



WEEKEND PROGRAMMING January – March 2025



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

***Please Register in advance for Volunteer Events
by emailing Scott at Sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov**

JANUARY



11 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



12 Sunday - The Winter Ant

Identify the winter ant and discuss what strategies enable them to be active in the winter months. Also learn how inactive ants deal with the cold winter months.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



18 Saturday - Animals in Hibernation

Ever wonder where all those animals go during 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 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 they are not seen.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



25 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)*



26 Sunday - Animal Tracks at Read

Come take a guided journey to identify different animal tracks throughout the sanctuary learning about markings and species in the area.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

FEBRUARY



1 Saturday - Winter Tracking and Tracing

Learn how to seek and find animal tracks and the stories they tell. Plaster prints make and take included.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



8 Saturday - The Weeds of Winter

We will identify weeds and other plants during their winter months and learn how they cope with this dormant period.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



15 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 9th. Registration can be done by the following: sgw2@westchestercountyny.gov or by phone at 914-967-8720.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



22 Saturday - *VOLUNTEER: 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. Great for Service Credit Hours. All tools and hand gloves will be provided.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



23 Sunday - Green in Winter

Observe different species of evergreen vegetation, from trees to shrubs and others. This will include sample collecting.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

MARCH

1 Saturday - Backyard Bird Bonanza!

Make n' Take Bluebird Nesting Boxes

This popular program! 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: sgw2@westchestercountyny.gov or by phone at 914-967-8720. Limit one Bluebird box per household to take home.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



MARCH



8 Saturday - "Living Reef"- Natural and Living History Travel Log

We will look at the parts that make up the sum of this exciting project. This includes a living shipwreck visit, geology exploration and a chronology demonstration.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



9 Sunday - Backyard Feeders

Discuss and identify birds and other species that you may find in your backyard. This includes a journey into the Sanctuary.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



15 Saturday - *VOLUNTEER: Invasive Vine Removal

Come help clear trees and shrubs of these problematic climbers. Great for service credit hours. Please bring work gloves. All other tools will be provided.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



22 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.

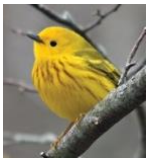
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23 Sunday - Squirrels & Winter

Discuss how squirrels survive during the winter. Review their foraging habits and what they do right as winter ends. We will then observe them in their wild habitat.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



29 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



29 Saturday - *VOLUNTEER: Spreading Wood Chips in Certain Areas

Come and help beautify some of our spaces along trails and trees. Great for service credit hours. Please bring work gloves. All other tools will be provided.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Questions? Contact: Scott Williamson, (914) 967-8720

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