



CENTER AT POMFRET:
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CITIZEN SCIENCE TRAINING AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Mammal Monitoring Project

Learn about tracking and our Mammal Monitoring Project at the fall introductory hike. Program leaders Paula Coughlin and Fran Baranski explore habitats of the Bafflin Sanctuary, looking for tracks and signs of bobcat, moose, river otter, fisher, mink, black bear, and other mammals.

Get involved at one of the three levels of the Mammal Monitoring Project.

- 1) Backyard Tracker** level requires 10-15 hours of participation.
- 2) Bafflin Tracker** training requires 20 hours and prepares volunteers to document mammals on the Bafflin Sanctuary.
- 3) Volunteer Mammal Monitor** training requires 50 hours of training and prepares volunteers to monitor a study site.

Training hikes, workshops and presentations are offered throughout the year and volunteers can move from one level to the next as their interest and schedule allow. Our team of volunteers monitors study sites four times a year to collect data important to conservation efforts. Study sight monitoring hike dates TBA.

Mammal Monitoring Training Hike: Looking for Bear and Moose Sign

Location and Date: To Be Announced
Fee: \$50 members; \$60 non-members.

Tracking Signs of Wildlife on the Bafflin Sanctuary

Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 9:30 – 12:30.
Participants should wear long pants; bring water and a snack.
Fee: \$10 members; \$15 non-members

The Citizen Science Mammal Monitoring Project receives support from the NewAlliance Foundation. For information/registration: call Citizen Science Coordinator, Paula Coughlin at 860-928-4948, email pcoughlin@ctaudubon.org. Visit www.ctaudubon.org for more information.

RAPID BIOASSESSMENT FOR VOLUNTEERS 2008

Become trained in one 3-hour session.

Training dates: Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday 5, 2008

Field trips: Fridays and Saturdays, Sept-Oct.

Check water quality through bug identification! In our streams live fascinating aquatic insects that most of us know only during their brief time as flying adults (dragonflies, mayflies, stoneflies, and the like). These insects can tell us a lot about the quality of our water. Come learn how to do a stream assessment using these riffle-dwelling macroinvertebrates. You'll get exciting hands-on experience while providing valuable data to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and local conservation groups. Come dressed to muck about in the streams; we'll provide waders and nets.

Please call to register. Training fee: \$15.

Wednesday Noon Walks

September 3, 10, 17, and 24

Get out of the house or office to stretch your legs and clear your head. Join Connecticut Audubon Society staff for some fresh air and exercise. Seniors and parents with babes in backpacks welcome. Cost: Free, donations appreciated. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center.

Fall Bird Walks

Every Tuesday in September at 8 a.m.

Join Andy Rzeznikiewicz as we explore different areas of the sanctuary each week looking for migrating hawks, ducks, and songbirds. Bring binoculars, wear waterproof shoes and drab colored clothing. No dogs please. Meet at Nature Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. We will carpool to various locations on the sanctuary. Cost: Free to members/\$5 non-members.

Bird Banding Demo Days!

Saturday, Sept. 13th and 27th at 9 a.m.

Watch Sanctuary Manager, Andy Rzeznikiewicz and fellow bird banders capture and band numerous birds. See how birds are caught, their data recorded, and how they are released. Conducted during peak fall bird migration, each session will produce different bird species. A Swamp Sparrow banded a few years ago was captured west of Philadelphia the next day! Cost \$5 members/\$10 non-members. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center.

After School Nature Club - September Session

Grades K to 2: Tuesdays from 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Sept. 9, Sept 16, Sept. 23, & Sept 30

Grades 3 to 5: Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Sept. 11, Sept 18, Sept. 25, & Oct 2

Cost: \$35 per session for members, \$45 for nonmembers

Call the Pomfret Audubon Center at 928-4948 for additional information.

TRAIL WOOD PROGRAMS:

93 Kenyon Road, Hampton, CT 06247



The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary: open to the public from dawn to dusk seven days. Teale's writing cabin and study are open Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and by appointment. Call (860)928-4948.

Second Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, September 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Delight in the cool of autumn afternoons at Trail Wood with caretaker Vern Pursley. Walk the trails, read excerpts from Teale's books and allow life to slow down for a few hours in the quiet that is Trail Wood. Meet in the Visitor's Parking Lot at 93 Kenyon Road in Hampton.

Cost: Free although donations are always appreciated.

Trail Wood After School Nature Club - September Session

Wednesdays, Sept 10, 17, 24 & Oct 1 from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Geared for second, third, fourth and fifth graders, this program is all about getting outside and exploring Trail Wood. After a quick snack, we will hit the trails in search of what mother nature is providing at the time be it fall migrating birds, late summer insects or fall leaves. Children must wear shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather. Pick up is promptly at 5:15 p.m. Registration required: call 928-4948 for more information and registration forms. Cost per session: \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.

Bird Walk

Thursday, September 18 at 8:00 a.m.

Join Andy Rzeznikiewicz as we search Trail Wood for fall migrants. Please bring your binoculars and wear drab clothing. Depending on bird observations, may travel to a new nearby Wolf Den Land Trust Property. Cost: \$5 members/ \$10 non-members. Meet in the Visitor's Parking Lot at 93 Kenyon Road in Hampton.

Trail Wood Under the Harvest Moon

Saturday, September 20th starting at 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Trail Wood and the Teale legacy under the September harvest moon. Join other Friends of Trail Wood for our annual fundraiser as we listen to local musicians and feast on delectable local food and drink. Bring your favorite harvest dessert – be it peach, pear, apple, squash or pumpkin – we even had a whimsical chocolate log complete with gingerbread toadstools and edible bugs last year. It was phenomenal to see and even better to taste. Come join the fun, bring a friend and support Trail Wood while you are at it! Cost: \$30 per person. Call Center 928-4948 for an invitation.

Private Guided Bird or Nature Walks

This service is available year round. Each walk can be geared toward your expectations and locations. Bafflin & Trail Wood Sanctuary Manager Andy Rzeknikiewicz can take you to your next life bird, to local hot spots, or just use his knowledge to find the birds or wildlife for you. This is an excellent gift for that hard to buy for person who enjoys the outdoors. Call 928-4948 for scheduling and pricing.