy - Come listen to renowned Seneca Nation Elder, Dennis Bowen who will share his rich past, experiences and the history of this great confederacy, its Great Law of Peace, and challenges which it has faced and faces today in the culture of current day America. Classroom A1,B1,C1 *Dennis Bowen*

Sustainable Gardening: This interactive talk for families and people of all ages is an overview of the methods for sustainable gardening and how to increase your soil health for optimal nutrition density. Rec Hall/Lounge A1,B1,C1 *Jordan Stephens*

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Family Nature - Plants and Animals Need Each Other!:

A Nature Walk - For description see Saturday. This involves an easy walk from Tent 1 1:00 PM A1,B1,C2
Tent 1 Nicole *Gerber and Dave Reilly*

Outdoor Survival: Roy will share his years of experience discussing shelter, fire, water, food, compass, clothing, cordage, backpacking and first aid.
Tent 2 A1,B1,C2 *Roy Stayer*

Falconry: For description see Friday at 2:30. A1,B1,C2
Meet at Tent 3. A1,B3,C2 *Jessica Hill*

Saturday: 2:30 pm

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Nature Journaling and Mindfulness: Meet at the Dining Hall near the dorms. Settle in, unwind, and savor the beauty and wonder of nature with a sensory-rich immersive experience. We will use provided art materials and found natural elements to casually draw, paint, and write about our observations of what is in front of us while using our senses to reflect, stay present, and become mindful of this special moment with nature. (Sketch paper, watercolor paints and brushes, pencils, tracing paper, scissors and more provided.) A1,B3,C1
Kimberly Adriaansen



The Salamander Walk: This program is offered 4 times. For description see Saturday at 10:30. This field trip will be limited to the first 30 participants at the signpost.
A1,B1,C3 *Chris Duckett*

Splash Hike: Offered 3 times - For description see Friday 1 pm. Limited to the first 30 people
A1,B1,C3 *Lon Myers*

Mini Rebel Nature Journal: Using selections from Audubon Community Nature Center's Rebel Nature Journal, participants will explore their surroundings, practice their observation skills, and capture their time in nature in a unique way. Your experiences won't always be captured in full sentences, words, or even in pen or pencil. Instead, kids and families, working either independently or together, will use a combination of words, drawings, and the nature found around them to record the information gathered with your five senses. While this program is designed for families and children, anyone is welcome. A1,B1,C2 *Chelsea Jandreau*

Seneca Cultural Tree Walk: While walking around Camp Allegany, Marvin, a Seneca Elder will identify the local trees which have cultural, medicinal, food, and utilitarian uses for the Seneca who lived on this land. He will use both the common names and those that the Seneca used. A1,B1,C3
Marvin Jacobs



Orienteering for Beginners: For description see Friday at 2:30pm A1,B2,C3 *Katy Carrier*

Nature Bingo!: For description see Friday 2:30 pm!
A1,B1,C2 *Tonie Cowen*

Fairy Houses and Toad Abodes: For description see Friday, 1 PM A1,B1,C2 *Lauren Makeyenko*

Shades of Green: For description see Saturday 1:00 PM.
A1,B1,C2 *Nancy Jager*

Saturday: 2:30 pm

Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Fern Foray!: Site 1 Red House Administration Building For description see Friday at 2:30 pm A1,B1,C3 *Marcus Rosten*

Red House Sawmill Tour: The Sawmill is near completion and will now be open for public tours on Sundays from 10am until 12 noon throughout mid spring until Columbus Day weekend. This endeavor took three grants, thousands of dollars in donations and nine years to be put online as one of the park's latest and greatest attractions. The tour, conducted by Friends of Allegany State Park's President Paul Crawford, will last approximately forty five minutes. Meet at Upper Maintenance Rd off of ASP 2, past the Recycling Center. A1,B1,C1 (Offered twice - See Sunday 10:30)
Paul Crawford



Fire Towers of Allegany State Park: Meet at Site 16, Summit Warming Hut, ASP 1. A1,B1,C2 *Kevin Gallineau*

