

Genesee Region INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS Winter 2024 Calendar

PROGRAMS AT DARIEN LAKE STATE PARK

FEBRUARY

- 18 Sun • 10:00 am **GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT.** Meet at Harlow Lake Parking Area off Harlow Rd. (2 hours, 1 mile) mn
- 1:00 pm **WINTER WEEDS & WILDFLOWERS.** Meet at Harlow Lake Parking Area off Harlow Rd. (2 hours, 1 mile) mn

PROGRAMS AT GENESEE VALLEY GREENWAY STATE PARK

For pre-registration: (585) 493-3614
Leave message or email: Kristine.Uribe@parks.ny.gov

FIRST DAY HIKES – New Year’s Day 2024

- More than a dozen hikes are planned along the length of the Park in Monroe, Livingston, and Allegany Counties. Check this site for details: <https://parks.ny.gov/events/event-results.aspx?pk=189>

PROGRAM AT HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

FIRST DAY HIKES – New Year’s Day 2024

- 10:00 am Sponsored by the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park who will also be providing refreshments. Call (585) 964-2462 for more information



PROGRAMS AT LETCWORTH STATE PARK

All programs led by various interpretive staff except as noted (cb) Conrad Baker, (db) Douglas Bassett, (tb) Theo Berenson, (af) Angie Frick, (ml) Mike Landowski, (mn) Matt Nusstein, and (ao) Anne O'Reilly

Nature walks from the Humphrey Nature Center (HNC) will be substituted for all ski & snowshoe programs when snow conditions are inadequate.

HNC hours are 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday - Monday.

FIRST DAY HIKES – New Year's Day 2024

at Two Locations. Kick off the Centennial Year of New York State Parks. *Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Letchworth State Park*

SOUTH – MEET AT HUMPHREY NATURE CENTER

- 1 Mon • 10:00 am **FIRST DAY WATERFALLS HIKE.** Join us for a hike to Inspiration Point, the Glen Iris Fountain and Middle Falls. This more moderate hike offers incredible views and explores exotic trees, as well as state and national champion trees. (2 hours, 2 miles) db
 - 10:30 am **FIRST DAY HIKE AROUND TROUT POND.** Hike a loop around Trout Pond, the human-enhanced wildlife habitat, fishing pond, and water source for the fountain at the Glen Iris Inn. This moderate hike covers mostly flat ground but follows a complete loop around Trout Pond. Experience the hushed, densely fern-covered pine woods in their winter slumber beside the beautiful pond. (1½ hours, 1 mile) Ken W.
 - 1:00pm **FIRST DAY CANYON HIKE.** View the Park's deepest canyon, the Great Bend Canyon, from several vantage points along the Gorge Trail. Learn about what makes Letchworth State Park so unique from both a natural and historical perspective. (2 hours, 2 miles) mn



SOUTH – MEET AT ANT TRAIL

- Noon - 2:00 pm Come and join the Camp Puzzle Peace staff for a special hike on The Autism Nature Trail. Staff will be on the trail celebrating the new year and helping others to learn about some cool New Year's celebrations around the world. Come and learn about what people do in Spain and Denmark along with many other places around the world. On the ANT we honor and celebrate our differences and realize how unique and special each of us are.

NORTH – MEET AT SOUTH Highbanks Shelter

- 1 Mon • 10:00 am **First Day Hike to Hogsback Overlook.** Enjoy a guided hike along the Highbanks Trail with great views of the Mt. Morris Canyon. The Hogsback Overlook provides great views of a unique geological feature within Letchworth State Park. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) tb
- 1:00 pm **First Day Hike to Mt. Morris Dam.** Join us for a guided hike with wonderful gorge views and interesting perspectives of the Mt. Morris Dam. Learn all about the Dam's functions and its importance to communities between Letchworth State Park and the City of Rochester. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) tb
Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Letchworth State Park.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

JANUARY

- 1-31 • **NATURE TABLE – Winter Theme.** **FNCG.** (10a-5p)
- 3 Wed • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Winter Mushrooms Basic (finding fungus).** Families with children ages 6-12+. **FNCG.** (1½ hours, 1 mile) cb
- 4 Thu • 10:00 am **WOLF CREEK VALLEY TREK.** Meet at Castile Entrance Gate. Will car caravan. Bring a lunch. (3 hours, 1½ miles) db



6 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **HINC.** (on-site)

• 1:00 pm **WINTER LECTURE SERIES – WNY**

Wildway, Marcus Rosten. Meet at **HINC.**

(1½ hours, on-site)

• 2:30 pm **SNOWSHOE WALK.** Snowshoes may be borrowed for this walk. Meet at **HINC.**

(1 hour, 1 mile)

7 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at HNC. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **FAMILY NATURE WALK – Three Sisters Waterfalls.** Meet at Castile Entrance Gate.

