

# WINTER NATURE PROGRAMS

## Mercer County Park Commission

**Registration is not required for nature programs unless noted.** Outdoor nature programs are open to 20 people and are filled in a first-come, first-serve basis. Indoor presentations can typically accommodate more people. If a program has a fee, participants are expected to pay for the program upon arrival. Cash and checks are accepted, however, the naturalist does not carry change so please have the appropriate bills. Please note: if you register for a program, any fees for the program are expected at the time of registration.

All Nature Programs are lead by the County Naturalist Jenn Rogers unless otherwise stated. Please email any program questions or concerns to [jrogers@mercercounty.org](mailto:jrogers@mercercounty.org) or call (609) 303-0706.

### **January 15 (Sunday): Duck Walk. 1- 3pm.**

Many waterfowl species use the marsh at Roebling Park as a pit stop during migration or spend the winter there. This walk will focus on finding and identifying ducks. Dress warm and bring your binoculars! FREE.

Meet at Roebling Park, Spring Lake Area. (From Route 206/ South Broad Street in Hamilton, turn onto Sewell Ave. and follow it to the end. The entrance to the park is on the left side of the dead end.)

### **January 16 (Monday): Wildlife in the Bedroom. 7:30 – 9pm.**

There is more to the Birds and the Bees than what your mom told you! Join us in exploring the bizarre and fascinating qualities of our native wildlife's courting and mating behaviors. Both County Naturalist Jenn Rogers and Tyler Christensen will be presenting this program. This is a free public program sponsored by the Washington Crossing Audubon Society. A refreshment social begins at 7:30pm; with the program following at 8:00pm. At Stainton Hall at the Pennington School (From Route 31 turn onto West Delaware Ave (at the intersection with Pennington Market) and make the first right onto Burd St. The parking lot is on the right side.)

### **January 29 (Sunday): Winter Raptor Program. 3:30 – 6pm.**

For several years, different owl and hawks have made the Pole Farm their winter home. Gather for an indoor live raptor presentation with the Mercer County Wildlife Center, and then carpool to the Pole Farm for a hike along the fields to view these birds' crepuscular activities. For Families; \$6 per person.

Meet at Mercer County Equestrian Center (From Rt. 31, turn onto W. Delaware Ave. at the Pennington Market intersection. Follow Delaware Ave. through Pennington, then bear right onto Federal City Road. Continue on Federal City Road for 0.7 miles. The Equestrian Center will be on the right.)

### **February 12 (Sunday): Duck Walk. 1 – 3 pm.**

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### **March 11 (Sunday): Duck Walk. 1 – 3 pm.**

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**Winter Snowshoeing Outings**

If you own a pair of snowshoes and are interested in deep snow nature walks, I will organize snowshoe hikes when or if the conditions are right. These walks would happen within the Mercer Meadows Park which includes the Pole Farm, Rosedale Park and Curlis Woods. If you would like to be notified about snowshoe hikes, please email me ([jrogers@mercercounty.org](mailto:jrogers@mercercounty.org)) and I will add you to the email list. Cross your fingers for a snowy winter!