High Elevation Herpetology: Join renowned author, Twan Leenders as we learn about the reptiles and amphibians found in the upper elevations in Allegany State Park. We will explore the nearby area in search of reptiles and amphibians. Meet at the Stone Tower A1,B1,C3 *Twan Leenders*



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Beginner Hiking Walk and Talk -Meet at the Warm-ing Hut, Summit Trail Site 16 ASP 1. For description see Saturday 9:00 A1,B1,C3. *Jennifer Crane*

Water Quality and Harmful Algal Blooms: For description see Friday 2:30 pm Meet at Site 7, ASP 2. A1,B1,C2 *Emilie Nobles*

Dragonflies & Damselflies: For description see Sat. 10:30 am. Meet at Red House Picnic Area, Stone Pier, Site 7, ASP 2. A1,B1,C2 *Jeremy Martin*

Saturday: 5:30 pm at Camp Allegany

Family Folk Concert: Bring your chair and join us under the "Big Tent" on Saturday at 5:30 pm for a concert featuring a variety of folk and acoustic songs, many of which tie into the ANP theme of nature and the outdoors and our responsibilities to all who share this planet with us. The audience is invited to sing along in this beautiful space. *Nan Hoffman, Joe Tumino and Kathy DeLoughry*



Saturday: 6:00 pm

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

Ghostly Stories and Songs: Once again, we are eager to share some of our ghost tales and spooky songs with you. Old favorites and new tales! Classroom. A1,B3,C1 *George Crafts & Dee Kysor*

Saturday: 6:00 pm

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Busy Beavers: For description see Friday at 6:00 pm A1,B1,C2 *Kristen Rosenberg*

Mushroom Walk: Walk around Camp Allegany and search for interesting mushrooms and share our discoveries. A1,B1,C2. *Garrett Taylor*

Saturday: 8:00 pm - Big Tent Show

Western New York Wildway with Marcus Rosten
Growing up exploring the rail bed thickets of Buffalo and summering in the green cabins of Allegany, Marcus discovered early that nature is more than a back-drop—it is a teacher, a playground, and a home. Those experiences sparked a lifelong connection to the lands and waters of Western New York and a deep interest in how people and wildlife can best coexist across the

landscape. Today, Marcus helps lead the WNY Wildway, an initiative of the WNY Land Conservancy working to protect and reconnect the region's largest remaining tracts of wildlife habitat. Building on the broader Eastern Wildway, the WNY Wildway focuses on conserving the lands that keep our region climate-resilient and will enable safe wildlife movement from the Pennsylvania border to the shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario. Join him to reflect on how our landscapes connect us all, how wildlife moves through them, and how we can help keep the places that inspire us thriving for generations to come.

Saturday: 9:30 pm

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Bugs by Nightlight: For description see Friday at 9:30 pm. Meet at shelter behind the Upper dorm A1,B1,C1 *Wayne Gall & Steven Daniel*

Owl Prowl: For description see Friday at 9:30 pm. A1,B1,C2 *Charles Rosenburg, Tom Kerr*

"Star Trek"- A Crepuscular Walk in the Woods: For description See Friday 9:30 pm A1,B1,C3 *Brian Deck*

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Early Morning Birding: For description see Saturday 6 am Meet at Red House Wetland Interpretive Area parking lot. Below Dam on Maintenance Road. A1,B1,C2 *Tom Kerr*

Sunday: 7:00 pm

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Bird Banding: For description see Saturday at 7:00 am. A1,B1,C1 *Thomas LeBlanc*

Wild Connections: Hike & Yoga: A short, inclusive, flat hike with pauses to include (optional) yoga poses and breathwork. Connecting with nature and moving towards peace in our bodies. What does being in the outdoors and yoga have in common? They both expose the interconnectedness of all things. They show us the true nature of ourselves. As we are in nature, we see the differences in each tree, each flower and we see the beauty in all. As we explore this truth that we find



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in the natural world, we can turn inwards and see the same in ourselves as we are also, nature. An invitation to explore this idea and turn it towards our relationship with our own bodies. A1,B1,C2 *Andrea DiMaio*