(2 hours, 1 mile) db

• 1:00 pm **NOVICE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1 hour, 1 mile) db

• 2:30 pm **INTERMEDIATE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) db ■

8 Mon • 10:30 am **KNEE HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM**

(Snowflakes). Families with children ages 3-6.

HINC. (1 hour) ao

Call (585) 493-3680 to pre-register for either program.

• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM**

(Snowflakes). Families with children age 2. **HINC.**

(½ hour) ao

10 Wed • 10:00 am **SILVER LAKE OUTLET VALLEY TREK.**

Meet at Perry Entrance Gate. Will car caravan.

Bring a lunch. Brush and stream crossings.

(4 hours, 2 miles) db

11 Thu • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Winter Mushrooms**

Intermediate (mushroom forests). Families with children ages 6-12+. **HINC.** (1½ hours, 1 mile) cb

13 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **HINC.** (on-site)

• 10:00 am **NOVICE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1 hour, 1 mile) db

• 1:00 pm **WINTER LECTURE SERIES – Forest Therapy, Chip Matthews.** Meet at **HINC.**

(1½ hours, on site)



• 2:30 pm **INTERMEDIATE NATURE SKI HIKE.**
Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) db ■

14 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**
Meet at **INCC**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **NYSOA WATERFOWL COUNT.** Meet at Mt
Morris Dam Overlook. (1 hour, on-site) mn

• 10:00 am **FAMILY NATURE WALK – Letchworth
Arboretum.** Meet at Visitor Center.
(2 hours, 1 mile) db

• 1:00 pm **FOLKLORE OF THE TORTURE TREE.**
Appropriate for ages 8+. Meet at Boyd and Parker
Park, Cuylerville, NY. (1 hour, on-site) cb

• 1:00 pm **NOVICE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at
Trailside Lodge. (1 hour, 1 mile) db

• 2:30 pm **INTERMEDIATE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet
at Trailside Lodge. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) db ■

18 Thu • 10:00 am **BEAR HOLLOW TRAIL TREK.** Meet at
Bear Hollow (#16) Trailhead on River Road ½ mile
south of Ridge Road junction. Bring a lunch.
(4 hours, 3 miles) db

20 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**
Meet at **INCC**. (on-site)

• 1:00 pm **WINTER LECTURE SERIES – Avian
Rhapsody, Eli Knapp.** Meet at **INCC**.
(1½ hours, on site)

• 2:30 pm **SNOWSHOE WALK.** Snowshoes may be
borrowed for this walk. Meet at **INCC**.
(1 hour, 1 mile)

21 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**
Meet at **INCC**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **ADVENTURE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet
at Trailside Lodge. Bring a lunch.
(3 or 4 hours, 3 or 4 miles) db ■

22 Mon • 10:30 am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM
(Animals in Winter).** Families with children ages
3-6. **INCC**. (1 hour) ao

Call (585) 493-3680 to pre-register for either program.

• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Animals**



in Winter). Families with children age 2. **INCG.**
(½ hour) ao

24 Wed • 10:00 am **HOGSBACK TREK.** Meet at Hogsback Overlook (1 mile south of G.W. Harvey Pool at north end of park). Bring a lunch. (3 hours, 2 miles) db

25 Thu • 5:30 pm **MOONLIGHT NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. Bring a flashlight. (Offered in 2 parts, max. 2 hours, 2 miles) db

26 Fri • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Winter Mushrooms Advanced (woods wide web).** Families with children ages 6-12+. **INCG.** (1½ hours, on-site) cb

27 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCG.** (on-site)

• 10:00 am **NOVICE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1 hour, 1 mile) db

• 1:00 pm **WINTER LECTURE SERIES – Naming the Nameless, Mike Landowski.** Meet at **INCG.**
(1½ hours, on-site)

• 2:30 pm **INTERMEDIATE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) db ■

28 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCG.** (on-site)

