



ALLEGANY NATURE PILGRIMAGE

64th Annual Gathering of Nature Enthusiasts

Friday - Sunday

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2022 Program Guide

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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 sign posts at Camp Allegany behind the Registration Building near the Big Tent. Other field trips start at locations throughout the park. 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 in Camp Allegany. ***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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*All programs are 1.25 hours unless noted

— 1:00 pm Friday —

Seated programs at Camp Allegany

All Things are Connected: In this program, we will enjoy stories from around the world and our own backyard. Stories will mostly be from indigenous communities—often with a modern spin. All stories have nature themes and all are suitable for kids and kids at heart. Meet at the Lounge. *Jennifer Lodi-Smith Hebrank*

Nature Tangles: Join us to create a black and white abstract artwork based on your ANP experience. We will take a short walk to digitally gather natural patterns and images. Then we will each create personal abstract designs or tangles of these images and patterns. No drawing experience necessary. Supplies provided. Children under 10 need adult supervision. Bring a digital camera. Meet at Tent 1.

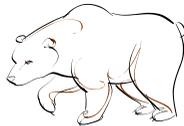
Judy Light

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

General Nature Hike: Easy walk near the camp and look at features of the area and how they relate. May continue to Osgood trail. *Laura Dustin*

Creation & History of Allegany State

Park: We will start at Camp Allegany and discuss how Allegany State Park became a park. Take a drive to the original 7,150 acres where it all began. From there we will be doing a combination of walking and driving to some of these original areas in the early days. We will conclude with a timeline



from the beginning to the present day. This is a 2.5 hour field trip. *Andy Malicki*

Meeting outside of Camp Allegany

Summit Area Mushroom Hunt: Hike Art Roscoe XC Ski Area trails and record what we find along the way. This time of year lends itself nicely to longer hikes since the fungi are often fewer and further between. The first part is upland habitat I have yet to explore with a group at this time of year but I have found some different things around then on my own. Meet at Site 16, ASP 1. This is a 2.5 hour field trip. *Garrett Taylor*

Five-Mile Nature Hike: We'll enjoy the quiet beauty of the park's Eastwood Meadows trail on this moderately-paced hike. We will observe and enjoy the wildflowers, birds and mammals found in the various habitats we pass through along the trail. Dress for conditions, bring water and maybe a light snack. Meet at Eastwood Meadows Trail, ASP1. This is a 2.5 hour field trip. *Teresa & Peter Corrigan*



On the Rocks at the Bear Caves: A short uphill hike will bring us to a magnificent outcrop of the Salamanca conglomerate, a coarse sandstone with abundant well-rounded quartz pebbles and large-scale cross-bedding. The unit averages 3-5 meters in thickness and can be traced from Rock City State Forest near Ellicottville, southward into Pennsylvania. Interpreted as a paleo-shoreline with deltas, tidal flats and channels, it was deposited during the

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late Devonian (c. 360 million years ago) under the influence of high-energy tides and waves. A major feature at the Bear Caves outcrop is cross-bedding of extraordinary scale (5+m); we'll examine this and other features to evaluate possible depositional environments. Meet at Site 42, Bear Caves Trail, Quaker, ASP 3.

This is a 2.5 hours field trip. *James Craft*

Blacksnake Mountain Trail: 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 Allegheny plants--including seeps lush with wildflowers, ferns and 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 could be helpful. Meet at Black Snake Mt Trail, Quaker, ASP 3. This is a 4 hour field trip. Steven Daniel



— 2:30 pm Friday —

Seated programs at Camp Allegany

The Plastics Paradox: Plastic provides a real paradox in the world of material science. It is incredibly strong but without the mass that similar strength materials usually possess. In addition, it is very moldable so that you can contort it into a myriad of common place, super-utilitarian items. The versatility and durability of plastic allow it to be used in place of a myriad of natural materials, but these same features make it an environmental bane. Here we will explore this paradox and what it means for the waters we love so much. Much atten-

tion has been paid to plastic as an oceans issue, but increasingly we are finding that plastic flows through freshwater systems on its way from land to sea. Come hear from one of the foremost experts in the field of Freshwater Plastic Pollution. This is a PowerPoint presentation. Meet at the Classroom. *Dr. Sherri (Sam) A. Mason*

Monarchs and Milkweed: Specialized Relationships: The natural world is full of naturalized relationships that make up the web of life. These naturalized relationships are important as we strive to recreate ecosystems for diversity and sustainability. Homeowners and gardeners can become stewards of the ecosystem if they understand these specialized relationships and recreate them in their own yard. This is a seated PowerPoint program. Meet at the Lounge. Kathleen Contrino

Nature Tangles: *See pg. 2, Friday at 1:00 pm*

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

Bova Area Birding: We will walk up the Bova Road to the beaver pond and old ski area, seeing and hearing as many birds as we can along the way. *Frank Gardner*

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 invasive. We will partially follow a nearby stream. This will be more of a leisurely stroll than a hike. For all ages. *Nancy Jager*



Fairy Houses & Toad Abodes: Kids and adults will enjoy working together or on their own to build a house in the woods using natural materials for Allegany's fair-

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ies and toads. The program will start with a short story and how-to for beginner builders. This is a fun hands-on program for anyone who has an imagination! All houses remain in the woods but can be visited throughout the Pilgrimage to see who may have visited or even moved in!