Sunday: 9:00 am

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

Bones-What We Can Learn From Them: See Saturday 10:30 Classroom. A1,B1,C1 *Glenn Wahl*

Adult-Themed Nature Talk: We will have a discussion on the culture and mythology of the plants and animals of the park. Part of our discussion will focus on the mating rituals of the animals of the park. This conversation will be a bawdy discussion of nature within the park. A presentation for adults only. A1,B4,C1. Rec Hall/Lounge. *Lon Myers*

Bug Pinning and Preservation for Scientists and Artists: Practice with the tools of the ancient, evolving insect pinning trade in this crash course. Learn to preserve the completed specimens once you have them. All materials for demonstration will be provided. Tent 1. A1,B3,C1 (offered twice - see Sunday 10:30 pm) *Conrad Baker*



Sunday Morning Book Chat: Book Chat invites you to share your favorite books about nature that have touched your heart, taught you something new, and inspired your work with nature education and sustainability efforts, as well as for pure enjoyment. Our ANP Read book selection for 2026 is "Nature's Temples - A Natural History of Old-Growth Forests" by Joan Maloof. Come prepared to discuss Maloof's book and/or share your favorite nature books and why you recommend them to others. We will enjoy an informal conversation together with readers and nature lovers. Tent 3. A1,B4,C1 (Offered twice - See Sunday at 10:30) *Janet Forbes*

Sunday: 9:00 am

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

Wildflowers Walk: Explore the area around the camp looking for wildflowers and how the features of the flowers can be used to identify the plant and determine other related wildflowers. A1,B1,C2 *Laura Dustin*

Mammals: For description see Saturday 9:00 am A1,B3,C2 *Salah Griffis*

Creature Clues: For description see Saturday 9:00 am. A1,B1,C2 *Chelsea Jandreau*

Trees and Shrubs of ASP - "Brush Hour": This group of explorers will seek woody plants--mainly concentrating on those trees and shrubs native to Allegany State Park. Some others that have been naturalized will be investigated also. Their natural histories, characteristics, commercial, food and medicinal uses will be shared while walking. A1,B1,C2 *Frank Crombe*

Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes...Oh My!: An introduction to these fascinating, yet maligned, groups of plants, that have an undeserved reputation for being difficult, if not impossible to learn. So we will "Learn 10" graminoids. and it shouldn't be too painful! "Learn 10" is a program begun by the New York Flora Association to help make various groups of plants accessible to non-botanists. Bring a hand lens or magnifying glass if you have one. A1,B4,C2 *Steven Daniel*



Little Rock City: *This is a 4 hour field trip.* Participants will travel by car to Little Rock City north of Salamanca, NY. The location is an outcropping of Salamanca conglomerate rock in the Little Rock City State Forest. The geology of the site will be discussed and explored. Little Rock City is host to a variety of interesting plants and animals as well. As drive time from Camp Allegany is roughly three-quarters of an hour and participants can expect approximately four hours total time for this activity. You are encouraged to bring drinking water. A lunch is also a good idea. Please note that re-entry to the park may result in an entrance fee if you are not staying in the park. A1,B3,C3 *Timothy Baird*

Beginning Birding: For description see Friday 2:30 pm A1,B2,C1 *Garner Light*

Sunday: 9:00 am

Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

Forest Health and a Changing Landscape - A1,B1,C3
For description see Saturday 1 PM *Theresa Draves*

Seneca Nation of Indians Fish Hatchery/Eastern Hellbender Presentation: For description see Saturday 9:00 am. Meet at the Seneca Nation Fish Hatchery off Hatchery Road ASP 2 just outside of the Red House park entrance. **Please note that re-entry to the park may result in an entrance fee if you are not staying in the park.** A1,B1,C1 *Andrew Howard/William Miller*



All programs are 1.25 hours unless noted.
Programs begin at Camp Allegany and throughout the Park.

