Registration Opens Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Teatown Lake Reservation

(Adult)

Hidden among this 1,000-acre nature preserve in West Chester County rests Wildflower Island. Take a guided tour of the island where more than 230 native and endangered wildflowers, including lady slippers, can be seen. Following the tour, wander through the meadows, streams, hemlock forest, laurel groves, or scenic gorge at your own pace. Please bring a bag lunch.

\$75 per adult/\$65 per senior

Course Code: 51781

EEC-02 Friday, June 5

8:30am-5:00pm

A Day in Stone Harbor

(Adult)

Join a Naturalist as we visit this historic New Jersey seaside town. We will be visiting the Wetlands Institute, the historic downtown, and the beach. We will be having lunch in town or bring a picnic for the beach. Don't forget your sunscreen!

\$75 per adult/\$65 per senior

Course Code: 51876

EEC-01 Tuesday, June 9

8:30am-6:00pm



Stone Harbor Photo by Marc Steiner





**Please be sure to check the Somerset County Park Commission website, <u>www.somersetcountyparks.org</u> for additional botanical programs and trips throughout the 2020 calendar year!

REGISTRATION: For more information or to register for any of these programs, please call the Environmental Education Center at 908 722-1200 ext. 5002 or visit our website www.somersetcountyparks.org.

CANCELATIONS: The Environmental Education Center will refund program registration fees if notified a minimum of seven days prior to the start of the program.

If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call is 908-722-1200 ext. 5324 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable modifications. Three weeks notice is required to ensure that appropriate modifications can be provided.



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Garden Discovery & Adult Trips

MARCH - JUNE 2020



Join Somerset County Naturalists for this exciting series of day trips and garden-themed programs. Van transportation, admission fees, and interpretation included. Please book early as these limited-space trips fill rapidly!

Registration begins Wednesday, January 15, 2020

New York Botanical Garden Orchid Show

(Adult)

See thousands of dazzling Orchids on display! The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory is transformed into an irresistible paradise of fragrance and color, assembled from thousands of blooms in every conceivable color and shape! The spectacular exhibition will include rare and endangered species from their collection.

\$75 per adult/\$65 per senior

Course Code: 51181

EEC-65 Tuesday, March 24 9:00am-4:30pm

Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants



(Adult)

Come learn which native plants help to support butterflies! Whether you garden in sun or shade, there are many native plants that will attract butterflies to your garden. Author Jane Hurwitz, from the North American Butterfly Association will

be presenting on butterfly gardening at home, a gardening method used to protect the entire life cycle of butterflies. This talk explores the relationship that butterflies have with specific native plants and suggests easy steps to protect these relationships in order to enhance our local ecosystems, as well as your own garden.

FREE Sunday, March 29 1:00pm-2:00pm The Cloisters and Fort Tyron

(Adult)

Join Naturalists on a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Arts Cloisters Museum. The Cloisters, dedicated to the art and architecture of medieval Europe, is a delight to visit. The Highlights Tour will lead us to discover some of the gems of their collection including Unicorn Tapestries.

\$65 per adult/\$55 per senior

Course Code: 51875

EEC-01 Wednesday, April 15 9:00am-4:30pm

Holland Ridge Farm Tulip Festival

(Adult)

The Garden State has a new treasure, the Holland Ridge Farm Tulip Festival! With more than two million tulips, this farm is home to the east coast's largest tulip farm! Enjoy walking through this living rainbow of blooms! Learn a bit about the biology and cultural history of this beloved plant. Dress to be outside. Boots are strongly recommended. Bring a bag lunch or money for lunch and to purchase tulips-by-the-stem.

\$55 per adult/\$45 per senior

Course Code: 51856

EEC-02 Thursday, April 23 9:30am-3:30pm

Secrets in Somerset County – Bluebell Magic

(All Ages)

Meet at the playground kiosk at Duke Island Park and head out for an exploratory hike with a Naturalist. Identify local trees and search for early blooming wildflowers along the Raritan River. Find one of Somerset County's best kept secrets, the bounty of blooming bluebell wildflowers of Duke Island Park. Pre-registration is required.

FREE

Course Code: 51729

DIP-08 Tuesday, May 5

1:00pm-2:00pm



Woodland Wildflowers

(All Ages)

In the springtime, woodland wildflowers are at their peak, carpeting the forest floor with color in the dappled sunlight. Join a Naturalist for a leisurely walk

through Lord Stirling Park in search of these spring beauties. Pre-registration is required.

FREE

Course Code: 51751

EEC-07 Tuesday, May 19

10:30am-11:30am

Paxson Hill Farm

(Adult)

Meet Bruce Gangawer, horticulturist and lover of flora and fauna. His degree in ornamental horticulture from Rutgers University led him on a determined path to create a greenscape at this 32-acre Bucks County, Pennsylvania property where he lives and grows plants at his nursery. His fertile imagination dances in the wind and plants itself among the extraordinary gardens he designed on the farm to inspire all who visit. You will tour the gardens for inspirational ideas then shop the nursery to bring a new creation home! Dress to be outside and please bring a bag lunch.

\$65 per adult/\$55 per senior

Course Code: 51873

EEC-01 Thursday, May 21 9:00am-5:00pm

Morven House and Garden

(Adult)

Spend a memorable day walking through pieces of New Jersey's role in America's history. Tour the National Historic Landmark house, newly refurbished gardens, and enjoy a 'tea' with the tours. Tea will be served at 1:00pm and includes tea sandwiches, scones, and assortment of fresh fruits and sweets.

\$75 per adult/\$65 per senior

Course Code: 51874

EEC-01 Wednesday, May 27 9:00am-4:00pm