

CALLING ALL NATURALISTS AND NATURALIST WANNA-BEs to
"WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"

Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips 1-3p.m. or As Noted

JULY – AUG 2016

- Jul 6th 1-3pm The Geology & Environment of the Wildcat Creek Watershed** ----- outdoor pgm—**WPK**
*Explore the glacial history of Wildcat Creek, along with its underlying geology, with **Dr. Dean Ballotti (Purdue Dept of Earth, Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences)**. A creek bank tour will be enhanced by a variety of maps to illustrate the dynamic forces at work in the creation of this local natural treasure. **NOTE: Parking is limited at Wildcat Park** so carpooling is essential: please plan to join the carpool leaving the Battlefield Park parking lot at 12:30pm.*
- Jul 13th 1-3pm Butterflies of Tippecanoe County** ----- **Bring BINOCULARS!** ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—**LNC**
Purdue Entomologist Jon Neal** will give a brief indoor presentation on our local butterflies followed by an outdoor butterfly identification walk—good preparation for the upcoming Butterfly Encounter sponsored by Purdue Entomology Dept & Evonik.
- ** 2016 Tippecanoe County BUTTERFLY ENCOUNTER - SAT JUL 16th - 1-4pm
at Evonik Corporation, Tippecanoe Laboratories Wildlife Habitat Area
Directions & schedule details at: extension.entm.purdue.edu/butterflycount Questions? 765-494-4554
- Jul 20th 8-10pm Attracting & Collecting Insects at Night** ----- **Bring FLASHLIGHT** ----- outdoor pgm—**WNC**
*As the summer sun sets, many insects emerge that are often not noticed during the day. **Jeff Holland (Associate Professor, Purdue Landscape Ecology Lab)** will first introduce selected methods of attracting & collecting insects at night and then give participants a chance to try out these methods near the banks of Burnett Creek!*
- Jul 27th 1-3pm GO FISH! (Rods, reels, & bait provided)** ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—**BEEC**
*Fish biology & adaptation talk by **Tippecanoe County Naturalist Mary Cutler** will be followed by fishing on Burnett Creek.*
- AUG 3rd 7-9pm An Evening with the Spiders** ----- outdoor pgm—**LNC**
*Spiders love the night! Join **Dr. Marc Milne (Asst. Professor of Biology at the Univ. of Indianapolis)**, on a hike in Celery Bog's natural areas where we will spot a variety of spiders building webs and searching for food. On the hike fascinating facts about spider behavior, web structure and the identification of common species found in our area will be shared.*
- Aug 10th 1-3pm FOS Prairie Walk/Orchid Viewing** --**CARPOOL leaves LNC 12noon--** outdoor pgm—**FOS/NICHES**
*Explore the wonders of Fisher Oak Savanna Nature Preserve with **Brooke Criswell (NICHS Education & Outreach Coordinator)** as you follow the trail through wetland & woods to the prairie. Stop along the way to look at rare Orange Fringed Orchids. **Suggest/encourage:** long pants & long sleeves (biting insect activity is high) and boots (wetland areas can be damp or muddy).*
- Aug 17th 1-3pm Indiana Orchid Diversity** ----- indoor pgm—**CLEGG**
***Amanda Ingram (Wabash College plant evolutionary biologist)** has recently joined the North American Orchid Conservation Center—a consortium of scientists working to understand the biology of our native orchids with a goal of enhancing conservation efforts. She will speak about Indiana orchid diversity and projects she and her students are involved in to explore relationships between orchids & their mycorrhizal fungi, including stories about work with two stunning orchid populations on NICHES properties.*
- Aug 24th 1-3pm Monarch Migration, Tagging Demo & Habitat Tips** ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—**LNC**
*Starting mid-August, the monarch butterfly population east of the Rocky Mountains will start its annual migration to Mexico. **Local Monarch Conservationist Reni Winter-Evans** will teach about the migration, and demonstrate how she and thousands of other citizen scientists raise monarchs indoors and then tag the migrating generation to help researchers track the fall and spring migrations. Eggs being laid now will be part of that migration. Help tag and release migrating monarch butterflies. Reni will also give tips on how to establish monarch reproduction habitat.*
- Aug 31st 4-6pm Gravel Hill Prairie Talk & Walk** ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—**CLEGG**
Ryan Schroeder (Purdue student, Natural Resources & Environmental Science)** will share information about the rare gravel hill prairie ecosystem, including work from his research project on this topic. Program will include a tour of gravel hill prairie at Clegg Memorial Garden. **NOTE: trails include steps and hills.

LOCATIONS of these PROGRAMS which are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & FREE (unless noted otherwise)

BEEC (Brier Environmental Educ Ctr): In Battle Ground, turn by small sign on south side of Prophet St near intersection with N. 9th St.

FOS/NICHES (Fisher Oak Savanna-Jasper Co): Meet at 1pm in property parking lot (property directions at www.nicheslandtrust.org)
OR join 12 noon carpool from LNC.

CLEGG (CLEGG GARDEN/NICHES Office): In Lafayette, at 1782 N 400E (Eisenhower Rd) just south of its intersection with 200N.

LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area): In West Lafayette, on north side of Lindberg Rd, between Northwestern and McCormick.

WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center): In Battle Ground, at the end of the Battlefield Monument parking lot off N. 9th St.

WPK (Wildcat Park): In Lafayette at 5129 Eisenhower Rd. Parking is limited, so **please join 12:30pm CARPOOL** from Battlefield Monument parking lot in Battle Ground.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO HELP WITH PLANNING, contact:

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