

2012 Calendar -- Lehigh Gap Nature Center

NOTE: Additional events will be added to the calendar. Please check <http://lgnc.org> for more information.

Winter Events

January 21 -- Winter Bird Survey

7:30 a.m. to noon. Teams survey birds in northern Lehigh, southern Carbon Counties. Contact us for more information.

February 17, 18, & 19 -- Feeder Watch

Survey birds at your backyard feeder on any of the three days. Previous feeder watchers will automatically receive survey forms in late January/early February. **Contact us at lgnc@ptd.net or 610-760-8889 to sign up.**

February 25 -- Build a Bluebird Nest Box

10:00 a.m. Donation (\$10) for materials requested. **Registration required.**



March 3 -- Birding Field Trip or Bird Walk

Time and destination to be announced. Leader: Bob Hoopes

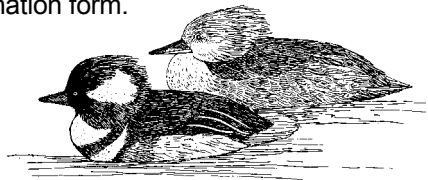
Spring Projects and Events

March 10 -- Regional Trail Consortium Meeting

10:00 a.m. to noon. Learn about what is happening with trails and conservation in the Lehigh Gap area.

March 10 -- Student Ecologist Awards

1:00 at the Osprey House. Award ceremony for high school award winners. Nominations due at LGNC office by February 9. Contact the Center for a nomination form.



Habitat Gardens Project

What: Plant, weed, label, water, etc.
When: Ongoing from March through fall
Comments: Contact us to volunteer.

April 7 -- Spring Clean-up

9:00 a.m. to noon. Rain date -- April 14. Help with spring clean-up around the Osprey House and refuge -- gardening, cleaning out nest boxes, trail maintenance and cleaning chores. Come for the entire time or for an hour or two.

April 21 -- Earth Day Celebration

7:00-- Bird walk at LGNC. Leader: Bob Hoopes
9:00-noon-- Habitat Gardening session and presentation of student research projects.



May 5 -- Natural History Workshops

9:00 a.m. -- Birding Workshop for Beginners and Families. Binoculars available to borrow.
11:00 a.m. -- Life in a Pond
1:00 p.m. -- Tree Identification

May 12 -- 2nd Saturday Bird Walk/Geocaching

7:00 a.m. Looking for spring migrants and resident species. Good time for warblers. Leader: D. Kunkle
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Geocaching event sponsored by Hazleton Geocaching Club.

May 19 -- Natural History Hike

9:00 a.m. -- Hike the Charcoal Trail, North (Blue) Trail, and the AT looking for birds, wildflowers, signs of spring. Bring lunch and water. Return by 2:00 p.m. 1,000 foot elevation gain and loss.



May 20 -- Audubon PA/ATC Appalachian Trail Event. Time and agenda to be announced.

May 27 -- LGNC and LV Audubon Bird Walk at Lehigh Gap 7:00 a.m.--Leader Corey Husic

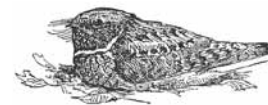
Spring Evening Bird/Nature Walks Dates and times to be announced via email and web site. Call for information.

Speaker Series: A new series of speakers and other programs will be instituted this year. Please see web site or contact us for more information.

Summer Events and Programs

June 9 -- Whip-poor-will Hike

6:15 p.m. -- An evening program and hike at the refuge, concluding after dark listening for Whip-poor-wills. Leaders: Jim Gabovitz and Dan Kunkle



June 16 -- Dragonfly Hunt

10:00 a.m. to noon. Join us to search for dragonflies at the Kittatinny Ponds

June 20 -- Solstice Hike

7:00 p.m. Hike with us on the day with the longest amount of daylight of the year.

June 30 -- Butterfly Survey (rain date July 1)

9:00 a.m. to noon. Another naturalist outing surveying the refuge for butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies, and other insects. Nets and binoculars will be provided.

