

BAS Field Trips and other public programs for 2008

Please call (585)457-3228 to sign up for any of these programs.

May

- 3 – Sat. 10am – 1pm - **Geocaching 101 workshop** @ North Tonawanda Preserve Learn what this high tech treasure hunting game is all about and then try to find some geocaches in the preserve. Bring a lunch, gps if possible. Meet at the Raymond St./Birch Dr. entrance. (Paul Fehringer) (\$7/\$5)
- 3 – Sat 10am-2pm **Spring Wildflowers in the Klydel Wetlands.** Explore the wetlands in North Tonawanda as we look for the many spring ephemerals in the area. Meet at the Raymond St./Birch Dr. entrance. (Brenda Young & Bob Johnson) (\$5/\$3)
- 4 – Sun. 7:30pm - **Owl Prowl** at Beaver Meadow Meet some non-releasable live owls in the Visitor Center then head on out on the trails as we try to call in screech, barred and great horned owls. Limit 30 people. **(NO EXCEPTIONS – MUST SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME)**. (Chuck Rosenberg & Paul Fehringer) (\$10/\$7)
- 8 – Thurs. 7–10am - **Morning Bird Walk in Amherst State Park** (Gerry Rising). Suitable for adults and children aged 12 and over. Participants should bring binoculars if possible. **Maximum 15 persons.** Group will walk about one mile, some on uneven trails. (\$5/\$3)
- 10 – Sat. 8am-? **Birding Hunters Creek Park** Take a leisurly hike through this beautiful forest to find the many species of birds that reside here. (Rich Kingston) (\$5/\$3)
- 10 – Sat. 9-11am - **Spring Flora of Counterfeiter's Ledge**, east of Clarence. Suitable for adults and children ages 12 and over. **Maximum 10 persons.** Woodland walk for rich spring flora on the Onondaga Escarpment. (Jim Bataglia) (\$5/\$3)
- 17 – Sat. 9am-2pm – **Moss Lake Bog.** Suitable for adults and children ages 12 and over. An easy ¾-mile walk on established upland trails around the bog and a short boardwalk on the bog, so feet shouldn't get wet! Bring a trail lunch and water. (Wayne Gall) (\$5/\$3)

June

- 7 – Sat. 8-noon **Birding in Wyoming County Forestry on Sodom Rd** This is a leisurely walk on a fairly level trail to find the woodland species of the area. (Rich Kingston) (\$5/\$3)
- 7 – Sat 7-8:30pm **Nature Stories by the Campfire** Listen to tales of nature including some Native American stories, while you roast marshmallows by the campfire. (Paul Fehringer) (\$5/\$3)
- 14 – Sat. 9am-2pm - **Erie County Forestry Walk** An easy walk through one of Erie County's lesser known forests. Bring a lunch. (Donna Barski) (\$5/\$3)
- 14 – Sat. 9-11pm - **Bugs by Nightlight** Meet at the Visitor's Center at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, North Java. Suitable for families (adults and supervised children). Observe night-flying insects such as moths, beetles, etc., attracted to a mercury vapor light and white sheet after dark. Participants should be suitably dressed and bring repellent to deal with possible biting mosquitoes. (Wayne Gall) (\$5/\$3)
- 15 – Sun. 10am-noon - **Hike at Rushing Stream** A short walk through the preserve. (Bill Michalek) (\$5/\$3)
- 21 – Sat. 5-7pm - **Summer Solstice Celebration Hike and Paddle at Hanging Bog!** On this longest day of the year - we'll take a leisurely afternoon hike on the trail around the bog followed with an evening paddle, the best time and place to view wildlife and the sunset. If you don't want to paddle - you can still enjoy the afternoon hike and then wildlife watch from the dock while others paddle around the bog. Canoes are available from Beaver Meadow. If you don't know how to canoe, you can partner up with an experienced paddler. Signup by June 19th. Call Donna Barski at 585-492-022 for more details and to sign up! (Donna Barski) (\$7/\$5)

July

- 5 – Sat. 9am-1pm **Annual Allenburg Bog walk** A casual hike through the preserve in search of springtime flora and other interesting facets of this unique environment. (Bob Johnson & Brenda Young) (\$5/\$3)
- 5 – Sat. 10am-2pm **Zoar Valley Summertime walk** A walk through the gorge in search of old growth trees and other fascinating aspects of this natural wonder. Walk may be strenuous at times. Bring a lunch. (Bill Michalek) (\$7/\$5)
- 11 – Fri. 9am-2pm **Canoe Trip** (Paul Fehringer) (\$7/\$5)
- 12 – Sat. 8:30am-? **Nature of Stony Brook State Park, Dansville.** Suitable for families (adults and supervised children). Approximately four-mile hike on gorge and rim trails to observe flora, fauna, and beautiful gorge scenery. Occasionally strenuous walk up long flights of stairs, slopes and on uneven woodland trails. Bring trail lunch and water. Bring your favorite picnic foods for optional picnic afterwards (bathing suit also!). Park entrance fee per vehicle. (Wayne Gall) (\$5/\$3)
- 18 – Fri. 7-9pm **Full Moon Walk** Enjoy an evening hike through the preserve as we look and listen for the night creatures that reside at BMAC. Meet at the Visitor Center at BMAC (\$5/\$3)

August

- 2 – Sat. 9am-3pm - **Creeker Sneaker on the South Branch of Cattaraugus Creek, Zoar Valley** Bring lunch & water, wear water shoes or old sneakers to get wet! Participants should have good mobility for walking on uneven and slippery surfaces. Four-mile walk (round-trip) in stream bed to Big Falls to observe flora, fauna, and geological features. Suitable for families (adults and supervised children). (Wayne Gall & Ray Vaughan) (\$7/\$5)
- 6 – Wed. 7-9pm - **Dusk Hike @ Rose Acres** This casual hike will explore the nightlife of the preserve. (Bill Michalek) (\$5/\$3)
- 9 – Sat. 9am-2pm **Franklin Gulf Hike** Explore the gorge and seek out flora and fauna unique to this environment. Some strenuous hiking may be involved. Bring a lunch. (Paul Fehringer & Bill Hudson) (\$5/\$3)
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- 23 – Sat 10am-2pm - **Coastal Ecosystems Hike @ Woodlawn Beach** Bring a lunch. Explore the coastal ecosystem of Lake Erie. (Bill Hudson) (\$5/\$3)

September

- 4 – Thurs. 9am-2pm **Canoe Trip** bring a lunch. (\$7/\$5)
- 6 – Sat 10am-noon **Mushroom Walk** Meet at the Beaver Meadow Visitor Center. Explore the woods of Beaver Meadow as we seek out the many varieties of mushrooms. (Sarah Tobin) (\$5/\$3)
- 13 – Sat. 9:30am-noon - **Geology of the Niagara Gorge** Optional additional trip in early afternoon to see upper gorge locations such as the Whirlpool, depending on weather and participant interest. Suitable for persons age 15 and over; younger children may participate if accompanied by an adult. Maximum 25 persons. Moderately strenuous; participants must be able to walk on uneven trail. (Ray Vaughan & Joe Sullivan) (\$5/\$3)
- 20 – Sat. 9am-2pm **Zoar Valley Fall walk** Bring a lunch. Explore the gorge during this colorful time of year. (\$7/\$5)

October

25 - 4 – **Owl Prowl** at Beaver Meadow Head on out on the trails as we try to call in screech, barred and great horned owls. Limit 30 people **(NO EXCEPTIONS – MUST SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME)**. (Chuck Rosenburg & Paul Fehringer) (\$10/\$7)