

# Spring Calendar

Registration required for some events.  
Please call **(315) 482-2479** to RSVP.  
\*Denotes registration requirements.



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All programs meet at the Nature Center and are free unless otherwise stated. Our calendar of events can also be found on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

## EVENT SERIES *Recurring programs with multiple date options*

### FULL MOON HIKES\*

Wednesday, April 1 // 7:15 p.m. *Pink Moon: RSVP by 3/29*

Friday, May 1 // 8:20 p.m. *Flower Moon: RSVP by 4/29*

Sunday, May 31 // 9:20 p.m. *Blue Moon: RSVP by 5/29*

Monday, June 29 // 9:00 p.m. *Strawberry Moon: RSVP by 6/27*

Join us on the trails for our monthly full-moon hikes! Please wear sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing for warmth, and bring your own headlamp and/or flashlight. We'll leave the Nature Center promptly to catch a view of the moonrise. Following the hike, we'll host a campfire! Program subject to weather. Limited space, please RSVP no later than 2 days prior to event.

## APRIL

### FULL MOON HIKE\*

Wednesday, April 1 // 7:15 p.m. *Pink Moon: RSVP by 3/29*

This is a recurring monthly event. Please see the description on the first page.

### WILDLIFE HUNT

Saturday, April 4 // 10:00 a.m.

Join us on an expedition into the unknown! We'll have a hands-on learning activity about local wildlife in the classroom. Afterward, we will use our knowledge to view wildlife on a guided hike, weather permitting. Remember to dress warm!

### PACK BASKET WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 11 // 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (approx. duration 7 hours) *Full-size Pack Basket*

Come learn how to weave a traditional pack basket out of reeds! This heritage craft of the Thousand Islands and Adirondack regions can be learned in a day – we provide the materials and instruction for the class. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Full-size basket workshops are \$100. Mini pack basket workshops are \$50. Payment is due at event. Bring a lunch and water bottle and prepare for a fun day! *Class size is limited, please RSVP early.*



## **EARTH MONTH: VOLUNTEER CLEANUP**

**Saturday, April 18 // 10:00 a.m.**

Celebrate Earth Month by volunteering at a local park! After the ice melts, all sorts of litter winds up on the shoreline. We'll gather to help clean up the Nature Center shorelines and grounds. Help us get a head start before I Love My Parks Day! Tools provided; BYO work gloves, water bottle, and light snack is recommended. Please RSVP by calling the Nature Center.

## **LUMINARY HIKE + NIGHT SKY VIEWING** *with amateur astronomers Tim Abel & John Rusho* **Saturday, April 25 // 8:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.**

Astronomy joins our signature luminary hike! Come experience our half-mile North Field Loop lit with trailside luminaries on this festive, self-guided, night hike. Then hike back to the Nature Center to enjoy a fire, music – and telescope viewing! Amateur astronomers Tim Abel and John Rusho will help us to see into the night sky and pick out interesting celestial bodies and phenomena. Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight/headlamp. Note: this event is subject to clear skies. Thank you to the Friends of the Nature Center for sponsoring this event.

# MAY

## **FULL MOON HIKE\***

**Friday, May 1 // 8:20 p.m.** *Flower Moon: RSVP by 4/29*

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# I LOVE MY PARK *days*

## **I LOVE MY PARK DAY**

**Saturday, May 2 // 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

Show your Nature Center some love! Volunteer to spruce up the Nature Center for spring and another busy summer season. This is the day when we get out our mop buckets, sponges, garden trowels, rakes, and clippers to beautify parks all over New York State. Volunteers receive an annual ILMPD t-shirt (first come, first serve). RSVP requested. Preregister at <https://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day> or call the Nature Center.

## **TURKEY CALLING FOR BEGINNERS** *with outdoorsman Patrick Dove*

**Sunday, May 3 // 10:00 a.m.**

Let's talk turkey! Learn about the skill of turkey calling from outdoorsman Patrick Dove. Watch and listen to turkey-call demonstrations. Have fun learning how to use various turkey calls. There will be a lot of gobbling going on here! This is an awesome experience for all ages and a wonderful outdoor skill to learn. RSVP appreciated.