• 10:00 am **FAMILY NATURE WALK – Denton Brook.** Meet at Castile Entrance Gate. (2 hours, 1 mile) db

• 1:00 pm **NOVICE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1 hour, 1 mile) db

• 2:30 pm **INTERMEDIATE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1½ hours, 1 ½ miles) db ■

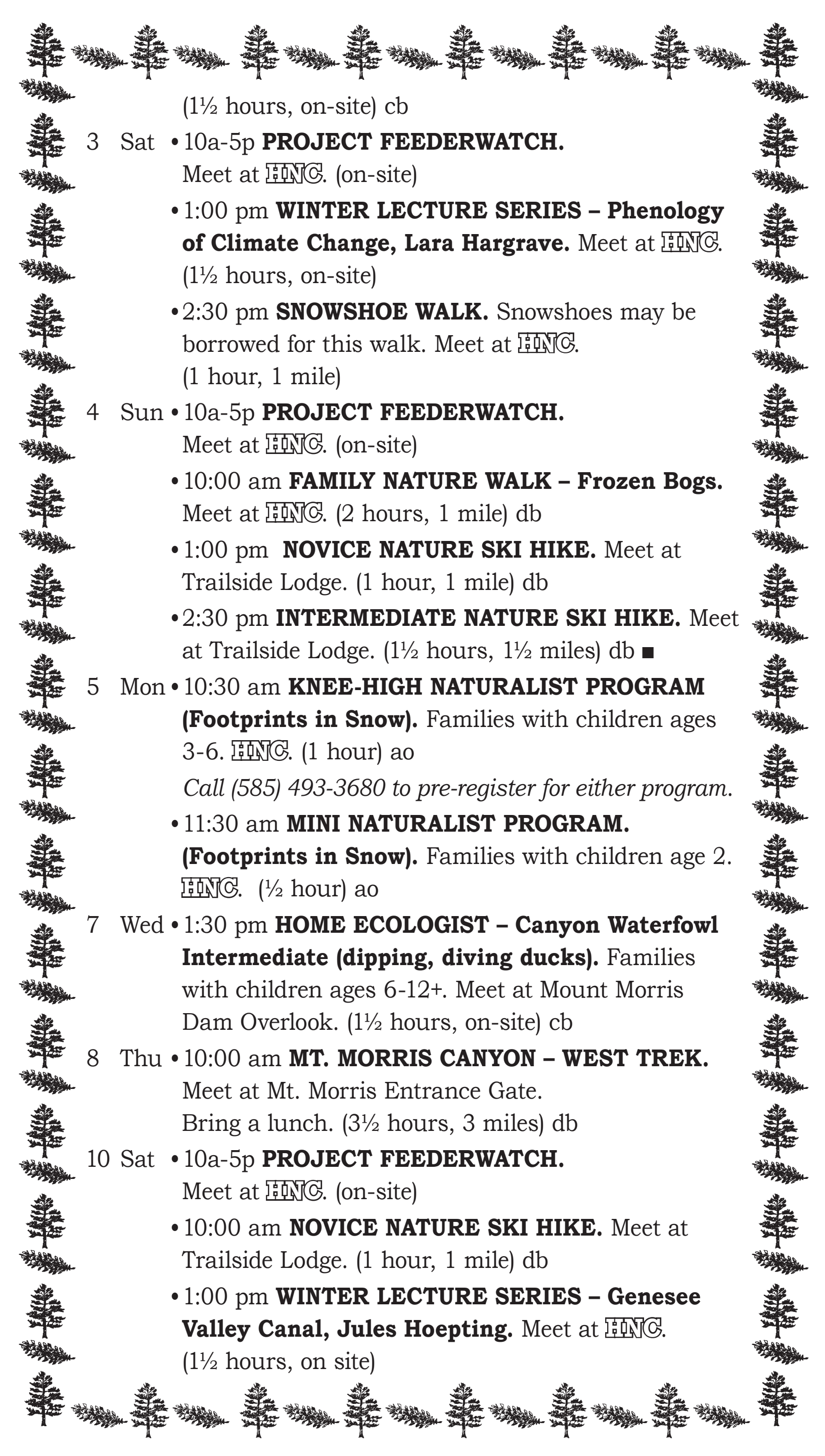
31 Wed • 10:00 am **SYCAMORE TRAIL TREK.** Meet at Sycamore (#22) Trailhead on River Road ¼ mile south of Picket Line Road junction. Bring a lunch. (4 hours, 2 miles) db

FEBRUARY

1-29 • **NATURE TABLE – Winter Theme.**

INCG. (10a-5p)

1 Thu • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Canyon Waterfowl Basic (spotting birds).** Families with children ages 6-12+. Meet at Mount Morris Dam Overlook.