Lauren Makeyenko

Forest Bathing--It's not what you think! Forest bathing as taught by the U.S.-based Association for Nature and Forest Therapy has its roots in Shinrin-Yoku, a well-researched Japanese practice of nature immersion that supports physiological health and psychological well-being. It is equally informed by embodiment practices, indigenous interrelational principles, mindfulness, and deep ecology. On our relaxed, pleasure-oriented walk, participants are offered a sequence of invitations to explore sensory-based experiences, engage in reciprocity with the "more-than-human" world, and gather along the way to share what they're noticing as we bathe in the forest atmosphere. *Jennifer Fendya*



Meeting outside of Camp Allegany

Geologic History of ASP: The geology talk is held at Thunder Rocks and gives a brief history of the geology of the park. Everyone will have fun exploring this unique area. Site 35 Thunder Rocks off ASP 2. *ValerieJill Podet*

Underwater Monsters of Science Lake: Participants will collect aquatic creatures along the shoreline of Science Lake using

D-framed aquatic nets. Discussions will focus on identifying characteristics and natural history of organisms before they are returned to the water. Meet at Site 40, Quaker, ASP 3. *Wayne Gall*

— 6:00 pm Friday —

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

In Search of the American Beaver: No critter has captured the imagination nor engendered so much frustration as has the American Beaver, New York's official state mammal. On this outdoor seach, Chatauqua Shorty, who has been after this varmint for 400 years, will explore the themes of exploitation, adaptation and conservation of North America's largest rodent. *Craig Thompson*

Meeting outside of Camp Allegany

Beginner to Intermediate Birding: This walk is intended for beginner to intermediate birders. We will be walking on road or paved sidewalks for 1 1/4 hours. The pace is leisurely with time for observation and education in varied habitat. Bring binoculars and bird books if you have them. Meet at Site 12, ASP 2. *Jay Wopperer*

— 8:00 pm Friday —

Under the Big Tent

River Snorkeling Adventures with Keith Williams

— 9:30pm Friday —

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

Night Walk: Explore nature from dusk to darkness. We will do a bit of everything-- stars, planets, owls, frogs, and fluorescent

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minerals. Again this year we have an 8 - inch SC telescope dedicated to this walk. *Lon Myers*

Owl Prowl: Your leader 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. *Chuck Rosenburg*



Bugs By Nightlight: Participants will observe night-flying insects attracted to a mercury vapor light and white sheet deployed at the shelter behind the upper barracks at Camp Allegany. Discussions will focus on identifying characteristics and natural history of moths, beetles, caddisflies, mayflies, etc., attracted to the light and sheet. Meet at the Lower Dorm. *Wayne Gall/Steven Daniel*

Crescent Moon & Dark Sky: We'll hope to have a clear and casual evening starting with a great crescent moon full of detail and shadows. Later we'll try for a few deep sky objects that take us into deep space! Relaxing and fun for all ages. Will be cancelled if the sky is cloudy. *David Wymer*

— 6:00 am Saturday —

Meeting outside of Camp Allegany

Early-Morning Birding: Join our Buffalo Audubon Naturalist for a sunrise birding walk in search of summer nesters and late spring migrants. Meet at the Wetland Trail parking lot off the Maintenance Road in Red House. *Tom Kerr*

— 7:00 am Saturday —

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. *Thomas LeBlanc*

Nature-Themed Yoga: Adults and families are invited to begin (or end) a day of exploration and learning with yoga stretches and poses based the nature that surrounds us this weekend. We will practice yoga outside unless it is raining hard. Meet at the Lounge. *Teresa Corrigan*

— 9:00 am Saturday —

Seated programs at Camp Allegany

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. *Maggie Myers*

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

Naturalist Saunter: Bring your curiosity and sense of wonder as we go on a "naturalist's saunter." We will enjoy all we see, making observations, following our curiosity, and learning from each other. Whether you are an experienced naturalist or just starting out, this walk is for you. Everyone has something to learn and knowledge to share. Bring your favorite naturalist tools: binoculars, magnifying glasses, field guides, journals, etc. *Matthew Nusstein*

Beginning Birding: An introductory look at bird watching. We will concentrate on birdwatching basics like guide books, binoculars and easy bird identification. Easy walk. Suitable for all ages. Kids

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welcome if accompanied by an adult.

PLEASE bring binoculars. *Garner Light*

Wonderful Wildflowers and Weeds: What is the difference between a wildflower and weed? What makes each plant special and unique? Take a short walk to explore the local fauna. Bring a guidebook, if you have one. *Adele Wellman*

Allenberg Bog Slog: Outside of the park, all-day fieldtrip. Experience the unique flora and fauna of a spectacular northern peat bog that features a quaking mat surrounding a bog pool. We'll pay special attention to dragonflies and damselflies, as some unusual ones often are flying here at this time. Many uncommon plants to this part of New York occur there as well, including many rare to this part of the state. 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) mosquitos can be annoying. Recommended attire: long pants, long sleeves, hat and closed-toe footwear that can get wet such as old sneakers. Bring lunch & water. This program extends from 9:00am-4:00pm, including 45-minute drive outside the park. Meeting at Camp Allegany. Driving instructions will be provided. All day field trip. *Wayne Gall/Steven Daniel*



Nature and History Bike Tour Around Red House Lake: We will be taking the bike trail around the perimeter of Red House Lake with possible side trips on adjacent trails/roads. We will be pointing out many

interesting features and history of the lake as well as the surrounding area. We will be discussing many aspects of this area and how they relate to the environment as well as flora and fauna along the way. Please be prepared with a bike in good repair, brings snacks and water, insect repellent and sunscreen. A first aid kit, tire repair kit and pump are also strongly suggested. Children are required to wear a helmet and adults are encouraged to do so. This tour is easy to difficult depending on your fitness level. Meet with your bike outside the registration building at Camp Allegany. *Brian Deek*

Meeting outside of Camp Allegany

Birding in Aretas Saunders' Footsteps: In the summer of 1921, the Roosevelt Wild Life Station dispatched Aretas Saunders to survey the bird life of the newly-opened Allegany State Park. He found 105 species. Much has changed since. Join us for a casual walk retracing Saunders' footsteps as we compare and contrast his century-old checklist with our own findings and the Pilgrimage's own composite list. Meet at Site 40, Quaker, ASP 3. *Craig Thompson*

Hike! Are there really Bear Caves?: This will be a hike through to the site of Bear Caves along the Mt. Seneca trail. This hike will only go to the rock city, otherwise known as Bear Caves. We'll explore Bear Grotto, climb to the top of the Bear Caves, and for those that can and want to, we'll show you the 'secret' entrance to Poppa Bear Cave. Flashlight needed for cave exploration. Caves are always muddy, wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the Bear Caves Trail, Quaker, ASP 3. *Jennifer Hillman*

