

THOUSAND ACRE SWAMP

2014 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 Marie Heerkens (585) 773-8911.

We also offer private hikes to Scout groups, clubs, and other organizations. If you would like to schedule a private hike for your organization, please contact Sue Pixley (585) 586-6677.

Fri. Aug. 1 Sounds of the Night

8:00 PM Martha Zettel Bill O'Neill

Explore the sounds of the Swamp at twilight. Our 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 mosquitoes.

Tues. Aug. 12 Perseid Meteor Shower Over the Swamp

8:00 PM Steve Gooding Jackson Thomas

Diane Taggart

Bring flashlight and lawn or lounge chair. Dress for cool evenings.

Fri. Aug. 22 Space Junk Over the Swamp

8:00 PM Steve Gooding Jackson Thomas

Diane Taggart

Leaders will provide telescopes; your own binoculars or telescope is welcome. Bring flashlight.

Fri. Sept. 5 Terminator Over the Swamp

7:30 PM Steve Gooding Jackson Thomas

Diane Taggart

Leaders will provide telescopes; your own binoculars or telescopes are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. Sept. 6 Returning Migratory Birds

8:00 AM Carolyn Ragan Chita McKinney

Binoculars will enhance your sightings.

Sat. Sept. 13 Fall Wildflowers

10:00 AM Carol Southby Carl Herrgesell

Hand lens helpful.

Sun. Sept. 14 Fungi with Fun Guys

2:00 PM Dave Wolf Carl Wolf Don Wolf

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon walk while discovering and identifying mushrooms and other fungi.

Sat. Sept. 20 Thousand Acre Fall Work Day

9:00 AM Gregg Sargis

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. 4 Brush Hour

10:00 AM Frank Crombe Shirley Shaw

Enjoy autumn's show of color and add to your knowledge of trees and shrubs.

Fri. Oct. 10 Lunar Eclipse Eclipsed Over the Swamp

6:30 PM Steve Gooding Jackson Thomas

Diane Taggart

Bring flashlight and lawn or lounge chair. Dress for cool evenings.

Sat. Oct. 25 Potions and Poisons

10:00 AM Carl Herrgesell Frank Crombe

Halloween is coming. Hike with us to learn about wild plants and the chemicals in them that are good and bad for people, deer, and other critters.

Children: Some hikes are designed especially for children and their parents, and children are welcome at all public hikes. 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.

Clothing: Dress in hiking clothes suitable for weather and trail conditions. Trails may be muddy and bordered with poison ivy, mosquitoes thrive in warm weather, and ticks have been reported. Long pants tucked into socks, insect repellent and sneakers or hiking shoes are recommended.

Volunteer Opportunities: The Thousand Acre Swamp Committee welcomes volunteers for assistance with hikes, trail maintenance, community education, publicity and more. Please call Sue Pixley at (585) 586-6677.

We request that visitors refrain from smoking. No horses, motorized vehicles or bicycles allowed. No dogs, please, except service animals as the presence of dogs stresses wildlife and their habitat.

Thank you for your cooperation.