(1½ hours, on-site) cb

3 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **ENGC.** (on-site)

• 1:00 pm **WINTER LECTURE SERIES – Phenology of Climate Change, Lara Hargrave.** Meet at **ENGC.**

(1½ hours, on-site)

• 2:30 pm **SNOWSHOE WALK.** Snowshoes may be borrowed for this walk. Meet at **ENGC.**

(1 hour, 1 mile)

4 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **ENGC.** (on-site)

• 10:00 am **FAMILY NATURE WALK – Frozen Bogs.**

Meet at **ENGC.** (2 hours, 1 mile) db

• 1:00 pm **NOVICE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at

Trailside Lodge. (1 hour, 1 mile) db

• 2:30 pm **INTERMEDIATE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) db ■

5 Mon • 10:30 am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM**

(Footprints in Snow). Families with children ages 3-6. **ENGC.** (1 hour) ao

Call (585) 493-3680 to pre-register for either program.

• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM.**

(Footprints in Snow). Families with children age 2. **ENGC.** (½ hour) ao

7 Wed • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Canyon Waterfowl**

Intermediate (dipping, diving ducks). Families

with children ages 6-12+. Meet at Mount Morris

Dam Overlook. (1½ hours, on-site) cb

8 Thu • 10:00 am **MT. MORRIS CANYON – WEST TREK.**

Meet at Mt. Morris Entrance Gate.

Bring a lunch. (3½ hours, 3 miles) db

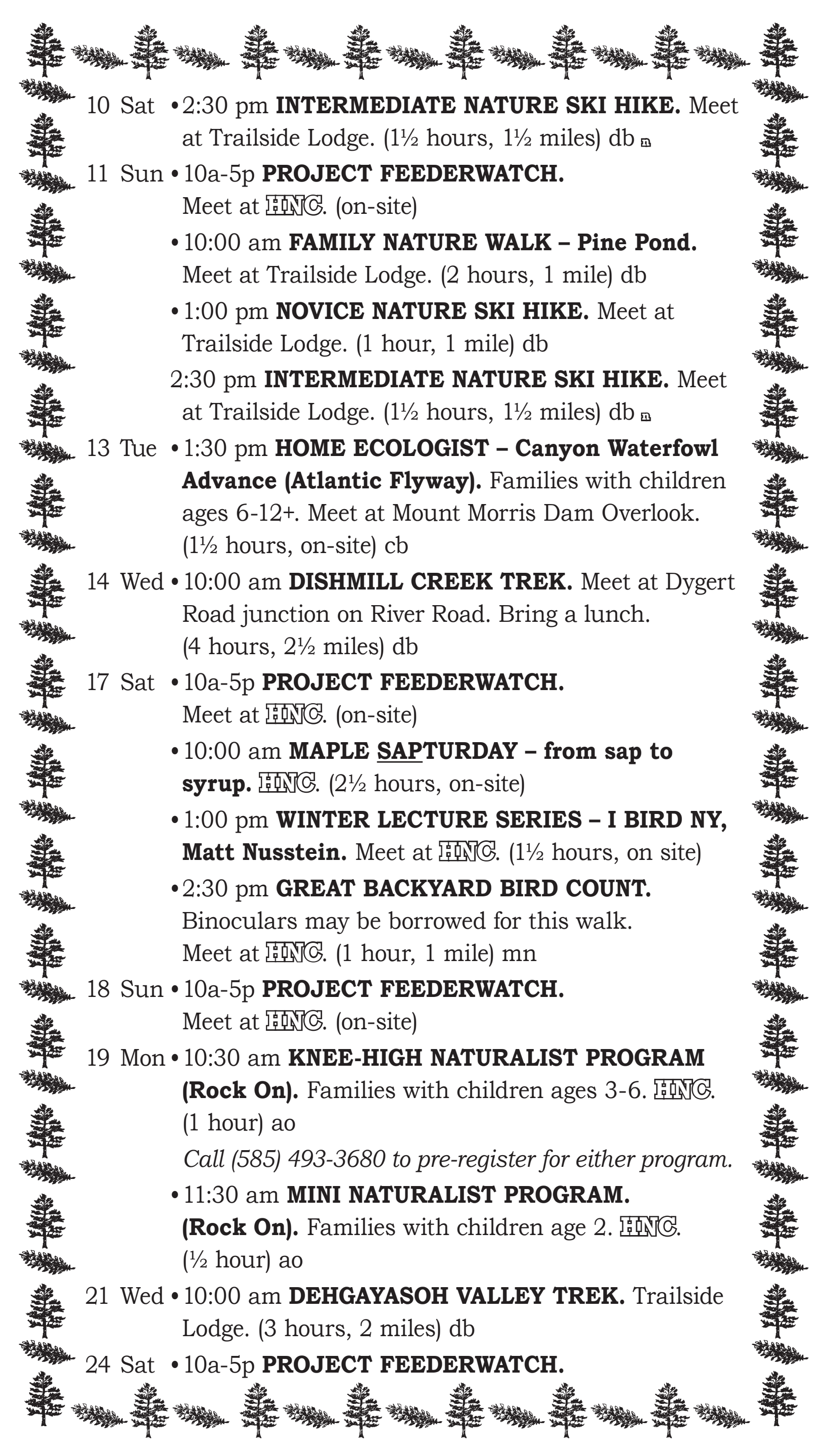
10 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**


