



# Gloucester County Nature Club Monthly Newsletter

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Nature Club meetings are open to the public

January 2023

## **Program: Hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu**

**Presenters: Andy and Donna Ciccotelli**

**Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, Wenonah, NJ**  
(directions below)

**Program Coordinator: Rich Dilks 856-468-6342**

In May of 2011, Donna and Andy Ciccotelli, along with their friends, a guide and 12 porters went on a Trek that started in the city of Cuzco, Peru and continued for 26 miles on the Inca Trail. We entered through the Sun Gate and walked into one of the new seven wonders of the world, Machu Picchu. How we got there and what we did to prepare is the subject of this month's program.



**Machu Picchu**



**The Inca Trail**

**Directions:** The Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is located just off Rt. 553 (Woodbury Glassboro Rd.) immediately south of the traffic light at Mantua Ave. The church parking lot can be accessed by entrances on either Woodbury-Glassboro Road or Lenape Trail (first left off of Mantua Ave).

## **Field Trip: Beyond Hidden Creek Trail, Glassboro – Winter Rerun Field Trip**

Given the positive response to our Fall trip and requests to revisit this location we will repeat it in a different season on Saturday, January 28 at 8am. This should be an enjoyable walk along field edges and through woods to discover what changes winter brings to this landscape. The walk is not on paved or groomed trails, bring binoculars & dress for the weather. This will be open to the first 10 persons who register for this field trip on the club's Meetup page. Please, only registered participants as we try to manage participants on the trail. Preference will be given to club members. Please reserve early using the Club's Meetup site <https://www.meetup.com/gloucester-county-nature-club/events/288665233>, or, if not on Meetup, send an email to [fieldtrip@gcnatureclub.org](mailto:fieldtrip@gcnatureclub.org). Participants will receive a confirmation email with directions to the meeting place. Notice of cancellation in case of inclement weather will be on Meetup and we will try to reschedule.

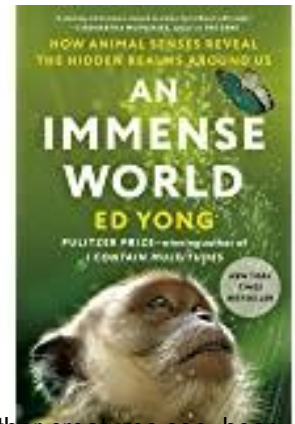
## **Upcoming February Meeting Club Activity**

**Thursday, February 9, 2023 at the Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, Wenonah, NJ**

### **Group Discussion on An Immense World by Ed Yong, Random House (June 21, 2022)**

“A thrilling tour of nonhuman perception . . . Nature’s true wonders aren’t limited to a remote wilderness or other sublime landscape. . . . There is as much grandeur in the soil of a backyard garden as there is in the canyons of Zion.”—**The New York Times**

“A dazzling ride through the sensory world of astoundingly sophisticated creatures . . . It’s Mr. Yong’s task to expand our thinking, to rouse our sense of wonder, to help us feel humbled and exalted at the capabilities of our fellow inhabitants on Earth. . . . [A] deeply affectionate travelogue of animal sensory wonders.”—**The Wall Street Journal**



The New York Times best seller An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal The Hidden Realms Around Us takes us to realities we cannot imagine- the myriad ways that other creatures see, hear, smell, taste and perceive the world around them. Our human reality is just one of many realities.

The club invites you to join us in a group discussion of this book and topic at our February meeting. We encourage participants to put An Immense World on your winter reading list, and perhaps your holiday gift list too, then gather with us in February to explore and share your thoughts about this fascinating book and the worlds it reveals. For those who will not have the opportunity to read the book, come out and hear the surprising facts and insights that readers will share, and, then feel free to join in the discussion with your own thoughts and experiences.

## **Natural Events for the month of January**

- Earthworms burrow below frost line and become dormant.
- Newly fallen snow makes it easy to find and study animal tracks.
- First mating season for gray squirrels.
- Look for flocks of robins eating holly berries in your backyard.
- Great horned owls, America’s earliest nesting owl, may be on eggs by the end of the month.
- As days lengthen, tufted titmice and cardinals start singing.

## **Club Notes:**

- If you'd like to receive the newsletter electronically or receive more info about the club please email Karen Kravchuck at [blackbirdsinging@hotmail.com](mailto:blackbirdsinging@hotmail.com) or call 609-617-6693 (cell).
- The Nature Club is always looking for ideas for future programs and field trips. Please contact the program or trip coordinator if you have ideas or would like to help.
- Information for the next newsletter should be sent to Barry Bengel at [sharkeyes@comcast.net](mailto:sharkeyes@comcast.net) or GCNC Newsletter, PO Box 563, Sewell, NJ 08080 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

**YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** We are now posting recordings of recent club programs for the convenience of members and the public. To find the club's channel, use [this link](#) or search for the club's full name within YouTube. 13 videos are now available, including these recent additions:

- [Saddler's Woods: A Unique 25-Acre Urban Forest](#) (October 2022)
- [Costa Rica: The Destination We Didn't Know We'd Love](#) (November 2022)



Be sure to subscribe to the club's channel and "like" the videos so they will get recommended to more people! We will continue recording programs during this club year whenever permitted by speakers and their sponsoring organizations.

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## **Natural Places of Gloucester County NJ – Get one for your spring outdoor activities!**

Our wildly popular ***Natural Places of Gloucester County NJ*** book is back as a 2nd Edition with a new fresh look, updated copy and new locations outdoors for you to get-out-and-go-to while staying socially distanced and safe. Just what you need to find places full of natural beauty tucked away in our county.

The Natural Places Guide is one of the many ways the Nature Club provides valuable detailed information, not available elsewhere, about the plants, trees, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians at over 35 local Natural Places. Each site description includes directions, address and parking information plus a map of the site to make visiting easy and enjoyable. For the Second Edition, information for existing sites has been brought up-to-date. Several new sites have also been added, including: Tall Pines State Preserve, Andoloro WMA, and Tranquility Trails.

Copies of ***Natural Places of Gloucester County NJ*** are now available for purchase at local retailers including:

- **Antiques on Evergreen** - 429 S Evergreen Ave, Woodbury, NJ 08096
- **Dambly's Garden Center** - 51 West Factory Rd, Berlin, NJ 08009
- **Daminger's Natural Pet Foods** - 641 Main St, Sewell (Mantua Township), NJ 08080
- **Rook's Farm Supply** – 163 NJ-77, Elmer, NJ 08318
- **Triple Oaks Nursery & Herb Garden** - 2359 Delsea Drive, Franklinville, NJ 08322
- **Wild Birds Unlimited Cherry Hill** - 1619 N Kings Hwy, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
- **Words Matter** - 52 S. Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071
- **The Yellow Garage Antiques** - 66 South Main St., Mullica Hill, NJ 080621

The book is also available through the club's online store. To access the online store, [click here](#).