

# Genesee Region INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS Spring 2024 Calendar

All programs led by various interpretive staff except as noted  
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## PROGRAMS at DARIEN LAKE STATE PARK

### APRIL

- 13 Sat • 3:00pm **WOODLAND WALK – Conservation Trail.**  
Meet at the Route 20 trailhead parking area.  
(2 hours, 2 miles) mn
- 7:30pm **IN SEARCH OF THE LABRADOR  
TWISTER.** Meet at the Harlow Lake parking area off  
of Harlow Rd. (1½ hours, 1 mile or more) mn

### JUNE

- 15 Sat • 8:00am **BIRDING WITH THE B.O.S.** Co-sponsored  
by the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Meet at gravel  
lot off Allegheny Rd (Rte. 77). (3 hours, 2 miles) mn
- 1:00pm **WOODLAND WALK – Shotgun Ridge Trail.**  
Meet at the Sumner Rd trailhead parking area.  
(2 hours, 2 miles) mn

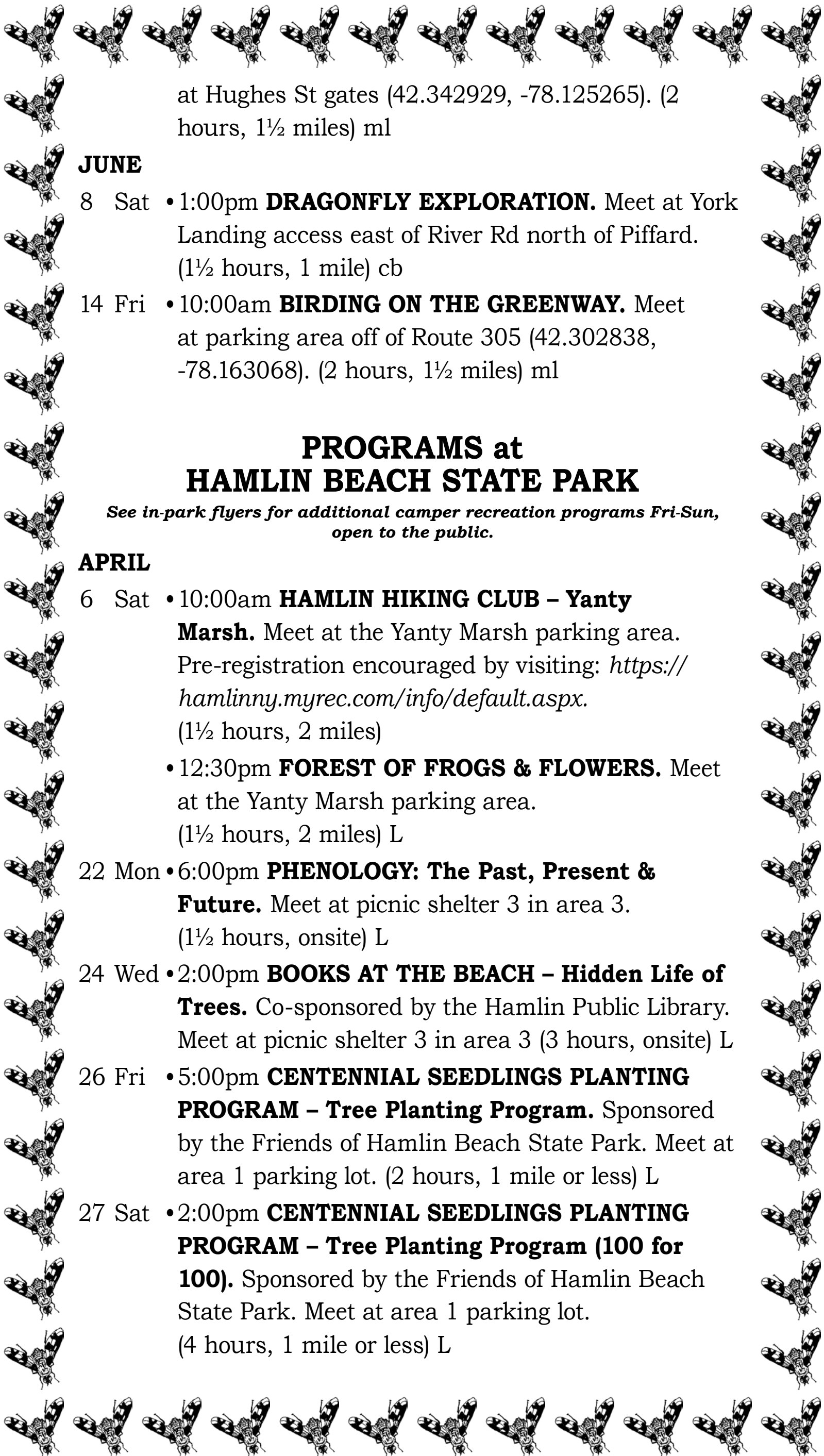
## PROGRAMS at GENESEE VALLEY GREENWAY STATE PARK