Program Descriptions

KEY:

PARTICIPANT EXPERTISE

A1 - Beginner
A2 - Intermediate
A3 - Advanced

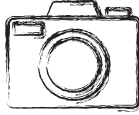
AUDIENCE

B1 - Families of all ages
B2 - Young children with adult
B3 - Older children with adult
B4 - Adults Only

DIFFICULTY

C1 - Seated, all abilities
C2 - Easy Walk
C3 - Moderate Walk
C4 - Strenuous/Long Walk

Photographing Birds in Allegany State Park: We will see some of the best spots in Allegany State Park photographing birds. Teaching them how to use the environment the bird is in to compose the shot. Best camera settings in a given situation for capturing the image. Meet at Red House Wetlands Interpretive Center Parking Lot, Maintenance Rd below dam. A2,B1,C2 *Wade Aiken*



Sunday: 10:30 am

Seated Programs at Camp Allegany

Owl Things Considered: From great literature to current advertising, owls have played a fascinating role in our culture. Of the 19 species found in North America, this program will cover a brief history of owls and many digital photos of the 7 species found in WNY and CNY. Classroom. A1,B1,C1 *Craig Braack*

Storytime with Make & Take: Rec Hall/Lounge For description see Saturday at 10:30 am. A1,B2,C1 *Maggie Myers*

Bug Pinning and Preservation for Scientists and Artists: Tent 2 For description see Sunday at 9:00 am. A1,B3,C1 *Conrad Baker*

Live Animals of the World Give Up Their Secrets: Tent 2 For description see Friday at 2:30 pm A1,B1,C1 *Mark Carra*

Sunday Morning Book Chat: Tent 3. A1,B4,C1 For description see Sunday 9:00 am *Janet Forbes*



Sunday: 10:30 am

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts:

The Salamander Walk: This program is offered 4 times. See Saturday at 10:30 for description. This field trip will be limited to the first 30 participants at the signpost. A1,B1,C3 *Charles Tuberydyke*

Nature Mandalas: For description see Friday 2:30 pm A1, B3, C2 *Amy Witman*

Orienteering for Beginners: For description see Friday at 2:30 pm A1,B2,C3 *Katy Carrier*

Pond Origami 2: (Seated Program) Learn about some pond residents as you fold along with me. All ages are welcome! Fold origami models of a fish, duck, swallow and fox. Please note these are different origami models than taught on Friday. Digital directions will be available to all participants. Meet at Dining Hall in Dorm Area. A1,B1,C1 *Judy Light*

Sunday: 10:30 am

Meeting Outside of Camp Allegany

What Lurks in the Wetland: For description see Saturday 10:30 am. Meet at the Red House Wetlands Parking Lot, below dam on Maintenance Rd. A1,B3,C2 *Michael Adriaansen*

Geology of the Region: For description see Saturday at 10:30 am. Meet at Site 35, Thunder Rocks off ASP 2. A1,B1,C2 *Chris Myers*

Red House Sawmill Tour: Meet at Upper Maintenance Rd off of ASP 2, past the Recycling Center - For description see Saturday 2:30 A1,B1,C1 *Paul Crawford*

LEADER BIOS

Go to AlleganyNaturePilgrimage.com.

They are also posted at the Registration Building.

My Pilgrimage Field Trip Schedule

Friday: 1:00 pm _____

2:30 pm _____

6:00 pm _____

9:30 pm _____

Saturday: 6:00 am _____

7:00 am _____

9:00 am _____

10:30 am _____

1:00 pm _____

2:30 pm _____

6:00 pm _____

9:30 pm _____

Sunday: 6:00 am _____

7:00 am _____

9:00 am _____

10:30 am _____

Don't forget to go www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com to fill out the evaluation of the weekend. We want to know what you liked and what we can do better. Include your email address and you might win a free ANP registration for up to 2 adults and 3 children for the 67th Annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage.

