



# SPRING PROGRAMMING 2021

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS AT LEAST ONE BUSINESS DAY IN ADVANCE.**



**OUR PROGRAMS ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT AND MAY BE CANCELLED FOR BAD WEATHER.**



## Wellness Walks

**Mondays, March 8, 22  
April 5, 19  
May 10, 24  
10:30-11:30AM**

Come enjoy nature with others looking to get outside. This walk is geared towards gentle exercise and those with basic fitness levels. This program will not take place in bad weather. Locations TBD.

## Volunteer Meetings

**Wednesdays, March 24,  
April 21, and May 26  
6:00-7:00PM**

Get caught up on events and the latest programs and projects. Everyone is welcome, from those who are interested in learning more about volunteering to our longtime regulars! This event will be held virtually over Zoom. To register and get this link, please email volunteer coordinator, Erin, at [emccabe@wiltonpreserve.org](mailto:emccabe@wiltonpreserve.org).

## Moonlight Hikes

**March 27, 28 8:00-9:00PM  
April 24, 25 8:30-9:30PM  
May 23, 24 9:00-10:00PM**

Are you interested in seeing the Preserve at night? View nature in a new light, as we walk the trails in moonlight. An unforgettable experience for all ages!

## FrogWatch Training

**Tuesday, March 30  
6:30-8:30PM**

This is virtual program partnering with Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center. Participate in this training to become a citizen scientist for FrogWatch USA! Learn how identify frogs and toads by sight and sound as their season rapidly approaches!



## Pre-K Nature Hour at Camp Saratoga

**Mondays, April 12 and May 17  
10:30-11:30AM**

This monthly program is for our youngest explorers (ages 3-6) where we use childrens' love of nature to teach simple concepts. We will go on a short walk followed by a fun nature-based craft!

## Woodcock Walks

**April 22 and 23  
7:30-8:30PM**

Learn about this silly-looking critter then take a guided walk at dusk. Join our educators on the trails through the meadows to watch for their mating displays and listen for their calls. What makes these birds so unique?

Register to find out!

## SPRING VACATION WEEK

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### Seed Planting

Tuesday, April 6 11:00AM-12:00PM

Spring is the season of growth! Pot some plants and plant some seeds, only after decorating your pots of course! This program has a \$3 supply fee.

### FrogWatch

Tuesday, April 6 7:30-8:30PM

Learn how identify frogs and toads by sight and sound as their season rapidly approaches! Take a walk with our educators around vernal ponds and listen for their calls. *Register by calling the library at (518) 584-7860 ext. 305.*

### Nesting Birds

Wednesday, April 7

11:00AM-12:00PM

and 1:00-2:00PM

Take a hike to look for nesting birds, followed by a craft. Can you make a nest better than a bird? Let's find out! This program has a \$3 supply fee.

### Spring Discovery Walk

Thursday, April 8

11:00AM-12:00PM

and 1:00-2:00PM

Take a hike with our environmental educators to learn about all the changes that spring will bring to the Saratoga Sandplains ecosystem.

### Spring Scavenger Hunt

April 9 and 10

11:00AM-12:00PM

Join us on a guided hike to observe the final days of winter and witness the early signs of spring. Look for new growth that spring brings and signs of animal activity.

## Volunteer

### Conservation Project

April 24 10:00AM-12:00PM

Are you looking for an opportunity to get outdoors and get your hands dirty? Volunteer your time to work on various projects around the Preserve. Projects are TBD.

### Arbor Day Tree Identification Hike

April 30 5:00PM-6:00PM

Learn the basics of tree identification in honor of Arbor Day! What makes a tree coniferous or deciduous? How do we identify tree species? Join us to find out!

### Nature Craft Hour

Tuesdays, May 4 - October 5

10:30-11:30AM

Join us each week for a different nature-based craft. Activities are TBD, but will include sun prints, natural tie dye, seed medallions, and more! This program has a \$3 supply fee.

### Pond Discovery Hour

Fridays, May 7 - October 8

10:30-11:30AM

Discover the aquatic wildlife found at Delegan Pond! Use dipnets to search for a variety of critters including frogs, tadpoles, salamanders, crayfish, and insects! Learn about life cycles and pond ecosystems!



### Turtle Discovery at Delegan Pond

May 23 1:00-2:00PM

and 2:00-3:00PM

In honor of World Turtle Day, meet a live turtle! Join us at Delegan Pond at Camp Saratoga to learn about turtle adaptations and aquatic ecosystems. Dipnets will be available to search our pond for aquatic critters, including frogs, tadpoles, crayfish and more!



### Karner Blue Butterfly Walks at Old Gick Farm Trailhead

Wednesdays, May 26 - July 28

11:00AM-12:00PM

and 4:30-5:30PM

The endangered Karner blue butterfly has two broods every year. The first brood emerges in late May and the second brood in early July. On a guided walk through the meadows, learn about the Saratoga Sandplains ecosystem on which this animal thrives, and how it became endangered.