

# The Gloucester County Firefly Festival

Saturday, June 24, 2023 - 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

NO RAIN DATE

... for families and people of all ages...



**Why:** Poets, scientists and people of all ages have long been fascinated by fireflies (lightning bugs). A familiar sight in some parts of the US, fireflies are the fairies of summer nights. Viewing “nature’s light show” is part of the magic of growing up in New Jersey. But there are fewer and fewer fireflies. Join us as we explore the world of fireflies... the Night Country... and how you can help fireflies be a part of our landscape for years to come.

**What:** The festival includes a number of fun, educational stations scattered along a three-quarter mile self-guided trail. We recommend people arrive between 8:00 and 8:15 pm and allow an hour to complete the walk. Some species appear at dusk; some appear later, as it gets darker. The spectacular tree-top species are towards the end of the walk, near the “fishing ponds”.

**Where:** At Tall Pines State Preserve, corner of Woodbury-Glassboro Rd and Barkbridge Rd, Sewell, NJ. Cars should enter the parking lot off Barkbridge Road. Our “Firefly Trail” begins and ends here at a Welcome Tent. Please car pool, as space for parking is limited. Bring a flashlight. No dogs please.

**Registration:** Attendance is free but we request that people pre-register so we can anticipate numbers. Please email to: [Fireflyfest@gcnatureclub.org](mailto:Fireflyfest@gcnatureclub.org) Tell your name, number of people in your group, number of children.

**Sponsored by Gloucester County Nature Club**  
in cooperation with The Friends of Tall Pines State Preserve.

### **Little Talk** (by Aileen Fisher)

Don't you think it's probable  
that beetles, bugs and bees  
talk about a lot of things -  
you know, such things as these:

The kind of weather where they live  
in jungles tall with grass  
and earthquakes in their villages  
whenever people pass!

Of course, we'll never know if bugs  
talk very much at all -  
because our ears are far too big  
for talk that is so small.