### APRIL

- 22 Mon • 1:00pm **EARTH DAY HIKE.** Meet at parking lot on  
Music Way next to Dollar General in Fillmore.  
(2 ½ hours, 2 miles) ml
- 23 Tue • 7:00pm **FULL MOON HIKE.** Meet at Brook Rd  
parking lot, (30 Brook Rd, Rochester 14623).  
(2 hours, 1 mile or more) cb

### MAY

- 25 Sat • 10:00am **CANAL HISTORY: Belfast-Oramel.** Meet

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at Hughes St gates (42.342929, -78.125265). (2 hours, 1½ miles) ml

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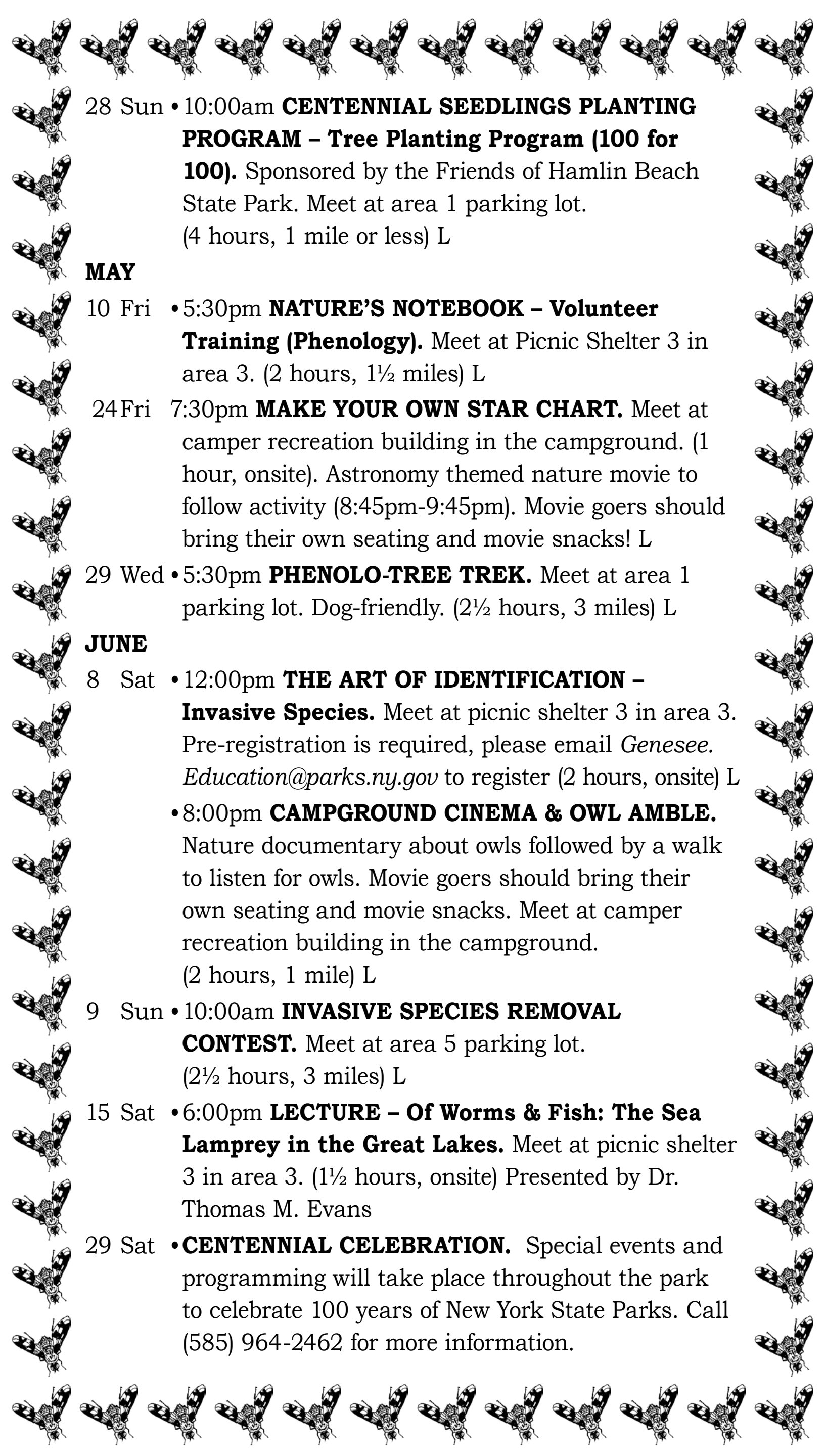
- 8 Sat • 1:00pm **DRAGONFLY EXPLORATION.** Meet at York Landing access east of River Rd north of Piffard. (1½ hours, 1 mile) cb
- 14 Fri • 10:00am **BIRDING ON THE GREENWAY.** Meet at parking area off of Route 305 (42.302838, -78.163068). (2 hours, 1½ miles) ml