Science Lake Pond Creatures: Join our Buffalo Audubon Naturalist and get your feet

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wet in Science Lake! We'll use pond nets to catch insects, amphibians and whatever else we can find! Meet at Site 40, Quaker, ASP 3. *Tom Kerr*

Fern Walk: Learn to recognize and identify our most plentiful ferns and make friends with them. Meet at Site 1, Red House Administration Building. *Allen Podet*



The Last Tallest Tree: In 2020, the tallest ash tree ever measured in New York state was discovered in a lush pocket of forest in Allegany State Park. This may be the last such tree discovered in this century, due to the ravages of emerald ash borer, and the tree may not survive much longer. In the course of our 3 mile round-trip mini-pilgrimage to this special tree, we'll talk about what makes some trees grow taller than others, flora and fauna associated with the richest and most productive forests, and how tree-seekers analyze the landscape to predict where they might find tall-tree hotspots. We'll also encounter a diverse array of other creatures and habitats as we gain about 750 feet in elevation on the steep trail. Sadly, this opportunity may not come again. Meet at Site 51, Quaker, ASP 3. This is a 2.5 hour field trip. *Erik Danielson*

Surprising Butterflies and Moths: Butterflies and moths are beautiful, diverse, and have surprising abilities. Some common butterflies form alliances with social insects, eat garden weeds, or even eat other animals. Some moths can fly in nearly freezing temperatures, disguise themselves as bird droppings, or repel bats. Enjoy a deep dive

into the unlikely lives and abilities of our backyard butterflies and moths. *Conrad Baker*

— 10:30 am Saturday—

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. Meet at the Classroom for this seated Power-Point presentation. *Peter Corrigan*

Cellphone Nature Photography: As they say, "the best camera is the one that you have with you." Cellphone cameras are very capable and can be used to image beautiful landscapes, capture shots of wildlife in their natural habitat and help catalog your local flora and fauna. We will learn various basic tips and tricks for composition, lighting, camera operation and editing your images using only your cellphone. Please bring your cellphone camera and any questions that you may have. Meet at the Lounge. *Chris Myers*

Live Animals from Around the World: Examples of the amazing adaptations creatures from far away places have developed to survive and the challenges they face at the hands of humans! Knowledge leads to conservation. Meet at Tent 1 for this seated tent presentation. *Mark Carra*

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

Salamanca Little Rock City: Outside of the park all-day fieldtrip. The Little Rock City in the Township of Little Valley, NY north of the City of Salamanca is a "rock city" of Salamanca conglomerate rock exposed at an elevation of approximately 2200 feet. At this location, large blocks of the conglomerate rock are separating from their parent layer and gravity is moving them downhill. In addition to being of local geological interest, the location lies within the Rock City State Forest. The surrounding forest is a habitat of mature trees and hosts many interesting plants and animals, including several species of birds. Come prepared with sturdy shoes, lunch and water. Leaves from Camp Allegany. Driving instructions will be provided. This is an all day trip. *Timothy Baird*



Amphibians and Reptiles of Allegany State Park: Join us on a search for the amphibians and reptiles that make Allegany State Park home. We'll visit suitable habitat areas near the camp and guide our search for local species by the specific requirements each species has. We are likely to encounter several common species and always have a chance to stumble upon some of the more unique herps that occur in the park. *Twan Leenders*

General Nature Hike: Easy walk from Camp Allegany to see what we can see. *Valerie Jill Podet*

A Tiny World: Phytotelmata in WNY: Tiny aquatic habitats exist all around us in trees,

pitcher plants and even in the leaf axils on wild teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*). These habitats are called phytotelmata and make aquatic communities exist in most unexpected places! We will explore the predacious diving beetles, flies and other critters that call these communities their home. There will also be a discussion about how these habitats are made and how you can find them in your own adventures. Come join us and learn about these unique microhabitats found within plants growing in WNY! *Stephanie Schelble*

Mammals: Explore mammal habitat and learn to look for signs of mammals. We will study skulls, pelts and venture into the woods in search of tracks, bedding, foraging and scat. We will learn of the impact of mammals on our environment and historical value of mammals. We will also make plaster casts of prints. *Fred Klycek*

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Life Under Logs: It is a whole world hidden from view that lives beneath rotting logs. This life is responsible for decomposition, nutrient cycling, carbon sequestration, and healthy terrestrial ecosystems. Join naturalist Keith Williams as we explore the amazing life beneath logs. Creatures we are likely to see include millipedes, centipedes, snails, slugs, an assortment of beetles, possibly toads, salamanders, and a snake if we are lucky. *Keith Williams*

Meeting outside of Camp Allegany

Fire Tower Tour: Hear a brief history and presentation of Summit Fire Tower and other fire towers in Allegany State Park and NYS and tour the restored Summit Fire Tower. Meet at Site 16, ASP 1. *Kevin Gallineau*

NYSDEC Fishing Clinic: Learn and practice basic fishing skills at Red House Lake. Anglers of all ages are welcome and no NYS Fishing License is needed to fish at the clinic. Instruction provided for casting, knot tying, fish identification/handling and more. Attendees can then practice their fishing skills on Red House Lake. Rods and reels are available to borrow and fishing bait is provided. Meet at the Site 7, ASP 1. (Fishing clinic runs continuously from 10:30am-2:15pm.) *Michael Todd*

Wildlife "Wonders, Waders and Wanders"

Paddle: Join us as we search for wildlife along the shore of Red House Lake. We will discover what else lurks amongst the waters we're paddling in and what we can do to protect our waterways for future generations. Bring your own kayak or rent one from the park. Limited to 10 paddlers. Sign up at the Registration Table. Must have experience paddling a kayak. Meet at

Site 10, ASP 1. *Andrea Vaillancourt-Alder*

— 12:00 pm Saturday —

Kiwanis Hot Dog Sale at Camp

Allegany: Enjoy lunch and support the Falconer Kiwanis Club!



