



2007 PUBLIC HIKES

All hikes are offered as a public service by volunteers for the Thousand Acre Swamp Sanctuary, a property of the Central and Western New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. They are free and open to the public. Hikes begin in the sanctuary parking lot, located in Penfield at 1581 Jackson Road between Atlantic Avenue and Plank Road, opposite Penfield Center Road. The driveway is adjacent to Penfield Volunteer Ambulance. Please be prompt. For information, contact Shirley Shaw (585) 385-3907.

To schedule group hikes, contact Sue Pixley (585) 586-6677. We regret that we cannot accommodate scout groups, clubs, and other organizations on our public hikes.

Sat. Apr. 14
9:00 AM

Thousand Acre Spring Work Day
Tom McColloch
Volunteer to help keep Thousand Acre's trails in good condition. Bring your willingness to work (along with gloves, boots, rakes, and shovels if you have them) for this trail maintenance project. Refreshments provided.

Fri. Apr. 20
7:30 PM

Saturn Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. Apr. 21
7:30 AM

Return of the Bluebirds
Jay Greenberg Greg Hartenstein
Binoculars will enhance your sightings.

Sun. Apr. 22
2:00 PM

Earth Day Family Hike
Dick Adamus Jean Squire-Gefell
Bring your children to learn about nature and enjoy this special day.

Sat. Apr. 28
8:30 AM

Weather or Not
Kevin Williams
Learn the answers to your weather questions as we hike the Swamp.

Sat. May 5
10:00 AM

Spring Wildflowers
Carl Herrgesell Grace Strong

Sat. May 12
7:30 AM

Migratory Birds
Richard Ashworth Jay Greenberg
Binoculars will enhance your sightings.

Sat. May 19
7:30 AM

Bird Songs
Jay Greenberg Dave Strong
Carolyn Ragan
Binoculars will enhance your sightings.

Fri. May 25
8:00 PM

Venus Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. June 9
10:00 AM

You Can't Get There from Here
Jackson Thomas
Learn fundamentals of making a map while exploring the Swamp's trail system. Bring a compass if you have one.

Fri. June 22
8:30 PM

First Quarter Moon Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. July 14
9:00 AM

Summer Wildflowers
Carl Herrgesell Frank Crombe

Fri. July 20
8:30 PM

Space Trash Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. July 21
9:00 AM

Ferns
Carl Herrgesell Jackson Thomas
Helen Rice
Hand lens helpful.

Sun. July 29
2:00 PM

Flying Jewels
Mary Jane Proschel
Spend the afternoon enjoying the beauty of our meadows' dragonflies, damsel flies, and butterflies. No nets, please. Binoculars will enhance your sightings.

Fri. Aug. 3
8:00 PM

Sounds of the Night
Martha Zettel Bill O'Neill
Explore the sounds of the Swamp at twilight. Our bat biologists will bring special equipment allowing us to listen in on ultrasonic sounds created by bats, crickets, and katydids. Bring flashlight and be prepared for lots of mosquitoes.

Sun. Aug. 12
8:30 PM

Perseid Meteor Shower Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Bring flashlight and lawn or lounge chair. Dress for cool evenings.

Fri. Aug. 24
8:00 PM

Jupiter Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. Sept. 1
8:00 AM

Returning Migrants
Dave Strong Greg Hartenstein Carolyn Ragan
Help us put together a fall bird list for the Swamp. This 2-3 hour walk of all trails will enable us to collect the data necessary.

Sat. Sept. 8
10:00 AM

Hidden Worlds
Jackson Thomas
Hidden Worlds introduces some of what lies beyond the ability of our body's sensory systems to perceive. Hand lens helpful.

Sat. Sept. 15
10:00 AM

Fall Wildflowers
Carl Hergesell Grace Strong

Fri. Sept. 21
6:30 PM

Mercury Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sun. Sept. 23
2:00 PM

Fungi with Fun Guys
Dave Wolf Don Wolf
Enjoy a leisurely afternoon walk while discovering and identifying mushrooms and other fungi.

Sat. Sept. 29
9:00 AM

Thousand Acre Fall Work Day
Tom McColloch
Volunteer to help keep Thousand Acre's trails in good condition. Bring your willingness to work (along with gloves, boots, rakes, and shovels if you have them) for this trail maintenance project. Refreshments provided.

Sat. Oct. 13
10:00 AM

Brush Hour
Frank Crombe Shirley Shaw
Enjoy autumn's show of color and add to your knowledge of trees and shrubs.

Fri. Oct. 19
6:30 PM

Andromeda Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. Oct. 27
10:00 AM

Signs of Wildlife
Jean Squire-Gefell
Become a nature detective and discover the signs that animals leave behind. Find out what the animals of the swamp are up to on this hike paced for families.

Children

Some hikes are designed especially for children and their parents, and children are welcome at all public hikes. We encourage their questions, their sightings, their comments, and their enthusiasm. Parents must accompany their children at all times and should advise them of the rules prior to arrival: walk on trails, leave plant material undisturbed, talk quietly, and allow all participants to enjoy the program.

The pace and content of some hikes may not be appropriate for all ages. If you find that the hike you are attending is unsuitable for your child, simply advise the hike leader that you'll be leaving the group. You and your child are then free to explore and observe on your own.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Clothing

Dress in hiking clothes suitable for weather conditions. Trails are muddy and bordered with poison ivy, so have appropriate footwear. Mosquitoes thrive in warm weather; protect yourself with insect repellent and appropriate covering.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Central and Western New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy welcomes volunteers for assistance with office work, trail maintenance, Preserve clean-up, and more. Please call (585) 546-8030 ext. 21.

We request that visitors refrain from smoking.

We Need Your Support

The Thousand Acre Swamp Sanctuary, a local project of The Nature Conservancy, is funded by private donations. Programs such as our guided hikes are possible only through the generous donations of time by our volunteer guides.

Yes, I want to help preserve Thousand Acre Swamp. Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution of \$_____

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