Meet at **ENGC.** (on-site)

• 10:00 am **NOVICE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1 hour, 1 mile) db

• 1:00 pm **WINTER LECTURE SERIES – Genesee Valley Canal, Jules Hoepting.** Meet at **ENGC.**

(1½ hours, on site)



10 Sat • 2:30 pm **INTERMEDIATE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) db 

11 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**
Meet at  (on-site)

• 10:00 am **FAMILY NATURE WALK – Pine Pond.**
Meet at Trailside Lodge. (2 hours, 1 mile) db

• 1:00 pm **NOVICE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1 hour, 1 mile) db

2:30 pm **INTERMEDIATE NATURE SKI HIKE.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. (1½ hours, 1½ miles) db 


13 Tue • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Canyon Waterfowl Advance (Atlantic Flyway).** Families with children ages 6-12+. Meet at Mount Morris Dam Overlook. (1½ hours, on-site) cb

14 Wed • 10:00 am **DISHMILL CREEK TREK.** Meet at Dygert Road junction on River Road. Bring a lunch. (4 hours, 2½ miles) db


17 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**
Meet at 

• 10:00 am **MAPLE SAPTURDAY – from sap to syrup.**  (2½ hours, on-site)

• 1:00 pm **WINTER LECTURE SERIES – I BIRD NY, Matt Nusstein.** Meet at  (1½ hours, on site)

• 2:30 pm **GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT.**
Binoculars may be borrowed for this walk.
Meet at  (1 hour, 1 mile) mn

18 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**
Meet at 

19 Mon • 10:30 am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM (Rock On).** Families with children ages 3-6.  (1 hour) ao
Call (585) 493-3680 to pre-register for either program.

• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Rock On).** Families with children age 2.  (½ hour) ao

21 Wed • 10:00 am **DEHGAYASOH VALLEY TREK.** Trailside Lodge. (3 hours, 2 miles) db

24 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**



Meet at **HNCG**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **MAPLE SAPTURDAY – from sap to syrup.** **HNCG**. (2½ hours, on-site)

• 1:00 pm **WINTER LECTURE SERIES – Caroline Bishop Through the Years, Karen Russell.** Meet at **HNCG**. (1½ hours, on-site)

25 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **HNCG**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **LEE'S LANDING TREK.** Meet at Visitor Center. Bring a lunch. (4½ hours, 3½ miles) db ■

MARCH

1-31 • **NATURE TABLE – Maple Sugaring.**

HNCG. (10a-5p)

1 Fri • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Making Maple Syrup Basic (sap collecting).** Families with children ages 6-12+. **HNCG**. (1½ hours, on site)

2 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **HNCG**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **MAPLE SAPTURDAY – from sap to syrup.** **HNCG**. (2½ hours, on-site)

3 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **HNCG**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **GARDEAU VALLEY TREK.** Meet at Castile Entrance Gate. Will car caravan. Bring a lunch. (4 hours, 2½ miles) db ■

4 Mon • 10:30 am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM**

(Windy Days). Families with children ages 3-6.

