

Gloucester County Nature Club

Programs & Events

Our programs are always free and open to the public.

Special Events marked ♦

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025 -7:00 PM: [Reestablishing Roots in the Land of the Lenape](#)
Presenters: Ty “Dancing Wolf” Ellis & Lia “Watching Sparrow” Gould, Nanticoke Lenni Lenape

This program discusses efforts to heal our ancestral lands... Lenapehoking... through revitalizing traditions. By reconnecting to our past while moving forward with balance in today's world, we seek to bring answers and opportunities to our youth.

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025 -7:00 PM: [Red Bank Battlefield: An Unknown Story, An Opportunity](#)

Presenter: Erik Mollenhauer

The truth of what happened at Red Bank is bigger, more surprising and inspiring than almost anyone knows. Based on extensive personal research, our presenter spills the beans on a story that would make a blockbuster movie.

♦Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025: [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](#)

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025 -7:00 PM: [Bears in NJ](#)

Presenter: Stephanie Getto, Program Specialist, NJDEP Fish & Wildlife

Bears have now been sighted in all of NJ's counties. Our presenter will explain why and tell us about these animals.

Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025 -7:00 PM: [The Evolution of “Ceres Park”, a Gloucester County Gem](#)

Presenter: Erik Mollenhauer

No one has spent as much time roaming Ceres Park as our presenter. Tonight he shares its storied past (from dinosaurs... to industrial site... to its rebirth as a native plant/animal refuge) ... and a glimpse of its future.

♦Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025: [Audubon Christmas Bird Count](#)

Join us as part of this 125 yr. old national event - feeder watching or outdoors - in the Northwestern Gloucester Co. Count Circle. Details will be @ [gcnatureclub.org](#)

Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026 -7:00 PM: [Summertime Blues – Blueberry Farming in NJ](#)

Presenter: Peter Oudemans, Plant Biology & Pathology Prof., Rutgers Univ. & Director, PE Marucci Center for Blueberry, Cranberry Research & Extension

Think summer. Come to hear our presenter explain the importance of blueberries to NJ's economy, its history, and describe the challenges farmers are facing both with climate change & other environmental factors as well as in business.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026 -6:00 PM: [Annual Pot Luck Dinner](#) 7:00 PM [Bird Collisions](#)

Presenter: Leigh Altadonna, Lights Out Philly

Flying birds are confused by reflective/transparent glass surfaces by day and artificial lights by night. Learn what is being done to provide safe passage between birds' nesting & wintering grounds and steps you can take to help.

Thursday, Mar. 12, 2026 -7:00 PM: [The Coyote in New Jersey](#)

Presenter: Andrew Burnett, Principal Wildlife Biologist (ret.), NJ Fish & Wildlife

This program covers basic ecology, how coyotes got here, their expansion throughout the state, harvest levels, their impact on other species, and how people may avoid negative interactions with them.

Thursday, Apr 9, 2026 -7:00 PM: [Tiger Beetles](#)

Presenter: Daniel P. Duran, Ph.D., Assistant Professor & Naturalist, Rowan Univ.

Tiger beetles are one of the most popular groups of insects, and for good reason! These creatures are fast-running predators that live all over the planet and often display beautiful colors. Come join Dr. Dan Duran to learn more about these fascinating animals!

♦Saturday, May 2, 2026: [Bird Quest 7:00 AM-Noon with Picnic following](#)

Join us in this fun and educational birding event for families, young people and birders of all skill levels. Details will be @ [gcnatureclub.org](#)

Thursday, May 14, 2026 -6:00 PM [Annual Plant Sale](#) 7:00 PM [Deserts to Glaciers](#)

Presenters: Ava and Jeff Mollenhauer

Ava and Jeff share stories and photos from their 2025 summer road trip from Arizona to Montana with stops at the Grand Canyon, Arches & Glacier National Parks, and more. Come learn about their quest for cacti (big and small), the best cactus flavored foods, scorpion hunting, Ava's favorite arch, and how to look a moth in the eye.

Thursday, Jun. 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM: [GCNC Annual Picnic](#)

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

♦Saturday, Jun. 27, 2026: [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](#)

**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. GCNC is a local IRS 501(c)(3) 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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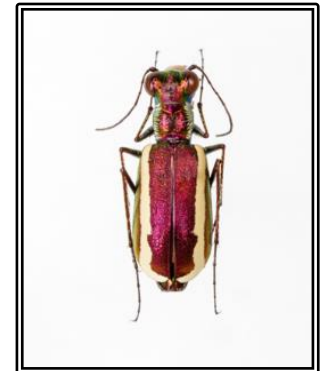
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Firefly Festival Fun



Ceres Dinosaur



Tiger Beetle

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