## **SOUND BATHING** *with certified sound healing instructor Destiny Myrick*

**Saturday, May 9 // 1:30 p.m.**

Find your inner peace and rejuvenate your spirit. Sound healing works with your body's natural energy, helping to relieve stress, increase mental and emotional clarity and restore harmony. No experience necessary. Bring your yoga mat and experience the calming and balancing effects of sound healing. Sound bath experience generously donated by *WildRoots Wellness & Revival* of Watertown, NY.

## **EXPLORING VERNAL POOLS**

**Saturday, May 16 // 1:00 p.m.**

Ever wonder where all the frogs and salamanders go when they wake up from sleeping through the winter? Join us to learn about vernal pools and how they help our local wildlife. The program will include a hike, so dress for the weather. Recommended for ages 5+.

## **SUMMERTIME KICKOFF: FIELD GAMES** *sponsored by the Friends of the Nature Center*

**Saturday, May 23 // 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.** (Greased Watermelon Relay Race: 1:00 p.m.)

Come up to our field for some awesome summer games! Weather permitting, we'll offer a variety of outdoor games that will be sure to have you primed for summer! Suitable for all ages. Call the Nature Center to sign your team up for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual *Greased Watermelon Relay Race!*

## **BIRDWATCHING: EDGE HABITAT**

**Saturday, May 30 // 9:00 a.m.**

Discover the birding hotspot where the forest meets the field! Join us in exploring our dynamic edge habitat – a biodiverse boundary offering food, shelter, and nesting spots for birds. We'll practice "slow looking" and seating will be available. Suitable for all skill levels; binoculars available.

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# **JUNE**

## **SUCCULENT GARDEN** *sponsored by the Friends of the Nature Center*

**Saturday, June 6 // 1:00 p.m.**

Calling all plant lovers! Come celebrate National Great Outdoors Month by creating a little succulent garden. Once our gardens are created, join us for a guided hike. This program is recommended for ages 12+. All materials provided. Program fee is \$10. Space is limited, please RSVP to reserve your spot.

## **MINNA REMIX: BIRDING THE MARSH**

**Saturday, June 13 // 9:00 a.m.**

Inspired by Minna Anthony Common's 1939 article entitled *Spring Marshes Draw Many Birds*, we'll be reprising her field observations in the present day. Join us on the trail to look for birds in the marshlands. Beginners welcome; binoculars available. Articles reprinted with permission of the Watertown Daily Times.

## **WOOL FELTING** *with primitive bushcrafter Jack Downing*

**Saturday, June 20 // 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

Join bushcrafter Jack Downing to learn a skill called "felting," and make a hat of your own! Felting is the blending of animal hairs to make fabric and has been around since 6500 B.C. Since then, it has expanded to make so many items of importance to people, not just for warmth but also for fashion. One of the most famous uses, felt hats have kept heads warm and sun out of the eyes for thousands of years! As with our other heritage crafts, please bring a lunch or snack and plan to settle in with us to learn this wonderful craft. Space is limited, so please call the Nature Center to register soon!

**SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION** *sponsored by the Friends of the Nature Center*

**Sunday, June 21 // 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**

Join us for a special celebration of the summer solstice! We'll spend the evening with music, refreshments, natural mandalas, flower crowns, and more! Summer never started so good! RSVP appreciated by 6/15.

**BARN QUILT WORKSHOP: PATRIOTIC**

**Saturday, June 27 // 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

This barn quilt workshop is a must for all patriots! Today, we'll tackle the larger 2'x2' barn quilts with a patriotic theme that'll make your home beautiful for America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday! Please bring a lunch and water bottle. \$50 fee. Register by 6/22 by calling the Nature Center. Recommended for ages 12+.

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