

**BAS Field Trips and other public programs for 2010**  
**Please call (585)457-3228 to sign up for any of these programs.**

**January**

- 2 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Adventure Hike"** Hike along the trails of Knox Farm in search of wildlife and other discoveries. (Knox Farm SP, free)
- 9 - Sat 9:30-11am **Joe Davis in the Winter** Take a walk through the Joe Davis State Park and discover the wildlife that resides there. (Chuck Bartlett, Joe Davis SP, \$Donation)
- 9 – Sat 10am-? **Winter Tree ID Hike** It's easy to identify those trees in the summer when the leaves are on the branches. But can you identify them when they are bare? Learn how during a walk through the Beaver Meadow Arboretum. (BMAC, \$5/\$3 members)
- 16 - Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "A Frosty Hike"** Hike along the trails of Knox Farm in search of wildlife and other discoveries. (Knox Farm SP, free)
- 21 – Thurs 7pm-? **Animals From Around the World** Join Mark Carra for a fascinating visit with some unique creatures from across the globe. (Mark Carra, East Aurora Library, \$donation)
- 23 – Sat 10am-? **Tree ID Snowshoe Hike at South Park** Most people go to South Park just to visit the Botanical Gardens, but the surrounding park (one of Buffalo's Olmsted parks) is filled with majestic trees and fascinating history, both natural and man-made. This hike will introduce you to the basics of both tree id and snowshoeing. Bring your own snowshoes or use one of our pairs. Dress for the weather! Call Beaver Meadow to sign up. Meet in front of the Botanical Gardens (Bill Michalek, South Park, \$5/\$3 members)
- 30 – Sat 6-8pm **Full Moon Snowshoe Hike** Explore the Beaver Meadow preserve at night. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Bring your own snowshoes or borrow ours. (Beaver Meadow, \$5/\$3 members)

**February**

- 6 - Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Hibernation"** Learn about the seven sleepers in Western New York as we hike along the trails in search of signs of those animals that stay awake all winter. (Knox Farm SP, Free)
- 6 – Sat 10am-12:30pm **Winter Tree ID at Kennequen** Join naturalist John Sly for a walk through the woods at the WNY Land Conservancy's Kennequen preserve in Wales and discover how to identify trees during the winter months.. (John Sly, Kennequen, \$donation) Limit of 15 people
- 12 – Fri – 10am-noon **Great Backyard Bird Count Training Workshop** Learn the tricks on how to have a successful count. We'll teach you how to attract the birds to your backyard and how to identify the most common feeder birds in our area. (Paul Fehringer, BMAC, \$Free)
- 12-15 **The Great Backyard Bird Count.** Enjoy watching the birds in your yard and count them for science. Just watch and record for 15 minutes on any or all of the days. For more information visit [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc) (You, your yard, free)
- 12 – Fri 5-8pm **Valentine Snowshoe Hike** Grab your snowshoes and your sweetheart and join us for an evening hike through the nature preserve, followed by a warm-up

- around the fireplace with a bowl of chili and hot cocoa. Borrow our snowshoes if you don't have your own. (BMAC, \$20 per couple/\$15 members)
- 13 – Sat 9-11am **EA Parks Hike** “Winter Wildlife and Birding” Take a hike through East Aurora’s newest park on Route 16 just south of the village as we seek out the birds and wildlife that stick it out all winter here. (EA, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 13 – Wed 11am-? **Lost Nations Cross Country Ski** Join us to explore the beautiful area of Lost Nations, just south of the Wyoming County line. We'll ski up and then down the closed road that is bordered by State Forest. The grade is easy to moderate. If we have time we'll check out one of the side trails. Bring a trail lunch or snack. Call Beaver Meadow to sign up. Meet at Arcade Fire Hall on Route 98 just north of the village. (Donna Barski, Lost Nations, \$5/\$3 members)
- 20 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Tracking”** Discover what animals have visited the park as we look for the marks they have left behind. (Knox Farm SP, Free)
- 27 – Sat 9-11am **EA Parks Hike “An Iroquois Winter”** Take a hike through JP Nicely Park in West Falls as we discover how the Iroquois would have seen the woods in the winter. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)