— 1:00 pm Saturday —

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Monarchs & Milkweed: See pg. 4, Friday at 2:30pm

Live Animals from Around the World: See pg. 8, Saturday at 10:30 am

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

Invasive Species: Learn some basics about invasive species: what are they, why are they a concern, and what can we do to prevent them. We will walk and drive around Camp Allegany and Red House Lake to learn to identify some of the most common invasive species in the area. *Angela Driscoll*

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! *Matthew Nusstein*

Beginning Birding: See pg. 6, Saturday at 9:00 am

WNY Young Birder Club Meet Up: Gather with other young birders age 0-18 who share a love of all things birds! Birds are awesome!!!!!! *Maisie (age 8) *Jenn Lodi-Smith Hebrank (mom) will be mentoring along with other WNYBC mentors. All young birders*

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House Lake: See pg. 7, Saturday at 9:00 am. *This is a 2.5 hour field trip.*

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Old Growth Forest Hike: 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 the Old Growth Forest trail sign on ASP 2. This is a 2.5 hour field trip. *Frank Crombe*

A Living Window Into the Past: In 1935 Irving William Knobloch was so struck by

a particular tree in Allegany State Park that he published its description and measurements in a botanical journal. 87 years later, a tree matching his description still stands in the park. If it is the same tree, how has it changed? What can it tell us about the lifestyles of our most elderly trees? What are the visual clues that set truly old trees apart from the rest of the forest? Participants in this 3-mile round-trip walk on the North Country Trail will have a chance to learn about dendrochronology and study some tree-ring samples along the way. Hike will leave from the Eastwood Meadow Trail. ASP 1. This is a 2.5 hour field trip.

Erik Danielson



— 2:30 pm Saturday —

Seated programs at Camp Allegany

What's a Secret Place? And isn't it not so secret anymore?:

In 1994, Eternal Flames Falls was virtually unknown, a handful of naturists would skinny-dip at Zoar Valley and only local kids knew the hidden routes to get to hear the Great Waves in the Niagara Gorge. Then Secret Places: Scenic Treasures of Western New York and Southern Ontario crashed on the scenes and started telling the world about our secret and scenic hidden wonders in Bruce Kershner's award-winning book. Co-presented with Libby Kershner, Bruce Kershner's daughter, this talk will discuss the advocacy work done by Bruce in the 1990s and 2000s and the impact on the Western New York community to

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share these and all "secret places" everywhere. This is a seated tent Power-Point presentation. Meet at the Classroom. *Bill McKeever*

Fire!: Fire is an essential force in shaping our environment. When harnessed, it warms us and cooks our food. Learn about fire basics, the impact of fire on the environment and enjoy some flaming demonstrations! Meet at Tent 1. *Maggie Myers*

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Wild Edible Plants: Ever wonder what you could eat in the woods? In your own backyard? Learn to identify ten edible wild plants on a short hike near Camp Allegany. Some medicinal uses will be discussed too. *Adele Wellman*

Butterfly Meadow Insects: Meadows are incredibly diverse ecosystems that were historically much more prevalent in the

east than they are today. Allegany State Park has some great examples of meadow ecosystems. This easy hike will explore a restored meadow, including the diverse plant life that is the foundation of this habitat, and the insect life the plants depend on. *Keith Williams*

Splash Hike: Come prepared to get wet. Beavers, crayfish, salamanders, water.... Did we mention you will get wet? Bring water shoes. A fun family activity! We will bush-whack through woods and tall grass and walk up a streambed. *Lon Myers*

Meeting outside of Camp Allegany

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 flying adults and dipping for the nymphs in the water. Most years we have been lucky enough to find them emerging. I will have some nets, but feel free to bring your own. Meet at Site 7, ASP 1. *Jeremy Martin*

High Elevation Herps in Allegany State Park: The highest reaches of Allegany State Park are home to an uncommon amphibian: Wehrle's Salamander. In fact, it is the only place in western NY where one can encounter this species. Join us on a search for this interesting amphibian and learn about its biology and that of some other unusual amphibians and reptiles that occur in the park. Meet at the Stone Tower of ASP 1. *Twan Leenders*



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— 5:00 to 6:00 pm Saturday —

Chicken BBQ/Vegetarian Meal: Pickup at the Registration Building parking lot. *Must have a prepaid ticket*

— 5:30 pm Saturday —

Folk Concert with Nan Hoffman: Enjoy the music during and after your chicken or vegetarian dinner. Meet behind the Registration Building.

— 6:00 pm Saturday —

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

Beaver Walk: Beaver Walk: Learn all about the official mammal of New York State while visiting an active beaver colony. Meet at tent, short drive to location.
Kristen Rosenburg

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Owl Prowl: See pg. 6, Friday at 9:30pm

Crescent Moon & Dark Sky: See pg. 6, Friday at 9:30pm

— 6:00 am Sunday —

Meeting outside of Camp Allegany

Early-Morning Birding: See pg. 6, Saturday at 6:00am

— 7:00 am Sunday —

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

Bird Banding: See pg. 6, Saturday at 7:00am

— 9:00 am Sunday —

Seated programs at Camp Allegany

Adult-Content 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. Indoor PowerPoint presentation for adults only. Meet in the Lounge. *Lon Myers*

Storytime with Make & Take: See pg. 6, Saturday at 9:00am

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Wildflowers Hike: Make your own simple keys to identify five wildflowers of your choice. *Laura Dustin*

Trees of Allegany State Park: This will be an introduction to trees, with a focus on those native to the Allegany State Park area. This mostly will look at those found around the Camp Allegany area. The trees encountered will be the springboard (perhaps literally!) for revealing their natural histories and uses such as food, medicines, commercial products, landscaping, effects on their environs and so on. *Frank Crombe*



Grasses, Rushes, and Sedges - 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. *Steven Daniel*

Geology of the Region: A family oriented program with hands-on demonstrations where we will learn about the geologic history of the local region and get our hands dirty digging around for some wonderful examples of geologic time. Leaving from Camp Allegany. *Chris Myers*

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Birding in Aretas Saunders' Footsteps: See pg. 7, Saturday at 9:00am