Summer Evening Bird/Nature Walks Dates and times to be announced via email and web site. Call for information.

Young Ecologists Summer Camp

June 25-29 -- For students finishing grades 6/7. Registration required. Contact the Center for an application. Deadline May 16

Wonderful World of Wildlife

Wednesdays June 20-August 1.
10:00 a.m. at Slatington Public Library, ages 4-11.
Contact the library at 610-767-6461 to register.

Trail Maintenance

What: Help build and maintain Refuge trails
When: Ongoing from March through October
Comments: Contact us to volunteer

July 14 -- Members' Picnic

6:00 p.m. Potluck picnic -- bring a dish to share with everyone. Tour the habitat gardens and stay late for an Astronomy session.

July 21 -- Grassland Hike: Butterflies and Wildflowers

9:00 a.m. to noon. Hike to the grassland reclamation area and deer exclosures to see the flowering forbs we planted and search for butterflies, including the skippers and fritillaries of the grassland.



August 11-- Second Saturday Bird Walk

7:00 a.m. Bird walk at LGNC. Leader, Bob Hoopes.

August 11 -- Summer Clean-up

9:00 a.m. to noon. Get the Osprey House ready for the intern, weed the gardens, and do other maintenance chores around the Osprey House grounds.

August 25 -- Raptor ID and Field Trip

8:30 a.m. to noon. Raptor Identification workshop at the Osprey House, followed by a field trip to Bake Oven Knob in search of Bald Eagles and Ospreys



September 8 -- Second Saturday Bird Walk

9:00 a.m. Visit to Bake Oven Knob to see Bald Eagles, Ospreys and Broadwings

**August 15 - November 25
Bake Oven Knob Hawk Count**

Join us on the lookout to help with the 52nd annual Autumn Hawk Count as a volunteer counter or spotter, to learn about the raptors, their ecology and migrations, or just to enjoy the view and the spectacle of the hawk flight. The lookout is staffed daily by our research intern or by LGNC volunteers.



September 21,22,23 -- Migration Festival

Friday, 7:00 p.m. Hawk ID Workshop

Saturday, 7:00 a.m. **Warbler Watch**. Birding for warblers and other fall migrants.



Saturday 10:00 a.m. **Monarch Magic**. Monarch Butterfly migration workshop. Help us catch and tag monarchs.

Saturday, 7:00 p.m. Speaker -- to be announced.

Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. **HawkFest**. Our annual celebration of hawk migration and Appalachian Mountain ecology. Learn about the annual fall spectacle of hawks migrating along the Kittatinny Ridge and how to identify raptors. Displays include live raptors, reptiles, and amphibians.

October 6 -- 2nd Annual Trail Run (10K/3K)

Register at Active.com under Lehigh Gap Trail Run.

October 13 -- Second Saturday Bird Walk

8:30 a.m. to noon. A field trip to Bake Oven Knob to observe the hawk migration.



October 20 -- Autumn Refuge Hike

1:00 p.m. Hike with us through the prairie grasses and the Chestnut Oak Trail. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. This will be a six mile hike with a 600 foot elevation gain. Great views.

October 27 -- Halloween Campfire and Critters

7:30 p.m. Owls, bats, spiders and s'mores!

November/December -- Hawk Watch Dinner

6:00 p.m. Date to be announced.

December 1 -- Holiday Open House

1:00 - 3:00p.m. Join us for holiday crafts and explore nature in winter. Bring some goodies to share and make a holiday decoration for your home.

Contact Information
phone: 610-760-8889
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web site: www.lgnc.org

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2012 Calendar of Events

All events begin at the Osprey House in Lehigh Gap and are free to the public (unless noted otherwise). Events are sponsored by a Lehigh County Quality of Life grant. For directions, see <http://lgnc.org> or contact us at lgnc@ptd.net or 610-760-8889.