### **March**

- 6 - Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “A Quiet Hike”** Take a quiet stroll through the variety of habitats in the park as we listen to what nature has to say. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 13 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike “The Art of Tracking”** Take a hike through East Aurora’s newest park on Route 16 just south of the village as we discover what animals have been around and what they have left behind. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 13 – Sat 10-11:00am – **Dying to Help the Environment** A lighthearted look at how our funeral and burial practices can be harmful to the environment. We will look at the growing trend towards environmentally friendly burial practices. We will also learn about planned giving. (Paul Fehringer, BMAC, donation)
- 20 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Signs of Spring”** Walk with us through the park as we search for the many signs that winter is letting go and spring is just around the corner. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 27 – Sat 9am-3pm **Wyoming County Blood Drive** Give the gift of life. Donate blood and enjoy the satisfaction of helping others. (BMAC, Free)
- 27 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike “Migration”** Take a hike through Sinking Ponds in East Aurora as we learn why birds migrate and see what birds have stuck around. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 27 – 10am-noon **Members Only Program - Maple Sugaring – Past & Present** Maple sugaring as practiced by Native Americans, early settlers and modern producers. Please dress warmly. Note: A pancake brunch will be available following the program for a donation – Adults \$5.00/Children \$3.00 Co-sponsored by Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc. ***This is a benefit to our members and their guests. Join the BAS to enjoy this program and other member benefits.***
- 27 – Sat 11-12am **Cold Blooded Critters presentation** After (or before) you give blood, join us for an informative meet and greet of our reptiles and amphibians. (BMAC, Free)

- 27 – Sat 1-2pm **Tracking** Relax after your blood drive donation with a slideshow presentation about wildlife tracking. (BMAC, Free)

### **April**

- 3 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Listening to the Trees"** Listen to the trees and the nature around you as you take a peaceful walk through the park. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 3 – Sat 10-11:00am – **Frogwatch Training workshop** Learn how to join in on the excitement of counting frogs. This citizen science program is allowing researchers to determine how frogs are doing in our area and across the world. Anyone can participate in their own yards or at Beaver Meadow. (Paul Fehringer, Beaver Meadow, donation)
- 3 – Sat 11-noon – **Ebird Training workshop** Learn how to use your enjoyment of watching birds to help researchers learn more about our feathered friends. We will teach you all about the EBird citizen science program and how to use the EBird website. (Paul Fehringer, Beaver Meadow, donation)
- 3 – Sat 8-10pm **Owl Prowl at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge** Pre-registration is required. Call the refuge headquarters at 585-948-5445. Join local owling expert Chuck Rosenburg on a nighttime quest to see our local species of nocturnal hunters on the wing. Chuck's prodigious talent for imitating calls of the screech, barred, and great horned owls is a must see, and a walk in the nighttime woods is always an experience to remember. (Iroquois Wildlife Refuge, Free)
- 7 – Wed 6:30pm **BAS MEMBER PROGRAM** Patrick Marren, Regional Forester for the DEC, will present on the natural history and status of the Emerald Ash Borer in Western NY. The program will be held at the Reinstein Woods Visitor Center, with refreshments served at 6:30 pm and the program starting at 7pm. If you would like to join us for this fascinating program, become a member at [www.buffaloaudubon.com/membership.htm](http://www.buffaloaudubon.com/membership.htm)
- 10 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike - New Park – Signs of Spring** – Take a look around for signs that the cold winter is drawing to a close. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 10 – 8-10pm **Owl Prowl at Beaver Meadow Audubon** Pre-registration is required. Join local owling expert Chuck Rosenburg on a nighttime quest to see our local species of nocturnal hunters on the wing. Chuck's prodigious talent for imitating calls of the screech, barred, and great horned owls is a must see, and a walk in the nighttime woods is always an experience to remember. Start the evening with a visit with some non-releasable live owls as Senior Naturalist Paul Fehringer introduces you to some of his feathered friends. (BMAC, by donation)
- 17 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "The Ponds at Knox Farm"** Take a walk to some of the ponds in Knox Farm to discover what life lurks there. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 24 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike - Hamlin Park – Bluebirds** – Learn about our state bird and grab the binoculars as we try to spot some bluebirds in the park. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 24 – Sat. 10am-2pm- **Spring Wildflower ID Workshop** – Take a stroll around Beaver Meadow and Rose Acres in search of our spring ephemerals and learn tricks to identification. (BMAC, \$5/\$3members)
- 24 – Sat 8pm-? – **Spring Peeper/Woodcock Walk** at Beaver Meadow. (BMAC, \$5/\$3 members)

- 25 – Sun 10am – **Members Only Program - Spring Wildflowers in Zoar Valley** Zoar Valley is a treat to explore at any time of year, but the spring wildflower display is breathtaking. Many of the flowers we'll see are only in bloom for a few weeks out of the year, and each year we find new species to enjoy. This is a hike of moderate difficulty with some steep and muddy slopes. (Bill Michalek, Valentine Flats, Free to members) *This is a benefit to our members and their guests. Join the BAS to enjoy this program and other member benefits.*