HNCG. (1 hour) ao

Call (585) 493-3680 to pre-register for either program.

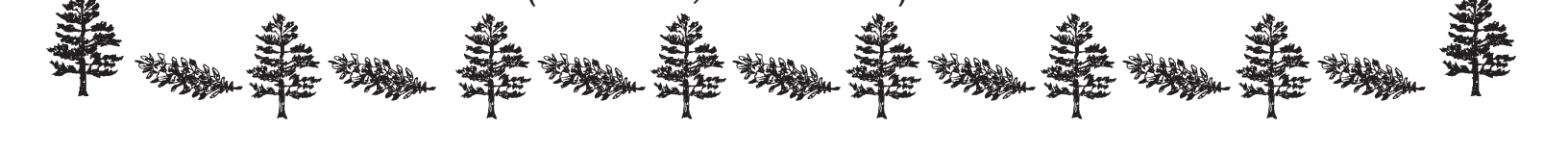
• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Windy Days).** Families with children age 2. **HNCG**. (½ hour) ao

6 Wed • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Making Maple**

Syrup Intermediate (boil. boil, boil). Families with children ages 6-12+. **HNCG**. (1½ hours, on-site)

7 Thu • 10:00 am **ST. HELENA VALLEY – EAST TREK.**

Meet at junction of Oakland and River Roads. Bring a lunch. (4 hours, 2½ miles) db ■





9 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCC**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **MAPLE SAPTURDAY – from sap to syrup.** **INCC**. (2½ hours, on-site)

• 2:00 pm **SEARCH FOR HIDDEN CREATURES.**

Meet at Perry Entrance Gate. May car caravan.

Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) db

10 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCC**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **KISIL POINT TREK.** Meet at Silver Lake Outlet Bridge, one mile north of the Perry Entrance on main park road. Will car caravan. Bring a lunch. (4 hours, 3 miles) db

13 Wed • 10:00 am **ST HELENA VALLEY – WEST TREK.**

Meet at Castile Entrance Gate. Will car caravan.

Bring a lunch. (4½ hours, 3½ miles) db ■

14 Thu • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Making Maple Syrup Advanced (finishing maple products).**

Families with children ages 6-12+. **INCC**. (1½ hours, on-site)

16 Sat • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCC**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **NYS MAPLE WEEKEND – Friends of Letchworth Pancake Breakfast for purchase.**

10a-1p **INCC**. (4 hours, on-site)

17 Sun • 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCC**. (on-site)

• 10:00 am **NYS MAPLE WEEKEND – Friends of Letchworth Pancake Breakfast for purchase.**

10a-1p **INCC**. (4 hours, on-site)

18 Mon • 10:30 am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM (Mmm, Maple Sugaring).** Families with children ages 3-6. **INCC**. (1 hour) ao

Call (585) 493-3680 to pre-register for either program.

• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Mmm, Maple Sugaring).** Families with children age 2.

INCC. (½ hour) ao

19 Tue • 2:00 pm **SIGNS OF SPRING WALK.** Meet at Mount



Morris Entrance Gate. May car caravan.

(3 hours, 2 miles) db

- 7:00 pm **SPRING EQUINOX WALK.** Meet at Archery Field Overlook. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) db

23 Sat

- 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCC.** (on-site)

- 10:00 am **NYS MAPLE WEEKEND – Friends of Letchworth Pancake Breakfast for purchase.**

10a-1p **INCC.** (4 hours, on-site)

24 Sun

- 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCC.** (on site)

- 10:00 am **NYS MAPLE WEEKEND – Friends of Letchworth Pancake Breakfast for purchase.**

10a-1p **INCC.** (4 hours, on-site)

- 10:00 am **NEARBY EXCURSION TO DURAND**

EASTMAN PARK. Meet at Pinetum Rd junction with Lakeshore Rd by Lake Ontario. Bring a lunch.

(3-4 hours, 1 mile) db

25 Mon

- 6:00 pm **FULL MOON WATERFALLS WALK.** Meet at Inspiration Point. Bring a flashlight.

(3 hours, 2 miles) db

30 Sat

- 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCC.** (on-site)

31 Sun

- 10a-5p **PROJECT FEEDERWATCH.**

Meet at **INCC.** (on-site)

