

FAMILY PROGRAMS



The World of Birds Around Us

Saturday, March 25

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Pete Bacinski, retired *NJ Audubon Birds Program Director*, introduces you and your family to the world of backyard birds right here in New Jersey. How do you get hooked on bird watching? What are the benefits and challenges to birding? Enjoy a power point presentation illustrating the variety and beauty of our local avian population. **Fee:** \$10/IC, \$12/OC

Recommended for: Adults with children ages 10 & up.

SATURDAY OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Families with children of all ages are invited to take part in weekly theme hikes/nature related talks. Programs last about 45 minutes. Dress appropriately for the weather. Donations Appreciated.

Mar. 11 Winter Seasonal - Explore the Watchung Reservation in winter. Hike the nursery trails to search for deer paths, rabbit tracks and other animal signs. Learn to identify some animal neighbors by footprints left behind. **2:00 PM.**

Mar. 18 Winter Tree I.D. - Discover why trees lose their leaves for the winter. Work with your family to use buds, branches and bark to identify tulip, beech, dogwood and walnut trees. Learn which tree smells fruity, looks like an elephant's foot or has bark like an alligator's skin. **2:00 PM.**

Mar. 25 Early Spring Hike - As spring arrives, plants, trees and animals are becoming active. Explore the Reservation for young leaves, spring peeper frogs, groundhogs and other signs of spring. **2:00 PM.**



ASTRONOMY DAY AT TRAILSIDE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

ADMISSION IS FREE

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Presented by Amateur Astronomers, Inc.



Presentations on astronomy suitable for the entire family. Enjoy children's activities, presentations on meteorites, solar observing and information on the great American 2017 solar eclipse.

STARGAZING AT UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

7:30 - 10:30 PM

Visit the William Miller Sperry Observatory for an evening of night sky gazing (weather permitting).
1033 Springfield Ave. Cranford.

For additional information visit the Amateur Astronomers, Inc.
www.asterism.org or email info@asterism.org.