Birding the Maintenance Road Wetlands: We will explore the system of boardwalks and trails on the Red House Maintenance Road to see and hear as many birds as we can. Meet at the Wetlands Trail on the Maintenance Rd. *Frank Gardner*

Kayaking, A Water-Way to Explore Nature: Do you have a happy-place you go to in your mind? Mine is kayaking on Oak Orchard creek. You may end up with a new happy-place in mind once we paddle Red House Lake. Leisurely paddle. Leader will point out flora and fauna as we glide past. We will be on the water for an hour. Bring your own kayak or rent one from the park. Limited to 10 paddlers. Sign up at the registration table. Must have experience paddling a kayak. Meet at Site 10, ASP 1. *Ellen Prill*

— 10:30 am Sunday —

Meeting at Camp Allegany Signposts

Mammals: See pg. 9, Saturday at 10:30am

Shades of Green: See pg. 4, Saturday at 2:30pm

Salamanca Little Rock City: See pg. 9, Saturday at 10:30am

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Science Lake Pond Creatures: Join our Buffalo Audubon Naturalist and get your feet wet in Science Lake! We'll use pond nets to catch insects, amphibians and whatever else we can find! Meet at Site 40, Quaker, ASP 3. *Tom Kerr*

— Leader Bios —

Baird, Timothy - Salamanca, NY - Tim is a retired teacher and nature enthusiast who has lead walks for many years at the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage. He has spent much time studying local natural history and enjoys nature photography.

Baker, Conrad - Mt. Morris, NY - Conrad is an outdoor educator at Letchworth State Park. As an insect collector, he tries to pose butterflies and moths in their natural resting postures rather than according to rigorous academic or museum standards. At work and at home he helps gardeners plan pollinator gardens that are effective and attractive.

Carra, Mark - West Valley, NY - Mark started as a wildlife educator in 1989 and has spoken to more than 800,000 people since then. He was the naturalist in residence for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center in North Java, NY and has worked as a representative and presenter for Animal Planet, National Geographic Channel and public television and handled animals for many of their celebrities. His passion for learning and obsession to communicate what he has learned has kept him going all these years and loving the entire journey.

Contrino, Kathleen - Akron, NY - Kathy promotes the use of native plants in residential gardens in order to improve ecological diversity. She has been growing native plants and designing native plant gardens since 1997. As an avid birder, Kathy participates in Cornell Cooperative's FeederWatch program/Habitat Network as well as volunteers for Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and the Buffalo Audubon Society leading tours. Currently Kathy is recreating the Great Lakes ecosystem on her 10 acres in Akron, NY where she participates in the open gardens section of the Gar-

dens Buffalo Niagara. Kathy is a member of the Western New York Plant Collaborative.

Corrigan, Peter - Buffalo, NY - Peter is an amateur naturalist whose interest in birds and birding spans over 25 years. He is a member of the Buffalo Audubon and Buffalo Ornithological Societies.

Corrigan, Teresa - Buffalo, NY - Teresa is a certified yoga instructor, an avid amateur naturalist, hiker and yoga practitioner, and a retired elementary school teacher. She teaches yoga to children at Power Yoga Buffalo and adults at Yoga Parkside. She is also a volunteer tour guide at NYSDEC's Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Craft, Jim - Rochester, NY - Jim spent much of his youth exploring the Bristol Hills near Honeoye Lake while helping his dad build their family cabin. Those experiences led to interest and degrees in geology from SUNY-Brockport and Binghamton and a stint in the oil patch of offshore California. After exploring the western US (living in a van down by rivers), Jim returned east and joined the NYSDEC as an engineering geologist. Now retired from a 30+ year career of chasing groundwater pollutants and polluters, a return to "fun" geology has produced [field guides](#) for the Salamanca Conglomerate at Rock City State Forest. Currently, Jim is using orthoimagery/LIDAR/DEM data with GIS to track and study the Salamanca and other conglomerates and to analyze various landforms across Allegany State Park and beyond.

Crombe, Frank - Scottsville, NY - Frank's extensive knowledge of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, etc. comes from his interest in the natural world. This included working outdoors as a gardener and caddy among other activities. He currently grows native plants and is an active member in various conser-

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vation and not-for-profit organizations.

Daniel, Steven - Pittsford, NY - Steven has spent the better part of a lifetime studying natural history and teaching others, formally and informally. He took an early retirement from teaching to develop Nature Discoveries, an ecotour company which he co-founded, and for whom he has led over 140 trips to some of the world's finest natural areas. He was a founder and first president of the Rochester Area Mycological Association. He developed biotic inventories and master plans for The Nature Conservancy preserves, and the Genesee Country Museum Nature Center. He teaches Field Natural History (a class he developed nearly 40 years ago) at Monroe Community College. In recent years he has grown quite passionate about dragonflies, butterflies and moths, and sedges. Now semi-retired, he spends much of his time exploring the great ecological treasures of New York's North Country. He is a board member of the New York Flora Association, co-curator of the Rochester Academy of Science Herbarium and has served on the executive council of Burroughs Audubon Nature Club. He has an M.S. in science and environmental education from Cornell University.

Danielson, Erik - Gerry, NY - Erik is a naturalist from Chautauqua County, NY who serves as the stewardship coordinator for the Western New York Land Conservancy. Erik loves plants large and small and he's out looking at them all year: winter is the best time of year for tracking down and measuring the largest and tallest trees in NY state, while in midsummer he might be found lying down at eye-level with a tiny moonwort fern.

Driscoll, Angela - Hamburg, NY - Angela has a bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Envi-

ronmental Studies from SUNY Geneseo, and got her masters in Botany at Miami University of Ohio, conducting spatial studies on invasive plants for her thesis. While at Miami, she taught a field botany course. After grad school, Angela worked at WNY Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, primarily conducting surveys and managing invasive plants. She also taught a Great Lakes Education Program through Cradle Beach in various Buffalo schools. She currently works as a Wetlands and Waters Ecologist at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, focusing on wetland and stream permit review, conducting wetland delineations and enforcement.