### **May**

- 1 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Spring Ephemeral Hike”** Learn about these spring time plants that hide in the woods at Knox Farm. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 1 – 10am-? Spring **Members Only Program - Birding in Amherst State Park** Join veteran birders Gerry Rising and Mike Galas on this annual spring outing searching for spring migrants. Warblers and other neotropical migrants are often highlights of the walk, and birders of all skill levels are welcome! (Gerry Rising & Mike Galas, Amherst State Park, Free to members) *This is a benefit to our members and their guests. Join the BAS to enjoy this program and other member benefits.*
- 1 – 830-1030pm **Owl Prowl at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge** Pre-registration is required. Call the refuge headquarters at 585-948-5445. Join local owling expert Chuck Rosenburg on a nighttime quest to see our local species of nocturnal hunters on the wing. Chuck's prodigious talent for imitating calls of the screech, barred, and great horned owls is a must see, and a walk in the nighttime woods is always an experience to remember. (Iroquois Wildlife Refuge, Free)
- 8 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike - New Park - Spring Wildflowers** – Explore the park as we seek out the wildflowers that are beginning to emerge. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 8 – Sat 8pm-? – **Spring Peeper/Woodcock Walk** at Beaver Meadow. (BMAC, \$5/\$3 members)
- 15 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Nature @ Knox”** Let's take a leisurely hike along the trails at the park to see what we can find. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 22 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike - Hubbard Road Park – The Other Side of the Creek** – Explore the Hubbard Road side of the park. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)

### **June**

- 5 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "What's Bugging You"** Learn all about the creepy crawlies that are all around Knox Farm. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 12 - Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike - New Park – Mini Survival Workshop** – Learn how to survive if lost in the wilderness. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 18 – Fri 7:30-9 – **The Amazing world of Bats** – Join Naturalist Jon Townsend for a talk about bats. After the talk we will head out and try to locate the bats at Beaver Meadow and listen to their high pitched echo-location with a special listening device. (Jon Townsend, BMAC, \$5/\$3 members)
- 19 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Habitat Study”** Grab your binoculars, magnifying glass, and your enthusiasm as we study the diversity of the many different habitats within the park. (Knox Farm, Free)

- 19 – Sat. 10am-2pm **Zoar Valley Springtime 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. (\$5/\$3 members)
- 26 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** Warren Drive Park – Wild Edibles and Medicinals – Learn which wild plants have been used for food or medicine throughout time. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 26 – Sat. 1-4pm - **Geocaching 101 workshop** @ Emery Park. Learn what this high tech treasure hunting game is all about and then try to find some geocaches in the park. Bring a lunch and a gps if possible. Meet at the main entrance on the South side of the park. (Paul Fehringer, Emery Park, \$5/\$3 members)
- 26 – Sat 9-11pm **Bugs by Nightlight** Join Nathan Lefort as he attracts bugs to a white sheet and explore the fascinating world of insects. (Nathan Lefort, BMAC, \$5/\$3 members)

### **July**

- 3 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “The Wild Side of Knox Farm”** Explore some of the more “remote” trails in the park. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 10 - Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** New Park – Creek Exploration – Join us for a study of the creek that flows through the park. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 10 – Sat. 10am-1pm **Annual Allenberg Bog walk** A casual hike through the preserve in search of summertime flora and other interesting facets of this unique environment. (Bob Johnson & Brenda Young, Allenberg Bog, \$5/\$3)
- 16 – Fri. 10am-2pm – **Annual Oak Orchard Canoe Trip** Oak Orchard Creek flows through the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and offers plenty of birding and wildlife opportunities from red-headed woodpeckers to bald eagles. Bring a lunch. Meet at the refuge headquarters on Casey Road. (\$7/\$5, canoe rental extra)
- 17 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "The Forest Floor"** What lurks on the forest floor. Join us as we search the forest floor for all kinds of things. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 17 – 10-4 – **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for the Birds** – Motorcycle Dice Run to benefit Beaver Meadow.
- 23 – Fri 8-9:30pm **Nature Stories by the Campfire** Listen to tales of nature including some Native American stories, while you roast marshmallows by the campfire. (Paul Fehringer, BMAC, \$5/\$3members)
- 24 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** Nicely Park - Geocaching 101 – Learn about this fairly new treasure hunting sport as we seek out the caches hidden in the park (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)

### **August**

- 7 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Flying Flowers"** Join our hunt for butterflies and moths that hang around at the park. Discover the many winged beauties throughout the diverse habitats. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 14 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** New Park - Nature Up Close – Grab your magnifying glasses as we explore the somewhat hidden world of nature around us. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 14 – Sat. 10am-2pm - **Canoe Trip** Place TBD Bring a lunch. (\$7/\$5, canoe rental extra)

