

Gloucester County Nature Club Programs & Events

Our programs are always free and open to the public.
Special Events marked ♦

Thursday, Sept 14, 2023 -7:00 PM: Through The Dragon's Mouth- Secrets of The Night Sky

Presenter: Erik Mollenhauer

People have always sought to understand the invisible power behind the visible world... and the larger mystery of what endures and why. As people searched for answers, their attention was inevitably drawn to the night sky, where stars, constellations and the zodiac appeared to be in control of time and destiny.

Thursday, Oct 12, 2023 -7:00 PM: Pinelands Ecology and History

Presenter: Allison Hartman, Dir. Pinelands Adventures, The Pinelands Preservation Alliance.

Join Pinelands Preservation Alliance's Director of Education, Allison Hartman, for an overview of the Pine Barrens that delves into the magnificent tapestry of life and ecology that makes up this remarkable ecosystem. We will discuss the geology, biology, and history to discover why this is a place worth exploring and saving.

♦Sunday, Oct 29, 2023: The Mad Hatter's Tree Party

We invite children of all ages to celebrate our woodlands with the Mad Hatter, himself. Co-sponsored with the Wenonah Environmental Commission. Details will be @ [gcnc.org](https://www.gcnc.org)

Thursday, Nov 9, 2023 -7:00 PM: Bird Coloration: The Hows and Whys

Presenter: Shujaath Medhi

Birds are among the most colorful of creatures. Learn how and why this amazing degree of coloration evolved. Find out how birds see color and how they use color as an essential element of their strategies for survival.

Thursday, Dec 14, 2023 -7:00 PM: The Death of Koschei the Deathless

Presenter: Erik Mollenhauer

The indigenous storytellers of central Asia created one of the greatest stories ever told... a story that cuts to the heart of human experience and to our place in the natural world.

♦Saturday, Dec 16, 2023: Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Join us in this annual event in the Northwestern Gloucester Co. Count Circle. Details will be @ [gcnc.org](https://www.gcnc.org)

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024 -7:00 PM: Beyond Honeybees: Beetles, Butterflies, Bumblebees and Other Pollinators

Presenter: Dr. Dan Duran, Assistant Professor, Rowan U; Naturalist, Scotland Run Park

When one thinks of pollinators, European honeybees probably come to mind. Yet many other insects- native bees, beetles, wasps, and more are essential to the pollination and survival of thousands of species of plants.

Thursday, Feb 8, 2024 -6:00 PM: Annual Pot Luck Dinner

Activity: Book discussion. Title to be announced.

Thursday, Mar 14, 2024 -7:00 PM: Plant Communities of New Jersey, Native and Otherwise

Presenter: Karl Anderson

An old-fashioned lecture about the origins of New Jersey's high botanical diversity, an introduction to the native plant communities, the origins of non-native plants and their effect on native plant communities, and some thoughts on gardening with native species.

Thursday, Apr 11, 2024 -7:00 PM: On Safari in Kenya: Beasts, Birds, Bugs and Beautiful Flowers

Presenters: Bob and Debbie Barsotti

We embarked on an African Safari to witness the lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos and Cape buffaloes move through Kenya's vast and wild landscape. But as Nature Lovers, we knew that there would be so much more.

♦Saturday, May 4, 2024: Bird Quest 7:00 AM-Noon with Picnic following

Celebrate the **25th year** for this fun and educational birding event for families, young people and birders of all skill levels.

Details will be @ [gcnc.org](https://www.gcnc.org)

Thursday, May 9, 2024: 6:00 PM Annual Plant Sale

7:00 PM Program: Flower Flies of New Jersey

Presenter: Jeff Mollenhauer.

Flower Flies (the insect family Syrphidae) are among the least known but most important of our pollinators. These colorful and diverse insects (over 400 species are native to the Northeast) are the essential pollinators for thousands of plant species and a crucial element in natural ecosystems.

Thursday, Jun 13, 2024 - 6:00 PM: GCNC Annual Picnic

Location: TBD

Activity: The annual club picnic followed by a guided nature walk.

♦Saturday, Jun 29, 2024: The Gloucester County Firefly Festival

Location: Tall Pines State Preserve

An enchanting and educational evening celebration of these bioluminescent insects that illuminate our summer nights and inhabit our childhood memories.

Details will be @ [gcnc.org](https://www.gcnc.org)

**GCNC meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month,
September through June at 7 PM.**

**Location: The Holy Nativity Lutheran Church
3 Lenape Trail
Wenonah, NJ 08090**

Field Trips

The Gloucester County Nature Club hosts a variety of field trips throughout the year. These trips are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. We seek to get people out to enjoy, explore and learn about the places we visit. Topics and location vary. Some are very local and others a bit of a drive. Past trips have focused on birds, horseshoe crabs, butterflies, trees, wildflowers, geology, the moon and many other aspects of natural history. Some are hikes to enjoy whatever the season has to offer. We also offer special family friendly walks. In order to get the most up to date information on field trips visit <http://www.meetup.com/Gloucester-County-Nature-Club/> or use the QR code below to be directed to our MeetUp Site.



You can also reach our website, www.gcnatureclub.org by using the following QR code.



Established in 1949, the Gloucester County Nature Club (GCNC) was started by a small group of Gloucester County residents with a common interest in the natural world. The Nature Club is a local nonprofit organization with no paid staff which strives to promote sound conservation practices and to educate others in the community about nature and the environment.



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