Deck, Brian - Java Center, NY - Brian is a self taught naturalist and tour leader. He has led many previous Pilgrimage tours. He currently works as an independent tour guide, doing tours at Niagara Falls during warmer months and in the Big Bend/Rio Grande, TX area during winter.

Dustin, Laura - Honeoye Falls, NY - It seems Laura has always loved the outdoors and Allegany State Park. As an undergrad and graduate student she explored the wonders of the natural world, especially vascular plant taxonomy. She started leading at the ANP as an undergrad. Later, much later, she began her career as an educator, facilitating students' love of the sciences. Now that she is retired, she dabbles in outdoor activities and physics.

Fendya, Jennifer - Buffalo, NY - Jennifer is certified by the Association for Nature and forest therapy and has been guiding Forest Bathing walks in and beyond Western NY since 2017. She is a Licensed Psychologist/Sandplay therapist, an active member of both the International Climate Psychol-

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ogy Alliance and the Climate Reality Project - WNY Chapter and a practitioner of contemplative photography. She is excited to return to the Pilgrimage for her third year.

Gall, Wayne - Lancaster, NY - Wayne has been a program leader at the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage since 1982, missing only two non-pandemic years during that interval. Wayne served on the staff of the Buffalo Museum of Science from 1983-2001, as the Museum's first Administrator-Naturalist of Tiff Nature Preserve and then as Curator of Entomology. From 2001-2016, Wayne was Western Regional Entomologist for the NYS Dept of Health. Since 2016 Wayne has been Entomologist (Identifier) for the US Dept of Agriculture, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, based on the Peace Bridge Plaza in Buffalo. Wayne earned his BA in Biology at SUNY Buffalo; MS in Entomology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and PhD in Zoology at the University of Toronto. Wayne and his wife, Susan, a retired School Nurse for the Lancaster School District, have three children and six grandchildren.

Gallineau, Kevin - Lake View, NY - Kevin has been coming to ASP for 68 years and is part of the third generation of six generations that have enjoyed ASP. He has camped, hiked, fished and hunted in ASP. In around 2008, Kevin became interested in Allegany State Park Historical Society and became member. In 2012, seven people including Kevin, started doing volunteer work in ASP. Shortly thereafter, Paul Crawford came up with the idea of forming a Friend's Group. Long story short, this became the Friends of Allegany State Park. Since then he became the first VP of FOASP and one of 8 Founding Father's. He has been involved in I

Love My Park Day since it started as well as National Public Lands Day and First Day Hikes. He has been the tour guide for many fire tower tours. He has led several 3rd Saturday Hikes for ASP. Since he started volunteering in ASP he has chocked up over 600 hours of service.

Gardner, Frank - Bedford, MA - Frank has been an amateur birder for over 35 years. He has served as a Christmas Bird Count coordinator for 20 years in Massachusetts and was a contributor to the New York State breeding bird atlas project. He has been a field trip leader at ANP for over 30 years. Frank also developed the bird checklist for the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage.

Hillman, Jennifer - Hamburg, NY - Jennifer and Bill McKeever are co-authors of Secret Places of Western New York: 25 Scenic Hikes, available through Reedy Press April 1, 2022.

Jager, Nancy - Dunkirk, NY - Nancy is a nature enthusiast who enjoys nature photography and learning about plants, local native, edible weeds, invasive species and garden herbs. Nancy is a Chautauqua Master Gardener of Cornell Cooperative Extension. She holds a M.S. in Education from the State University of New York at Fredonia. She has NYS teacher certification in 4 areas: TESOL, Spanish, Home Economics, and Elementary Education. She is presently teaching international students at Fredonia State University. She has been a participant of Allegany Nature Pilgrimage since 2009 and leader since 2014. Nancy has given talks about Wild and Wonderful Weeds at Chautauqua Institution, has given a presentation on deer and voles in your garden at the annual "Grow Jamestown." Nancy was a participant in the Wildflower Pilgrimage at the Great Smoky

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Mountains National Park (Gatlinburg, TN) (April 2014). Nancy is also a returned Peace Corps Volunteer from Paraguay. Bilingual English/Spanish.

Kerr, Tom - Tonawanda, NY - Tom has been educating others about the natural world since he began to understand it. With the help of his neighbors as a child, he created a bug zoo from his Tonawanda backyard, and gathered other neighborhood kids to view his collections. Inspired by many family vacations to National Parks, Tom studied environmental science in college. At SUNY ESF he was part of the first class that graduated with a Natural History and Interpretation degree, selecting the major because he understood the growing need to communicate the scientific world. Tom has spent his entire professional career in environmental education. He worked as a Park Ranger in the New York City Parks for five years, teaching school programs, leading an after school program for high school students and monitoring piping plover habitat. Living in a major migration fly way in a dense urban environment, it was in NYC he developed a love of birding. Tom came to Buffalo Audubon to lead the For the Birds! program for elementary school students, and now as a naturalist enjoys leading bird tours and teaching people about all nature in Western New York. If you catch Tom in his free time, you will most likely find him with a pair of binoculars around his neck, setting up his spotting scope to make sure everyone gets a chance to view whatever wildlife is around. He also enjoys raising his two sons to appreciate the wonderful natural landscape of Western New York.

Klycek, Fred - Byron, NY - Fred has been a leader at the Pilgrimage starting in the 1980s. He is an avid outdoor sports enthusiast and has presented nature programs to scouting and school groups.

Leenders, Twan - Jamestown, NY - Twan is a con-

servation biologist and avid nature photographer. Although he tries to learn as much as possible about plants and animals of all types, he grudgingly admits that there simply is too much nature out there to get to know. However, his favorite amphibians and reptiles will always get his undivided attention. Twan is happiest exploring woods and wetlands to see these animals in their natural environment.

Light, Garner - Gasport, NY - Garner is President of Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Co-Compiler for the Wilson-lake Plains Christmas Bird Count and Coordinator for The Len Anderson Memorial Bluebird Trail in Clarence & Lockport, NY.

