

THE THOUSAND ACRE SWAMP SANCTUARY



2009 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) 425-9561.

We also offer private, group 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.

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| Sat. Apr. 25 9:00 AM | Thousand Acre Spring Work Day Tom McColloch <i>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.</i> |
| Sun. Apr. 26 2:00 PM | Earth Day Family Hike Dick Adamus Jean Squire-Gefell <i>Bring your children to learn about nature and enjoy this special day.</i> |
| Fri. May 1 6:30 PM | Evening Walk Dick Adamus <i>Nature walk in the Swamp.</i> |

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| Fri. May 1 7:30 PM | Mercury Over the Swamp Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding Diane Taggart <i>Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.</i> |
| Sat. May 2 10:00 AM | Spring Wildflowers Carl Herrgesell Grace Strong |
| Sat. May 9 8:00 AM | Migratory Birds Richard Ashworth Jay Greenberg <i>Binoculars will enhance your sightings.</i> |
| Thurs. May 14 7:30 AM | Rochester Birding Association Field Trip Jay Greenberg Richard Ashworth <i>Join the RBA on this walk through a variety of habitats with 120 breeding and migratory bird species. Binoculars will enhance your sightings.</i> |
| Sat. May 16 7:30 AM | Bird Songs Dave Strong <i>Binoculars will enhance your sightings.</i> |
| Fri. May 29 8:00 PM | Saturn Over the Swamp Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding <i>Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.</i> |
| Sat. May 30 9:00 AM | Weather or Not Kevin Williams <i>Learn the answers to your weather questions as we hike the Swamp. Come prepared for mosquitoes.</i> |
| Sat. June 20 10:00 AM | You Can't Get There from Here Jackson Thomas <i>Learn fundamentals of making a map while exploring the Swamp's trail system. Bring a compass if you have one.</i> |
| Fri. June 26 8:30 PM | Space Trash Over the Swamp Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding Diane Taggart <i>Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.</i> |
| Sat. July 11 10:00 AM | Hidden Worlds Jackson Thomas <i>Hidden Worlds introduces some of what lies beyond the ability of our body's sensory systems to perceive. Hand lens helpful.</i> |
| Sat. July 18 10:00 AM | Summer Wildflowers Carl Herrgesell Frank Crombe |

Fri. July 24
8:00 PM
Vega Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Diane Taggart
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Fri. July 31
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.

Tues. Aug. 11
7:30 PM
Perseid Meteor Shower Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Diane Taggart
Bring flashlight and lawn or lounge chair. Dress for cool evenings.

Sat. Aug. 22
9:00 AM
Invasive Species Work Day
Gregg Sargis
Volunteer to help eliminate invasive species in the Thousand Acre Swamp. Bring your willingness to work (along with gloves, boots, rakes, and shovels if you have them) for this new project. Refreshments provided.

Fri. Aug. 28
7:30 PM
Northern Cross Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Diane Taggart
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. Aug. 29
10:00 AM
Ferns
Carol Southby Jackson Thomas
Hand lens helpful.

Sat. Sept. 12
10:00 AM
Fall Wildflowers
Carl Herrgesell Grace Strong

Sun. Sept. 20
2:00 PM
Fungi with Fun Guys
Dave Wolf Don Wolf
Enjoy a leisurely afternoon walk while discovering and identifying mushrooms and other fungi.

Fri. Sept. 25
7:00 PM
1st Quarter Moon Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Diane Taggart
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sat. Sept. 26
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. 10
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. 23
6:00 PM
Jupiter Over the Swamp
Jackson Thomas Steve Gooding
Diane Taggart
Leaders will provide telescopes; your own telescope or binoculars are welcome. Bring flashlight.

Sun. Oct. 25
10:00 AM
Family Fall Hike
Jean Squire-Gefell Lynn Hettel
Find out what the signs of fall are in the Swamp 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. 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 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.
No horses, motorized vehicles or bicycles allowed.
No dogs please, except service animals. The presence of dogs stresses wildlife and their habitat.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

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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