Save the date: June 4th to June 6th, 2027

Schedule

FRIDAY

10:00 am.....	Registration Opens
1:00 pm	Field Trips
2:30 pm.....	Field Trips
6:00 pm	Field Trips
7:00 pm	Registration Table Closes
8:00 pm	Big Tent Program
9:30 pm.....	Late Evening Field Trips

SATURDAY

6:00 am.....	Early Morning Bird Walks
7:00 am.....	Bird Banding & Field Trips
8:00 am.....	Registration Table Opens
9:00 am.....	Field Trips
10:30 am	Field Trips
12:00 pm.....	Registration Closes
12:00 - 1:30 pm.....	Hot Dog Sale
1:00 pm	Field Trips
2:30 pm.....	Field Trips
5:00 - 6:00 pm.....	Chicken/VegetarianBBQ (prepaid)
5:30 pm.....	Folk Concert
6:00 pm	Field Trips
8:00 pm	Big Tent Program
9:30 pm.....	Late Evening Field Trips

SUNDAY

6:00 am.....	Early Morning Bird Walks
7:00 am.....	Bird Banding & Field Trips
9:00 am.....	Field Trips
10:30 am	Field Trips

Important Information:

Complimentary Coffee

Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate are available at the Registration Building at Camp Allegany. Bring your own travel mug or make a donation for an ANP mug.

FRIDAY: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY: 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SUNDAY: - NO COFFEE

Hot Dog Lunch

Support the Falconer Kiwanis Club Hot Dog Sale and get a quick lunch on Saturday at Camp Allegany. Hot dogs (veggie dogs, too), chips, cookies, pop, and water are available. **CASH ONLY.**

Camp Chairs (BYOS - Bring Your Own Seating)

The Big Tent Programs and Camp Allegany area **does not** have benches or seating. Please bring a camp chair or blanket to sit on.

There are a limited number of picnic tables around Camp Allegany. Bring a camp chair for the Hot Dog Lunch, Evening BBQ and Saturday Folk Concert.

Flashlight

Plan ahead if you are attending evening programs and field trips. Bring a flashlight. We have lighting in the Big Tent, but not on the grounds of Camp Allegany.

Inclement Weather

All field trips and evening programs will go on as scheduled unless there are high winds or electrical storms. Park officials and ANP Chairman will make the determinations as whether to cancel programs or field trips. During field trips if thunder or high winds develop, field trip leaders will shorten their trips to maintain safety of the group.

Emergencies

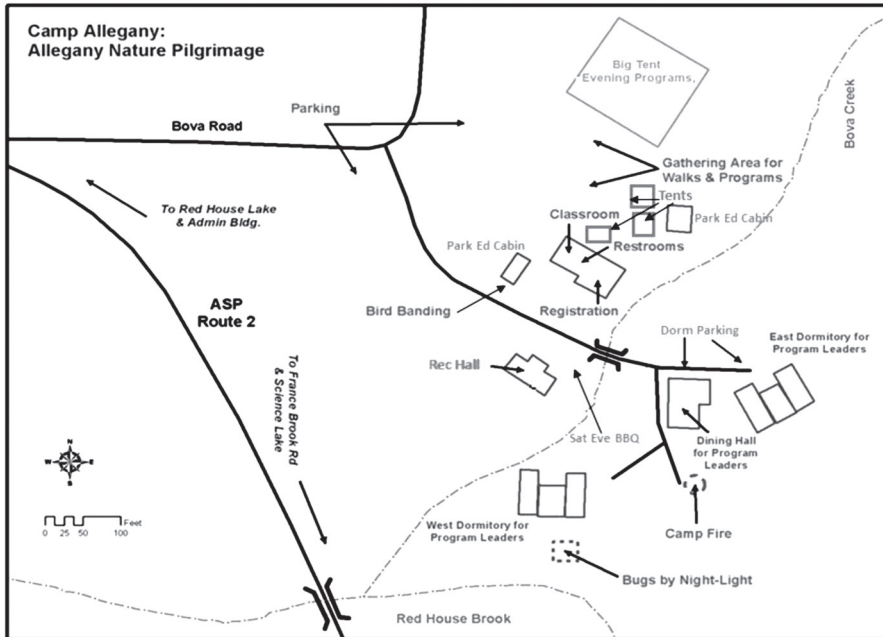
Call 911 (true emergency), Call Park Police - 716-354-9111 for non-emergency situations

Note:

Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.

NO PETS are allowed at Camp Allegany or on field trips.

Service animals are welcome.



Please be aware that the Park Ed Cabin is occupied with residents. Please respect their privacy.

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