



## 2009 Programs

A project of the Chester County Commissioners  
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# TALES FROM THE TRAILS



**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

**7:00-8:30 PM**

**CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY ~ STRUBLE ROOM**

**Presented by Glenn Nelson, Education Coordinator  
Chester County Parks & Recreation Department**

Enjoy an evening of *Tales from the Trails*, much like Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*. In a humorous tall-tale fashion, Glenn will share over 1,000 miles of trail experiences from Chester County Parks to the Carolina Blue Ridge, to the Colorado Rockies to Alaska's Denali National Park.

Stories about fun adventures from Nottingham Barrens, being flooded away in Carolina, experiencing hair-raising St. Elmo's fire, bear buddies and moose encounters of the not-so-friendly kind. All illustrated by slides of wildlife, vivid images of nature's scenery and portraits of fellow adventurers.

**RESERVATIONS REQUESTED ~ SEATING LIMITED TO 100  
FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION CALL, 610.280.2642**



**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

- Call or e-mail the Library hosting the program you want to attend.
- Indicate the program and date of program you want to attend.
- Leave your name, names of all guests and your phone number.

**ATGLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY • 413 VALLEY AVENUE, ATGLEN • 610.593.6848 • atlibrary.events@gmail.com**

**Saturday, April 25 • 9:30 AM**

Native Plants in America

**AVON GROVE LIBRARY • 117 ROSE HILL AVENUE, AVON GROVE • 610.869.2004**

**Saturday, April 25 • 10:00 AM**

Nature's Therapy: A Walk in the Park

**BAYARD TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY • 216 EAST STATE STREET, KENNETT SQUARE • 610.444.2702**

**Saturday, March 28 • 10:00 AM • Limited to 45**

Using Native Plants in Your Garden

**Saturday, April 4 • 1:00 PM • Limited to 45**

Nature's Therapy: A Walk in the Park

**CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY • 450 EXTON SQUARE PARKWAY, EXTON • 610.280.2642 • nmccourt@ccls.org**

**Monday, March 9 • 7:00 PM • Limited to 100**

Important Bird Areas

**CHESTER SPRINGS LIBRARY • 1685-A ART SCHOOL ROAD, CHESTER SPRINGS • 610.827.9212**

**Wednesday, March 25 • 4:00 PM • Limited to 25**

All About Dogs

**DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY • 330 EAST LANCASTER AVENUE, DOWNINGTOWN • 610.269.2741**

**Wednesday, March 11 • 6:30 PM • Limited to 30**

Gardening

**Saturday, March 21 • 1:00 PM • Limited to 30**

Many Hats of a Park Ranger

**EASTTOWN LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTER • 720 FIRST AVENUE, BERWYN • 610.644.0138 • aplambec@ccls.org**

**Monday, March 30 • 7:00 PM • Limited to 75**

Mapping Nature: GIS at Chester County Parks

**MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY • 1 EAST FIRST AVENUE, MALVERN • 610.644.7259**

**Wednesday, April 1 • 7:00 PM**

*A Walk in the Woods* Book Discussion

**PAOLI LIBRARY • 18 DARBY ROAD, PAOLI • 610.296.7996**

**Thursday, March 19 • 4:00 PM • Limited to 20**

Native Plants in America

**Thursday, April 16 • 4:00 PM • Limited to 20**

Woodland Restoration

**PHOENIXVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY • 183 SECOND AVENUE, PHOENIXVILLE • 610.933.3013, ext. 32 • mpinto@ccls.org**

**Thursday, May 7 • 7:00 PM • Limited to 25**

Introduction to Backpacking and Wilderness Survival

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

**Native Plants in America** ~ What are native plants? Why are native plants important? You have likely seen many native species, but perhaps not realized which ones are native plants. Learn to recognize which plants are natives, invasives and naturalized species. Find out how European settlers were introduced to American native plants and which plants from Colonial times you still can find today. See examples of the birds, butterflies and insects unique to our area that depend on native plants for food and shelter. The presentation will also offer practical suggestions for adding native species to gardens at your home or school. Suggestions will include special plants for sunny areas, shade gardens, stream side areas and wetlands. This program can be adjusted for adults or for mixed-age families. *Presented by Catherine Renzi, Owner & Landscape Designer, Yellow Springs Farm-Native Plants Nursery*