Light, Judy - Gasport, NY - A retired art educator and Pilgrimage attendee/leader for 30+ years, Judy is always busy capturing nature through art by photographing, stamping, journaling, folding and tangling. At Pilgrimage she is either leading, wandering off seeking salamanders, photographing bits of nature, birding or sitting off by herself drawing. Judy grew up on a small farm in Cattaraugus county and attending the Pilgrimage always feels like coming home!

Lodi-Smith Hebrank, Jennifer - Kenmore, NY - Jennifer grew up hiking the Appalachian Trail but realized her love of nature following her kiddos' passion for nature in general and birds in particular. She is a professor at Canisius College where she studies personality development across the lifespan and supports faculty development opportunities through her administrative role. Jennifer is on the board of the Friends of Reinstein Woods. Her favorite bird is the barred owl.

Maisie - age 8 - is the founder of the WNY Young Birder Club. She really likes birds. She has wanted to be an ornithologist since she was three. Birds are awesome!!!!!!!

Makeyenko, Lauren - Buffalo, NY - Lauren lives

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in Buffalo with her husband Josh, daughter Ruby, and two dogs - Sausage and Clarice. She has held education positions with Tiff Nature Preserve, Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and Buffalo Audubon.

Maliki, Andy - Red House, NY - Andy is a life-long lover of Allegany State Park. At the age of seven, he knew that he wanted a career at the park! He has served with the Allegany State Park Historical Society as acting president and volunteers with the Summit Fire Tower Restoration Committee. He is currently employed with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation at Allegany State Park. Andy has lifelong experience working in the outdoor/camping industry.

Martin, Jeremy - Friendship, NY - Jeremy has had an interest in nature for as long as he can remember. His patient mother tolerated pans of pond water in his bedroom and encouraged his early butterfly collections by making (and then frequently repairing) a butterfly net. While that early interest in ponds and entomology never became a career, Jeremy is lucky enough to now relive those early days of discovery with his two boys. Through photography, he enjoys documenting nature all over Western NY including wildflowers, dragonflies, moths, butterflies and various other insects. He also participates in various citizen science projects including the New York Dragonfly and Damselfly survey, where from 2005 to 2009 Jeremy volunteered as citizen scientist discovering numerous county/species records in Western New York.

Mason, Sheri - Erie, PA - Dr. Mason (aka Sam) earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She completed her doctorate in Chemistry at the University of Montana as a NASA Earth System Science scholar. Her research

group is among the first to study the prevalence and impact of plastic pollution within freshwater ecosystems. Among her accolades Dr. Mason has been selected as an EPA Environmental Champion in 2016, the Heinz Award in Public Policy in 2018 and the Great Lakes Leadership Award from the Great Lakes Protection Fund in 2021. Sam currently serves as the Director of Sustainability at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College.

McKeever, Bill - Hamburg, NY - Co-author of Secret Places of Western New York: 25 Scenic Hikes, Bill McKeever served from 1999 to 2004 as Buffalo Audubon's first Executive Director. During his tenure, he worked with Bruce Kershner on environmental advocacy projects protecting the old-growth forests of DeVeaux Woods, Zoar Valley and Allegany State Park. Bill and his wife Jennifer Hillman teamed up with the Kershner literary estate to reimagine, update and bring back to the community this much loved, award-winning book.

Myers, Chris - Landenberg, PA - Chris studied geology at the University of Delaware and now works as an environmental geologist in the Northeast. He first attended the ANP in 1992 when he was 6 months old. His hobbies include outdoor activities, astronomy, photography and rock and mineral collecting. Chris loves learning and sharing knowledge with others.

Myers, Lon - West Chester, PA - Lon is an avid self-taught naturalist with a lifelong passion for nature. He has led walks at the Pilgrimage for 45 years including Beginning Birds, Sharing Nature with Children, Family Nature, The Splash Hike, Stream Adventure, Night Hike and Adults Only.

Myers, Maggie - Landenberg, PA - Maggie is a professional geologist and currently works in Delaware as a technical manager for an environmental

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consulting firm. Her hobbies include various outdoor activities, cooking and home improvement/DIY projects. She frequently gives presentations to staff as well as school groups and young children. This is her second year as a leader at ANP.

Nusstein, Matt - Derby, NY - A student of the natural world, Matt is interested in every aspect of nature. His goal is to learn about and share the incredible diversity of life that surrounds us. Matt currently works for the New York State Parks as an environmental educator and has also worked at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Rogers Environmental Educator Center and was the teaching assistant for SUNY Buffalo State's ornithology class.

Podet, Allen - Williamsville, NY - Ph.D. & DHL & DD, he has been leading field trips at Pilgrimage for 20 years. Dr. Podet learned about ferns through classes, clinics and experience. When not at Allegany State Park, Dr. Podet is a professor in the philosophy and humanities departments at Buffalo State College.

Podet, ValerieJill - Williamsville, NY - ValerieJill has been leading Pilgrimage walks for over 20 years. She holds an M.S. in zoology and is ABD for a doctorate in geology. The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is the high light of her year.

Prill, Ellen - Rochester, NY - Ellen has paddled both kayaks and canoes since the 1980s and time has not dulled her enthusiasm. Ellen has been a long-time member of the ADK Waterways (Adirondack Mountain Club) Committee and got her start in boating (quite by accident) there. For a few years she was involved with the Freestyle Canoe Club where she attended lessons, and enjoyed watching the yearly competition where individuals or couples "danced" with their boat on water. Regularly Ellen canoes on the many fresh water springs in Florida during the winter. Ellen's love of boating and na-

ture is the perfect combination for the ANP!

Roenburg, Chuck - Elma, NY - Chuck has a B.S. degree in wildlife management from Purdue University and an M.S. degree in biology from the College of William and Mary. His master's thesis focused on barn owl habitat use, as determined using radio-telemetry. For the first 15 years of his professional career, Chuck worked as a private environmental consultant completing a broad variety of ecological studies. Since 2006 he has served as a wetlands ecologist and habitat protection manager with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Chuck is an avid birder and has led numerous Owl Prowls for Buffalo Audubon Society and other groups.

