



## November

### The White-Tailed Rut Walk

**Sunday, November 1, 7 – 9 a.m.**

The term "rut" is often used to describe a boring, monotonous routine. But when talking about white-tailed deer, "rut" means something completely different: it refers to all behavior and activities associated with the breeding season. Learn how white-tailed deer rut and look for signs of mating activity such as primary scrapes and licked branches during a walk with Pennypack groundskeeper Kirk Laule. This program is geared for adults and is limited to 10 participants. Members free; non-members \$10.

### Free A Tree

**Saturday, November 7, 10 a.m. – 12 noon**

Join the Free-A-Tree Corps' effort to rescue our vine-infested trees. Bring leather work gloves and pruning shears (or borrow ours) and dress for outdoor work. Lunch is provided.

### Photography Walk

**Saturday, November 7, 8 – 10 a.m.**

Join local photographers, Fran and Harris Brown, on a leisurely 2 hour walk around the Pennypack Preserve, stopping to photograph the flora, fauna, and anything else that interests you. We'll discuss exposure, equipment, composition, and post-processing. All skill levels are welcome, as are all camera types. The walk is limited to 8 participants. Members: Free. Non-Members \$10.

### Ecology Walk

**Sunday, November 8, 2 – 4:30 p.m.**

Join Executive Director, Chris Mendel, on a hike focusing on the restoration efforts of the Pennypack Trust. This year's walk will give attendees exclusive access to our largest forest restoration efforts to date totaling over 22 acres. This area has never been open to the public before. Be prepared to walk over 3 miles in the course of the hike. Limit: 15 participants. Members: Free. Non-Members \$10.



### HIKE, EXPLORE & CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

**Thursday – Sunday, November 13-15, dawn to dusk**

Enjoy the trust on its actual 50th birthday. Signs will provide history at special points of interest to guide your hike. Look for our on-line clothing advertisement soon. Stop by the Visitors Center in your commemorative clothing to pick up your special free gift!

### Pre-School Nature Club

**Thursday, November 12, 10 – 11 a.m.**

Bring your children ages 2-5 to enjoy nature-based lessons, activities and play using the Pennypack Preserve as a classroom. Hike through meadows, skip over puddles and investigate wildlife. Nature Club, led by environmental educator Kevin Roth, is held the second Thursday of each month. Members free; non-members \$10 per family.

### Fly Fishing 101- Session 1

**Thursday, November 12, 7 – 9 p.m.**

Learn the basics of fly fishing from members of the South East Montgomery County chapter of Trout Unlimited. This two-part course will have an indoor and outdoor session. The indoor session will cover the basic equipment and techniques needed to get started. The outdoor session will cover the basics of preparing your rod, casting, and fishing on the Pennypack Creek. This program is limited to 10 people. Must be able to attend both sessions to register. Rod and reel combinations will be provided for the session or bring your own. Members: \$50. Non-members: \$85 (includes 1 year membership to the Trust).

### Fly Fishing 101- Session 2

**Saturday, November 14, 8 a.m. – 12 noon**

### Birding Trip to Edwin Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (AKA Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge)

**Saturday, November 14, Meet at 8 a.m.**

We'll meet at the Visitors Center parking lot (800 Great Creek Road, Galloway, NJ 08205) and bird a few trails then drive Wildlife Drive looking for fall migrants, raptors and waterfowl. Arrive a few minutes early to visit the restrooms and say hello. Bring your lunch, snacks, beverages, binoculars, camera, field guide, and spotting scope (if you have one) and a full tank of gas. A refuge pass (one per car) can be purchased that day for \$4. Leaders: Fran and Harris Brown. Pre-registration required by November 12. Members free; non-members \$10.

**We are following Montgomery County's guidelines for Covid-19. All in person events will have a limit of 15 people unless otherwise noted. All attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing. You must pre-register for all events on our website.**

## December

### Birdseed Sale and Food Drive

**Saturday, December 5, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Stock up on birdseed and save! Members receive 20% off and non-members receive 10% off our regular prices. Pre-order seed by mail ONLY using the form in this brochure. Please bring non-perishable canned food to support Bread of Heaven Food Pantry in Abington brought to you by BSA Troop 437 and Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Schied.