**Nature's Therapy: A Walk in the Park** ~ Did you know enjoying Chester County Park's trails and paths not only give you a watchable wildlife and sensory experience, but it improves your overall fitness and well being at the same time? This program combines nature and wellness. Discover why nature is so therapeutic and see what health benefits you reap while hiking the trails or walking the paths. *Presented by Glenn Nelson, Education Coordinator, Chester County Parks & Recreation Department*

**Using Native Plants in Your Garden** ~ Develop your sense of identity with nature by gardening with native plants. Not only will they attract wildlife to your yard by providing necessary habitat and food, they will also provide you with year-round beauty. Native plants can be maintained with minimal impact on the environment and make sense economically. Learn about which plants suit our region and how to successfully use them in your garden. *Presented by Shane Morgan, The Living Garden*

**Important Bird Areas** ~ Pennsylvania is home to 85 Important Bird Areas (IBA) - sites designated as critical habitat for birds. Sixteen of these IBAs are in Southeast Pennsylvania, including the 185-mile Kittatinny Ridge, the corridor for the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania. Bill Bryson wrote specifically about the Lehigh Gap in *A Walk in the Woods*, which was, at the time, a devastated habitat from zinc mining and an eyesore along the trail. In the past five years, the habitat has been restored as a grassland, mainly by efforts of Lehigh Gap Nature Center and DCNR, and Audubon is a key partner in continued restoration efforts as the site is now attracting threatened and watch list grasslands birds species. Brian will speak about this project and as well as other local IBAs depending on the library visited. *Presented by Brian Byrnes, Important Bird Area Coordinator, Audubon, PA*

**All About Dogs** ~ Join Kate and her dogs Tess and Sophia, as they share how to walk with your dog in the parks, knowing your dog's limitations, first aid for pets and funny stories. **Attendees are not permitted to bring their dogs to this program.** *Presented by Kate Mrakovich, Regional Park Ranger, Nottingham County Park*

**Gardening** ~ This program will focus on nurseries, public gardens, gardening tools and accessories, books, catalogs and lots of handouts. Enjoy a Q&A session after the presentation. *Presented by Nancy Robinson & Diana Cormack, Valley Garden Club*

**Many Hats of a Park Ranger** ~ Join Kate as she literally brings all of the different hats she wears from day-to-day and runs through "a day in the life" of a Park Ranger. *Presented by Kate Mrakovich, Regional Park Ranger, Nottingham County Park*

**Mapping Nature: GIS at Chester County Parks** ~ GIS and GPS have become integral tools to assist in natural resource management at Chester County Parks. Geographic data creation and interpretation is now completed in a more timely and cost-effective manner than with previous mapping methods, and analytical products that were not previously possible have become routine. *Presented by Mark Mattie & Sean Moir, GIS Analysts, DCIS & GIS at Chester County Parks & Recreation Department*

**Woodland Restoration** ~ Learn what Pennsylvania (Penn's Woods) looked like when William Penn arrived here. Discover the many plants and animals that live in the woods - it's much more than trees! We will discuss what healthy woodland looks like, how Pennsylvania's woodlands have changed over the centuries, and what you can do to restore a woodland area on your property or in your neighborhood. Whether you have a dozen trees, or a dozen acres to work with, learn how to work with nature to build a healthy woodland ecosystem. *Presented by Catherine Renzi, Owner & Landscape Designer, Yellow Springs Farm-Native Plants Nursery*

**Introduction to Backpacking and Wilderness Survival** ~ Learn some basic survival skills and everything you need to know to get started in the purest form of camping – backcountry camping. From a week-long summer trip to a winter weekend, discover what to take, how to pack and what to eat. Interactive demonstrations included. Doug is considered the "Survivor Man" at Nottingham County Park. *Presented by Doug Riexinger, Maintenance Staff, Nottingham County Park*