- 21 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Fabulous Ferns”** Search out the forests of Knox Farm for the many varieties of ferns found in our area. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 21 – Sat. 8-9:30pm **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)
- 27 – Fri 8-9:30pm **Nature Stories by the Campfire** Listen to tales of nature including some Native American stories, while you roast marshmallows by the campfire. (Paul Fehringer, BMAC, \$5/\$3members)
- 28 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** Hubbard Rd Park – A Quiet Hike – Enjoy a leisurly and quiet walk through the woods and listen to what nature has to say. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 28 – Sat 9am **Geology Hike at Kenneglenn** Kenneglenn is a 130-acre expanse that runs along the spectacular Hunter's Creek gorge. The Preserve features wetlands and forest lands, as well as beautiful views of the gently rolling hills that are characteristic of southern Erie County. This hike will explore the geology of the Hunter’s Creek gorge. *Co-sponsored by the Western New York Land Conservancy* (donation requested)

### **September**

- 4 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Flippin' Rocks"** Join us on this day before International Rock Flipping Day to explore the world hidden under the rocks. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 5 – Sun 2-4pm – **International Rock Flipping Day** at Beaver Meadow. Join us as we discover what is living beneath the rocks. (BMAC, \$donation)
- 11 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** New Park - Wildlife Hike – Enjoy a stroll through the park in search of signs of wildlife. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 12 – Sun 2-4pm – **National Grandparents Day Stroll** Bring your grandparents and take a stroll along the trails at Beaver Meadow followed by some refreshments. (BMAC, \$donation)
- 18 – 8am-noon **Member Only Hike - Fall Birding at Forest Lawn and Delaware Park** A hike through the beautiful scenery of these urban parks searching for resident and migrant species. (David Gordon, Buffalo, Free to members) *This is a benefit to our members and their guests. Join the BAS to enjoy this program and other member benefits.*
- 18 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “The Acrobats of Knox”** Enjoy watching the antics of the many squirrels that reside in the park. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 24 – Fri. 8-9:30pm - **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)
- 25 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** Hamlin Park stage – Birds of Prey – Learn about hawks, owls and falcons as you meet some live birds of prey. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)

### **October**

- 2 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Fall Foliage Hike"** Take a stroll along the Knox Farm trails as we enjoy the splendor of Autumn. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 9 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** New Park – Rock Flippin’ – Flip over some rocks (gently of course) and discover what lies beneath. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 16 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Sights and Sounds of Autumn"** Take a walk through the diverse habitats of the park and explore the beauty of nature using all your senses. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 16 – Sat 10-2 – **Zoar Valley Fall walk** Bring a lunch. Explore the gorge during this colorful time of year. (Zoar Valley, \$5/\$3)
- 23 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** Nicely Park – Autumn Walk – Explore the park in autumn as nature prepares for the winter ahead. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 30 – 630-830pm **Owl Prowl at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge** Pre-registration is required. Call the refuge headquarters at 585-948-5445. Join local owling expert Chuck Rosenberg on a nighttime quest to see our local species of nocturnal hunters on the wing. Chuck’s prodigious talent for imitating calls of the screech, barred, and great horned owls is a must see, and a walk in the nighttime woods is always an experience to remember. (Iroquois Wildlife Refuge, Free)

### **November**

- 6 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Mystery Walk"** The topic is up to our naturalist and you. No matter what you decide to discuss or seek out, enjoy the many habitats of the park. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 13 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** New Park – Sensing Nature – Use all your senses to explore the nature around you. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 20 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Birding in Winter"** Learn how to find and identify the birds that spend the winter in our area. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 27 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** Sinking Ponds – Winter Along the Pond – Explore the pond and the surrounding area as winter approaches. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)
- 28 – Sun 10am **Member Only Program - An Iroquois Winter @ Hunters Creek** A hike exploring the natural world through the eyes of the Iroquois nations that called Western New York home hundreds of years ago. Stories, wildlife folklore, and more will give you a unique perspective on all that we encounter. (Bill Michalek, Centerline Rd Parking Lot, Free to members) *This is a benefit to our members and their guests. Join the BAS to enjoy this program and other member benefits.*

### **December**

- 4 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park "Winter Wonderland"** Take a leisurely hike along the trails to see what winter has to offer in the park. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 11 – Sat 10am-noon **EA Parks Hike -** New Park – Life Under the Snow – Dig into the snow to discover what lies beneath. (East Aurora, \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family)

- 18 – Sat 9am **Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Snow Forts”** Not all animals are hibernating... so where are all the animals dening up this time of year? Search along with us to find out. (Knox Farm, Free)
- 18 – Sat 10-11:30am **Natural Rope Making (cordage)** Learn how to make your own rope from plant fibers. You will have the opportunity to make yourself a bracelet or book marker. Pre-registration is required. (Denise Ashman of Heartwood, Beaver Meadow, \$5/\$3 members)

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