

Gloucester County Nature Club Programs & Events

Our programs are always free and open to the public.

Special Events marked ♦

Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024 -7:00 PM: On Soggy Ground: A Geography of Pine Barrens Wetlands

Presenter: Mark Demitroff, Professor of Geology, Stockton University

Natural Historian Mark Demitroff presents an engaging overview on how to read and value the unusual wet environment of the New Jersey Pine Barrens through land-surface processes dating from the Ice Age.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024 -7:00 PM: How Beavers Shaped the North American Landscape and Why We Should Let Them Do It Again

Presenter: Elaine Goodman

Before Europeans arrived, North America's estimated 15 to 200 million beaver ponds helped retain water, mitigate flooding, and recharge ground water. By the mid-1800s, beavers were virtually eliminated from much of their habitat.

♦Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024: 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 @ [gcnatureclub.org](https://www.gcnatureclub.org)

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024 -7:00 PM: The Amazing American Oystercatcher & the Challenge to Protect It

Presenter: Emmy Casper, Wildlife Biologist, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey

This striking shorebird is one of the few birds that solely specializes on oysters, clams, mussels, and other shellfish living in saltwater. Emmy Casper will reveal its natural history, ecological importance and the efforts to protect it here in NJ.

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 -7:00 PM: Around Europe in 24 Days

Presenters: Jeff & Ava Mollenhauer

Jeff Mollenhauer and his daughter Ava traveled through Europe during the summer of 2024. Jeff will highlight some of the 750+ species he documented on iNaturalist during the trip. On the other hand, Ava will share a teenager's perspective on the amazing encounters in their journey.

♦Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024: Audubon Christmas Bird Count

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

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025 -7:00 PM: Owls of New Jersey

Presenter: Rancocas Nature Center

New Jersey has eight species of owls that over-winter in the state from the petite Saw-whet to the mighty Great Horned. This engaging program features hands-on materials and bird mounts, including activities where participants will learn about owl characteristics, owl habitat, and owl calls.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 -6:00 PM: Annual Pot Luck Dinner

Activity: To be announced.

Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025 -7:00 PM: Frog Dreaming in Manyallaluck: Living and Working in an Aboriginal Community in Northern Territory of Australia

Presenter: Kathleen Donald

Australia's Northern Territory is known for its remote open spaces, exotic wildlife, extreme weather, and eccentric characters, but especially for its rich heritage of Aboriginal art and culture. Come walkabout with me for an evening and hear stories about Manyallaluk, it's people and their artwork.

Thursday, Apr 10, 2025 -7:00 PM: Schemes and Scams: Trickery in the Natural World

Presenter: Shujaath Mehdi

Animals use deception to find prey, to avoid being eaten, and to protect their young. The presentation will showcase interesting examples of these tricks, the most well-known of which is visual camouflage.

♦Saturday, May 3, 2025: Bird Quest 7:00 AM-Noon with Picnic following

Join us in celebrating **25 years** for this fun and educational birding event for families, young people and birders of all skill levels.

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

Thursday, May 8, 2025: 6:00 PM Annual Plant Sale

7:00 PM Program: Perspectives from the Heart of the Amazon

Presenters: Bob & Debbie Barsotti

Plants and animals have adapted to and evolved in the most diverse rainforest on Earth. Our presenters evolved as well on their Amazon adventure. When field trips include jungle walks, sunrise kayaking and fabulous wildlife sightings, how can your perspectives not change?

Thursday, Jun. 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM: GCNC Annual Picnic

Location: TBD

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

♦Saturday, Jun. 28, 2025: The South Jersey 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 @ [gcnatureclub.org](https://www.gcnatureclub.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. Find upcoming trip descriptions, dates and information on our website by clicking on Events and the most up-to-date information, including real time cancellation notices due to weather, on our MeetUp Site using the QR code below.



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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