

Montour Preserve News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Join us for birds and butterflies, survival and more this spring.
- If you enjoy birds, there are some upcoming programs you might enjoy.
- If you enjoy butterflies, we have a special program for you sponsored by the Montour County Penn State Master Gardeners.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

EASTERN BLUEBIRDS

**Saturday, March 19
10 a.m.**

Environmental Education Center

Presented by Dick Hess, Nature Photographer



Who doesn't enjoy seeing a bluebird? After all, it is the symbol of happiness. Join us for a program on Eastern bluebirds. Through wonderful photographs we'll o through the seasons to look at the life cycle of bluebirds and learn about their natural history. We'll also discuss bluebird conservation and what you can do to help these lovely little birds.

EARLY BIRDS

**Fridays, April 15, 29, May 13 & 27
8:15-9:45 a.m.**

**Meet in Environmental Education Center
Led by: Jon D. Beam**



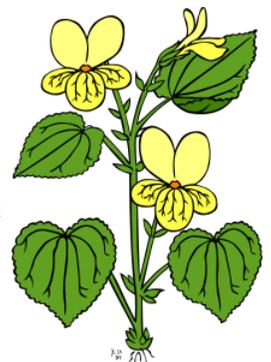
Join us for one or more early morning bird walks to observe birds as the spring migration unfolds. Dress for the outdoors, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

SPRING WOODLAND WILDFLOWERS

**Saturday, April 16
2-3:30 p.m.**

**Meet in Environmental Education Center
Led by: Jon D. Beam**

The delicate beauty of spring woodland wildflowers brings a special touch to a still dull landscape. These early bloomers have some unique adaptations that allow them to sprout and bloom in a mad dash to beat tree leaf out. These wildflowers are among the first signs that spring is truly here.



Join our naturalist on an exploratory walk through the preserve's woodlands to discover the joy and beauty of spring wildflowers. We'll explore some interesting facts and fascinating folklore about the different species encountered along the way.



WILD WORDS WALK

Saturday, April 23

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Meet in Environmental Education Center

Led by: Jon D. Beam

To celebrate Earth Day, we'll take a look at Nature through the eyes and thoughts of some of naturalists, writers and philosophers. These keen observers of nature left behind some interesting descriptions about Nature and wilderness. Join us as we explore the "wilderness" of Goose Woods through quotations about the natural world. Bring a favorite quotation or two to share if you like. Or simply join to share good thoughts and a leisurely woodland walk.

SPRING MIGRATION COUNT

Saturday, May 14

9-11 a.m.

Meet in Environmental Education Center

Led by: Jon D. Beam



This is typically a time when many species of birds are migration into and through Pennsylvania. Each year many volunteers across the state spend part or all of their day counting birds. Join me on a bird walk that will add to the growing database of information of spring migrant birds. Dress for the weather and time outdoors.

"Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay."
– Robert Frost



SURVIVAL BY THE NUMBERS

Saturday, May 21

10-11:30 a.m.

Environmental Education Center

Presented by: Fred Gast, Avid hiker and outdoorsman

Statistically, what are the situations that lead to problems, injury, or death in the wilder parts of the outdoors? How can these situations be prevented, or if

they occur, survived? Join us for an outdoor program where we discuss and focus on preparing for what most often makes a good day go bad. Dress for the outdoors and the weather.

SPRING BIRD WALK

**Saturday, May 28
8:30-10 a.m.**

**Meet in Environmental Education Center
Led by: Jon D. Beam**



By now many bird species have not only returned to their summer territories, but many are also nesting. Join us as we explore a variety of bird habitat at the preserve for summer residents. Dress for the weather and time outdoors. Comfortable walking shoes are advised.



NATURE JOURNALING FOR KIDS

**Thursdays, June 9, 16 & 23
9:30-11 a.m.**

**Meet in Environmental Education Center
Presented by: Jon D. Beam**

Nature is all around us and yet we miss so much of it by not observing what is happening. This program for 8-12 year olds is designed to help them open their eyes and ears to the world of nature. Through a series of activities, we will explore what is around us and record those observations in a nature journal. Dress for the weather and time outdoors. All materials will be provided.