### Photography Walk

**Saturday, December 5, 8 – 10 a.m.**

See Saturday, November 7, for more information.

### Free A Tree

**Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. – 12 noon**

See Saturday, November 7, for more information.

### Train Crash Walk

**Saturday, December 5, 1:30 – 4 p.m.**

On December 5, 1921, a head-on train collision near the Creek Road Bridge killed 27 passengers and crew members and injured 70 others. Learn more about this catastrophe

### Trails Closed

**Saturday, November 21**

All trails in the preserve will be closed until noon to facilitate wildlife management.

### Thanksgiving Holiday

**Thursday & Friday, November 26 - 27**

Office and Visitors Center will be closed. Trails, parking lot and restrooms open from dawn to dusk.



that led the Interstate Commerce Commission to recommend major changes in passenger railcar construction during a 2-mile guided hike to the crash site and back led by David Rowland. Co-sponsored by Old York Road Historical Society. Members free; non-members \$10.

### Annual Members Meeting

**Tuesday, December 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

Join us for the Trust's 50th annual members' meeting and election of the Board of Directors. A slate of candidates for the Board of Directors election will be posted on the Trust's website a few weeks before the meeting. This will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. You must pre-register to receive the Zoom link.

### Pre-School Nature Club

**Thursday, December 10, 10 – 11 a.m.**

See Thursday, November 12, for more information.

### Trails Closed

**Saturday, December 12**

All trails in the preserve will be closed until noon to facilitate wildlife management.

### Christmas Bird Count

**Saturday, December 19, 8 a.m. – 12 noon**

Come join Pennypack Staff and volunteers from Wyncote Audubon Society to help count birds as part of the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Stay for the whole count or just come for part of it. Beginners welcome. Bring binoculars and a field guide. Free.

### Hike at Lords New Church

**Saturday, December 19, 9 – 10:30 a.m.**

Get to know your neighbors at the Lords New Church. They have just opened a new trail highlighting quotes from

Emanuel Swedenborg on nature's inherent spirituality. Walk the path with Pastor Kent Rogers as he describes the ideas behind the trail and their intersection with Swedenborgian thought. Hikers will rally at the Trust Visitors Center with Director Chris Mendel. Free.

### Holiday Hours

**Thursday & Friday, December 24 - 25**

**Monday – Friday, December 28 - January 1**

Office and Visitors Center will be closed. Trails, parking lot and restrooms open from dawn to dusk.

## January

### New Year's Day

**Friday, January 1**

Office and Visitors Center will be closed. Trails, parking lot and restrooms open from dawn to dusk.

### Free A Tree

**Saturday, January 2, 10 a.m. – 12 noon**

See Saturday, November 7, for more information.

### Pre-School Nature Club

**Thursday, January 7, 10 – 11 a.m.**

See Thursday, November 12, for more information.

### Photography Walk

**Saturday, January 9, 8 – 10 a.m.**

See Saturday, November 7, for more information.

### Trails Closed

**Saturday, January 16**

All trails in the preserve will be closed until noon to facilitate wildlife management.

### Service Day

**Monday, January 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Lend a hand in the Pennypack Preserve for a few hours of service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Projects will include removing invasive vines from trees along the woods' edges and removing tree shelters from new tree plantations. Bring loppers, pruning shears, and gloves or borrow ours. Dress in layers and wear sturdy boots.

### Plant Propagation Workshop 1

**Saturday, January 23, 9 – 10:30 a.m.**

Come spend the morning with Chris Dartley in our greenhouse learning how to propagate native plants for your home garden. We will concentrate on seed propagation and look at different seed treatments, scarification and stratification. We will also discuss seed collection, cleaning, and storage. Everyone will take home a flat of seeds that we will sow. Limited to 10 participants. Members \$20; non-members \$35.

### Plant Propagation Workshop 2

**Saturday, January 23, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

See above for more information.