Rosenburg, Kristen - Elma, NY - Kristen has always enjoyed spending time outdoors, nurtured by family camping trips to the Adirondacks, Algonquin Provincial Park and Yellowstone National Park. As a child, she attended her very first beaver colony tour and owl prowl at Allegany State Park. While attending graduate school at SUNY-ESF, Kristen returned to Allegany State Park to conduct field research studying beaver behavior. After completing a master's degree in wildlife biology, she has been employed since 2000 by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as an Environmental Educator at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Depew, NY.

Schelble, Stephanie - Orchard Park, NY - Stephanie is a Park Ranger at the Erie County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry department. She has spent a lifetime learning about the small intimate lives of insects and other small creatures and always looks forward to sharing what she has learned.

Taylor, Garrett - Bradford, NY - Garrett has been surveying the park for interesting fungi with the assistance of DNA sequencing the ITS barcode region since 2018. He has led at least one hike for the Pil-

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grimage every year since he first attended as a participant in 2013, except this last year when the park was closed to groups.

Thompson, Craig - Falconer, NY - Craig learned his birds on France Brook Road while still in grammar school. He was a teacher/naturalist at Jamestown's Audubon Community Nature Center in 1978-79 and thereafter worked for 33 years with NYS DEC in Albany. He has also served as the President of the Capital Region Audubon Society and Vice Chair of the Audubon Council of New York State.

Todd, Michael - Akron, NY - An avid angler of all seasons and an aquatic biologist with New York Department of Environmental Conservation's Bureau of Fisheries. Michael administers the DEC's "FISH NY" fishing education and outreach program in Western New York. He and his DEC colleagues will be teaching the basic fishing skills needed for successful angling adventures.

Vaillancourt-Alder, Andrea - Derby, NY - Andrea is a British Canoeing Coach and enjoys sharing her passion for wildlife and conservation. A Leave No Trace Master Educator, Andrea brings LNT principles into all of her tours and courses.

Wellman, Adele - Salamanca, NY - Adele has been playing with plants since a little kid. Daisies and dandelions, forget-me-nots and hawkweed were common delights in the woods and lawns growing up. As the Environmental Educator at Allegany State Park, she enjoys sharing this passion for the little things in nature to all ages throughout the year. When she is not looking at plants she is riding mountain bikes or Telemark skiing at the local ski areas and state forests. She also has a degree in Biology and Horticulture and has been working at Allegany for 22 years.

Williams, Keith - Conowingo, MD - Keith is a naturalist, educator, writer and photographer. He has a BS in Environmental Biology from Kutztown University and MS in Ecological Teaching and Learning from the Lesley University Audubon Expedition Institute. He has established outdoor education programs in Puerto Rico and China and has established outdoor education programs for the US Forest Service across the U.S. Keith is the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Lancaster Conservancy where he serves as the Conservancy's lead naturalist, develops and manages volunteer and education programs and manages the interpretive ranger program.

Wopperer, Jay - Williamsville, NY - Jay has been bird watching for many years. He studied with many experts and has taken classes with Audubon and the Buffalo Museum of Science. He is a long-standing member of Audubon and the East Aurora Birding Club. Jay has led many bird-watching activities and trips, including for many years at the ANP.

Wymer, David - Portville, NY - David has been interested in astronomy and nature his entire life. He began doing astrophotography and aurora-photography in the late 90s. Never fully about the pictures but about getting to those rare, quiet, DARK places that so few see anymore. Seeing the sky and listening to nature all around.

— 2022 ANP Committee Members —

Jim Backlas, Alan Brown, Peter Christensen, Frank Crombe, Lisa Danko, Janet Forbes, Kathy Henrie, Andy Malicki, Becky Myers, Lon Myers, Marcia Nixon, Ellen Prill, Robert Reeves, Jack Skinner, Rob Thomson, Ro Woodard

Schedule

Friday

- 10:00am Registration Opens
- 1:00pm Field Trips
- 2:30pm Field Trips
- 6:00pm Field Trips
- 7:00pm Registration Table Closes
- 8:00pm River Snorkeling with Keith Williams Under the Big Tent
- 9:30pm Late Evening Field Trips

Saturday

- 6:00am Early Morning Bird Walk
- 7:00am Bird Banding
- 8:00am Registration Table Opens
- 9:00am Field Trips
- 10:30am Field Trips
- 12:00pm Registration Closes
- 12-1pm Hot Dog Sale to benefit Falconer Kiwanas Club
- 1:00pm Field Trips
- 2:30pm Field Trips
- 5-6pm Chicken/Vegetarian BBQ (prepaid only)
- 5:30pm Folk Concert with Nan Hoffman & Friends
- 6:00pm Field Trips
- 8:00pm Meet Your Neighbors with Twan Leenders Under the Big Tent
- 9:30pm Late Evening Field Trips

Sunday

- 6:00am Early Morning Bird Walk
- 7:00am Bird Banding
- 9:00am Field Trips
- 10:30am Field Trips

Additional Information

History

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

Feedback

In your registration packet, you will find an evaluation form for the Pilgrimage field trips and programs. Please help us to keep improving by giving us your comments and evaluations. Include your email and you might win a free 2023 Allegany Nature Pilgrimage registration for 2 adults and up to 3 children. Deposit evaluations the box at the Registration Building in Camp Allegany.

Complimentary Coffee

Coffee and tea are available at the Registration Building at Camp Allegany on Friday until 5:00pm and Saturday from 7:00am to 12:00pm. Coffee will not be available on Sunday. Please bring your own travel mug or make a donation for an ANP mug.

Hot Dog Lunch

Support the Falconer Kiwanis Club Hot Dog Sale and get a quick lunch on Saturday at Camp Allegany. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, pop and water are available. Cash only.

Camp Chairs—*BYOS (Bring Your Own Seating)*

There is limited seating on park benches for the evening Big Tent programs. Please bring a camp chair or blanket to sit on. There are limited picnic tables, as well. Bring a camp chair for the hot dog lunch and evening BBQ.

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.

Emergencies

Call the Park Police at 716-354-9111. *Be aware that cell service is extremely limited in the park.*