CELEBRATING BUTTERFLIES

**Sunday, June 26
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Meet in Environmental Education Center
Presented by: Folk's Butterfly Farm**



Join us for an interactive display including the life cycle of butterflies. You will learn how to turn your garden or yard into butterfly habitat. You will get a laugh from a fun biology lesson about butterfly anatomy. The program will be an interactive event with handling of caterpillars, chrysalis and more. Join us to learn how anyone can help with butterfly conservation. Butterfly related items will be available for sale including milkweed plants, caterpillar kits, caterpillar enclosures and a few other items.



RACE TO HELP MONTOUR PRESERVE

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE 2016 CHILLI CHALLENGE AND TWO NEW MONTOUR PRESERVE RACES!

After a year without races at the Montour Preserve, MARC is excited to announce the return of the Chilli Challenge and the addition of two great new races!

Join us on **Saturday, April 2**, for the all-new **Montour Preserve Spring Fever Trail Runs**. Run on the Chilisugi and Ridgefield Point Loop Trails, runners can choose from the 7.5k, 15k or 30k options. Those looking for a bit less intense challenge can choose the 0.8 mile-long fun walk on the Goose Woods Trail. Custom awards and Montour Preserve-themed swag will make this a must-do for fans of the Montour Preserve.

On **Saturday, August 13**, the **Montour Preserve Summer Heat Trail Runs** will offer racers a chance to improve upon their times from the Spring Fever, or step up to the next level. We'll be running the same distances on the same trails, but with the super fun addition of the summer heat!

Finally, to cap it all off, join us on **Saturday, September 24**, for the 13th running of the Chilli **Challenge** — the one that started it all! Bike, paddle and run with 300 family and friends in a true central Pennsylvania classic.

As an added bonus, the proceeds from all three races will be used by MARC to operate and maintain the Montour Preserve.

Learn more and register today at: www.RiverTownRace.com

Montour Preserve Website

Montour Preserve now has a new website maintained by the Montour Area Recreation Commission. Here you will find information about events at Montour Preserve, pavilion reservation information, some great photographs, volunteer

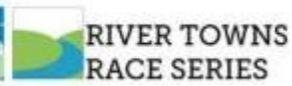
and donation information. Please visit the site at: www.MontourPreserve.org.



Visitors Center Hours

Hours for the spring and summer months will be Monday—Saturday 8 a.m.—4 p.m. The center will be closed on holidays.





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Projects, visit: <http://montourrec.com/>

The Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) is a group of mostly volunteers, committed to providing the best possible recreation facilities for the people of Montour County and the area serviced by the Danville Area School District (DASD). We are people who live and work here and recognize the vast resources the area has to offer. We are interested in helping to create a great place to live, work and raise a family. We hold monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month (except July) at 7:00 pm at the Environmental Education Center of Montour Preserve at 700 Preserve Road, Danville – that are open to anyone and we are always looking for new ideas and perspectives.



Donations are still needed to help operate and maintain Montour Preserve. To make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit www.CSGiving.org. Look for the “Montour Area Recreation Commission – Montour Preserve Fund.”

Pavilion Reservations

Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) will begin taking reservations for pavilions at Montour Preserve. Fees will be as follows:

Goose Cove #1 — \$100/day

Goose Cove #2 — \$75/day

or \$30/ half day

Goose Cove #3 — \$75/day

Goose Cove Overlook — \$75/day or \$30/ half day

Heron Cove A — \$100/day

Heron Cove B — \$75/day

Each pavilion offers tables, electric, water, charcoal grill and easy access to playground equipment and restroom facilities.

To reserve a pavilion visit: <http://MontourPreserve.org/pavilions/> to review the online

calendar of reservations for available dates. Contact MARC at (570) 336-2060 or Support@MontourPreserve.org to schedule your reservation.

As in the past, if a pavilion is not reserved for a specific day and time, it is available on a first come first served basis.