



## Gloucester County Nature Club

### Monthly Newsletter

October 2025

[www.gcnatureclub.org](http://www.gcnatureclub.org)

**Nature Club meetings are open to the public.**

**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).

### Program:

#### **Red Bank Battlefield: An Unknown Story, An Opportunity**

**Presenter: Erik Mollenhauer**

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> / 7p.m.**

The truth of what happened at Red Bank Battlefield in October 1777 is bigger, more surprising, and more inspiring than almost anyone knows. If you think you know what happened there, you don't.

The Rhode Island Regiments who fought at Red Bank were among only a few units that served through nearly the entire Revolutionary War. Their stories connect to famous people, battles and other events of the war. What happened at Red Bank was no small thing.

Based on extensive personal research, Erik Mollenhauer spills the beans on a story that would make a blockbuster movie... a story of arrogance and ambition, loyalty and sacrifice, sex and politics, heroism and tragedy... a story about the promise of America and of we, the people... a story that still to this day, very much matters.



## **Field Trips:**

### **Washington Lake Park**

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> \ 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.**

### **Washington Lake Park Amphitheater**

Join members of GCNC and the Washington Township Environmental Commission for an easy walk through Washington Lake Park to discover some of the hot spots where an assortment of migrating birds, including 22 species of warblers, have been found. Previous fall walks have yielded Blackburnian, Cape May, Wilson, Tennessee, and Palm Warblers, among others.

**Directions:** Meet at parking lot E by the amphitheater.

**Trip Leaders:** Marie Hageman and Larry Shaw

**Site Information:** See: *Natural Places of Gloucester County* pages 95-100, Location #22

**Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> / 9 a.m.**

### **Raccoon Creek WMA**

Berkeley Drive Entrance

301 Berkeley Drive, Logan Township

### **(Tour de Natural Places)**



Join us as we explore the natural places of Gloucester County as described in the 2020 Edition of *Natural Places of Gloucester County*, pages 75-78, Location # 18

**Directions:** Park and meet at the end of Berkeley Drive, into Commodore Business Park.

**Trip Leaders:** Sue Bergmann and Marilyn Henry.

Get updated information at **Meetup.com**

These events are free and open to the public.

## Event: Mad Hatter's Tree Party

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> / 1:00 p.m.

Eldridge Trail, Wenonah.

214 East Pine St., Wenonah

The Mad Hatter's Tree Party is a fun way to walk through the woods with family and friends while learning fascinating facts about tree species in our area. This celebration of autumn and trees is an opportunity to connect with nature. Take a whimsical adventure on this self-paced hike in the Wenonah woods as local musicians play accompaniment along the way! Stops at several locations provide educational information about tree species and their critical roles in a healthy environment. And the end of the journey, enjoy light refreshments and meet the Mad Hatter himself!



This event is free and open to the public. No pre-registration necessary.



We are continuing to post 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.

31 videos are now available, including these recent additions:

- [An Amazon River Adventure](#) (May 2025).
- Reestablishing Roots in the Land of the Lenape (September 2025 -- *video to be released on October 3rd*).

### 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 open to 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 Jean Block at [jeanellenblock@comcast.net](mailto:jeanellenblock@comcast.net) by the 22nd of the preceding month.

### **Reminder - Membership Dues**

- September marks the start of a new club year, and with it we ask you to renew your membership. Your dues – which cover your entire household – are the only costs associated with being a club member; we do not charge for any of our programs or field trips. It's a great value, too: dues have not increased since 2013!
- You can renew on our website: click on "About" then scroll down to "Join or Renew Online."
- Or you can mail in the form on the next page with a check
- Or you can bring that form to the October meeting: we accept cash, checks, and credit/debit cards.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025-2026**

☐ New Member  
☐ Renewal

☐ Electronic Membership (\$20) - newsletter via email  
☐ Paper Membership (\$25) - regular mail; **ONLY FOR EXISTING POSTAL MAIL MEMBERS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Main Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Second Email Address in your household (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special knowledge you would be willing to share: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to serve on a committee? If so, which committee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other ways you could participate? If so, how?  
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Would you like to give a gift membership? If so, indicate Paper ☐ or Electronic ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

A note will be sent informing them of your gift membership in the GCNC, thank you.  
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I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE RELEASE STATEMENT.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form with payment to GCNC, PO Box 563, Sewell, NJ 08080 or bring to a meeting.