

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary

January-March 2024

All programs will meet at the Visitor Center
Programs subject to change. Check our website for updates

JANUARY

7 Sunday – Winter Bird Spotlight - Cardinals

Come observe and learn the survival and strategies of cardinals over winter.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

13 Saturday – Animals in Hibernation

Ever wonder where all the animals go during the Winter? Many animals hibernate, but hibernation can take many different forms. Join us for this program to learn more about different types of hibernation for all sorts of different animals found right here in the sanctuary. This program is great for anyone curious to learn more about the animals all around us even when we don't see them.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

20 Saturday – Winter Tree ID - Buds n' Bark

Come join the Nature Center Staff in a simple lesson to help identify trees in the wintertime by their buds and bark. An interactive program that will look at a variety of tree species.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



21 Sunday – An Introduction to Bamboo

Learn how to identify different species of Bamboo, and what makes them bamboo, followed by a hike to our bamboo forest.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

27 Saturday – Waterfowl Migrants and Shorebird Sightings

This may be the right time to observe both types of birds in action, from the brackish waters of the lake to the salty shoreline adjacent to the Long Island Sound. Please bring binoculars and dress for the weather.

10:00 am - 11:30 am

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (*in case you missed the earlier one*)



FEBRUARY

3 Saturday – Submit Artwork for Read Art Exhibit

People can submit art of Wildlife and Natural Landscapes. Please have hanging artwork framed and wired for hanging. One art piece per person please per person please!

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

10 Saturday – Second Art Exhibit for Read Sanctuary

Come and view peoples' talents and love for wildlife through artwork. Refreshments will be provided. Exhibit will be on display through March 23rd, 2024.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



11 Sunday – Winter Mammal Spotlight- Minks

Come and learn the survival methods of minks over winter.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

FEBRUARY

17 Saturday – Bird Bonanza- Backyard Bird Feeders and Feeder Watch - Make n’ Take



We will identify the birds that visit our feeders as well as create some simple feeders that you can take home to attract birds in your neighborhood. Participants must register by February 3rd, 2024. Registration can be done by the following: sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov or by phone at 914-967-8720.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

24 Saturday – Invasives R’ Us

For those who have visited Read Sanctuary before, the awareness of the presence of invasive plants is known. Learn removal techniques and identification of these problematic plants. All tools and hand gloves will be provided.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



MARCH

2 Saturday – Backyard Bird Bonanza- Make n’ Take Bluebird Nesting Boxes

It’s back again! We will learn the needs of these creatures that constantly struggle for nesting habitat. All materials will be provided to make a box. Participants must register by February 25, 2024. Registration can be done by the following: sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov or by phone at 914-967-8720. Limit one Bluebird box per household to take home.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

9 Saturday – Exploring the Geology of the Shoreline

We will discover, collect and dissect some of the geological historical formations of Read Sanctuary and the Long Island Shoreline. A nice travel log through the formation of part of the east coast.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

10 Sunday – The Big 10 Ants of the Northeast



Learn an overview of different species and identification, with specimens of Ants in the northeast.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

16 Saturday – Back to the Bamboo Again

It has become a seasonal tradition at Read Sanctuary to visit this wonder and utilize some of the materials that can be made out of this grass. We will create a variety of items, many that you are welcome to take home with you. Come one come all.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



23 Saturday – Early Bird Migrants

We will seek out some of the earlier warbler migrants, as well as staying in tune with the backyard and aquatic birds. Please bring binoculars.

10:00 am - 11:30 am

30 Saturday – Early Spring Scavenger Hunt

We will search for natural signs and items that have been placed in “treasure boxes”. This is a fun way for kids to find clues and ideas that will help educate them about their natural surroundings.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Questions? Contact: Scott Williamson, sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov
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