## PROGRAMS at HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK

*See in-park flyers for additional camper recreation programs Fri-Sun, open to the public.*

## APRIL

- 6 Sat • 10:00am **HAMLIN HIKING CLUB – Yanty Marsh.** Meet at the Yanty Marsh parking area. Pre-registration encouraged by visiting: <https://hamlinny.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>. (1½ hours, 2 miles)
- 12:30pm **FOREST OF FROGS & FLOWERS.** Meet at the Yanty Marsh parking area. (1½ hours, 2 miles) L
- 22 Mon • 6:00pm **PHENOLOGY: The Past, Present & Future.** Meet at picnic shelter 3 in area 3. (1½ hours, onsite) L
- 24 Wed • 2:00pm **BOOKS AT THE BEACH – Hidden Life of Trees.** Co-sponsored by the Hamlin Public Library. Meet at picnic shelter 3 in area 3 (3 hours, onsite) L
- 26 Fri • 5:00pm **CENTENNIAL SEEDLINGS PLANTING PROGRAM – Tree Planting Program.** Sponsored by the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park. Meet at area 1 parking lot. (2 hours, 1 mile or less) L
- 27 Sat • 2:00pm **CENTENNIAL SEEDLINGS PLANTING PROGRAM – Tree Planting Program (100 for 100).** Sponsored by the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park. Meet at area 1 parking lot. (4 hours, 1 mile or less) L



28 Sun • 10:00am **CENTENNIAL SEEDLINGS PLANTING PROGRAM – Tree Planting Program (100 for 100)**. Sponsored by the Friends of Hamlin Beach State Park. Meet at area 1 parking lot. (4 hours, 1 mile or less) L

**MAY**

10 Fri • 5:30pm **NATURE’S NOTEBOOK – Volunteer Training (Phenology)**. Meet at Picnic Shelter 3 in area 3. (2 hours, 1½ miles) L

24 Fri 7:30pm **MAKE YOUR OWN STAR CHART**. Meet at camper recreation building in the campground. (1 hour, onsite). Astronomy themed nature movie to follow activity (8:45pm-9:45pm). Movie goers should bring their own seating and movie snacks! L

29 Wed • 5:30pm **PHENOLO-TREE TREK**. Meet at area 1 parking lot. Dog-friendly. (2½ hours, 3 miles) L

**JUNE**

8 Sat • 12:00pm **THE ART OF IDENTIFICATION – Invasive Species**. Meet at picnic shelter 3 in area 3. Pre-registration is required, please email *Genesee.Education@parks.ny.gov* to register (2 hours, onsite) L

• 8:00pm **CAMPGROUND CINEMA & OWL AMBLE**. Nature documentary about owls followed by a walk to listen for owls. Movie goers should bring their own seating and movie snacks. Meet at camper recreation building in the campground. (2 hours, 1 mile) L

9 Sun • 10:00am **INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL CONTEST**. Meet at area 5 parking lot. (2½ hours, 3 miles) L

15 Sat • 6:00pm **LECTURE – Of Worms & Fish: The Sea Lamprey in the Great Lakes**. Meet at picnic shelter 3 in area 3. (1½ hours, onsite) Presented by Dr. Thomas M. Evans

29 Sat • **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**. Special events and programming will take place throughout the park to celebrate 100 years of New York State Parks. Call (585) 964-2462 for more information.



## PROGRAMS at LAKESIDE STATE PARK

*See in-park flyers for additional camper recreation programs Fri-Sun,  
open to the public.*

### MAY

22 Wed • 1:00pm **DISCOVERING BLUEBIRDS.** Meet at main picnic area parking lot. (2 hours, 3 miles) L

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19 Wed • 1:00pm **DISCOVERING BLUEBIRDS.** Meet at main picnic area parking lot. (2 hours, 3 miles) L

## PROGRAMS at LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

**Humphrey Nature Center (HNC) Hours are  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm, closed Tuesday & Wednesday in April.**

The following RELATIVE RATING SYSTEM is applied to the programs. Most are appropriate for families.

All programs are ● I except as noted.

Terrain

● easy (shortest time, near level, on trail)

■ more difficult (intermediate)

◆ most difficult (longest time, steeper banks, or off trail)

Presentation of subject matter (geared to audience)

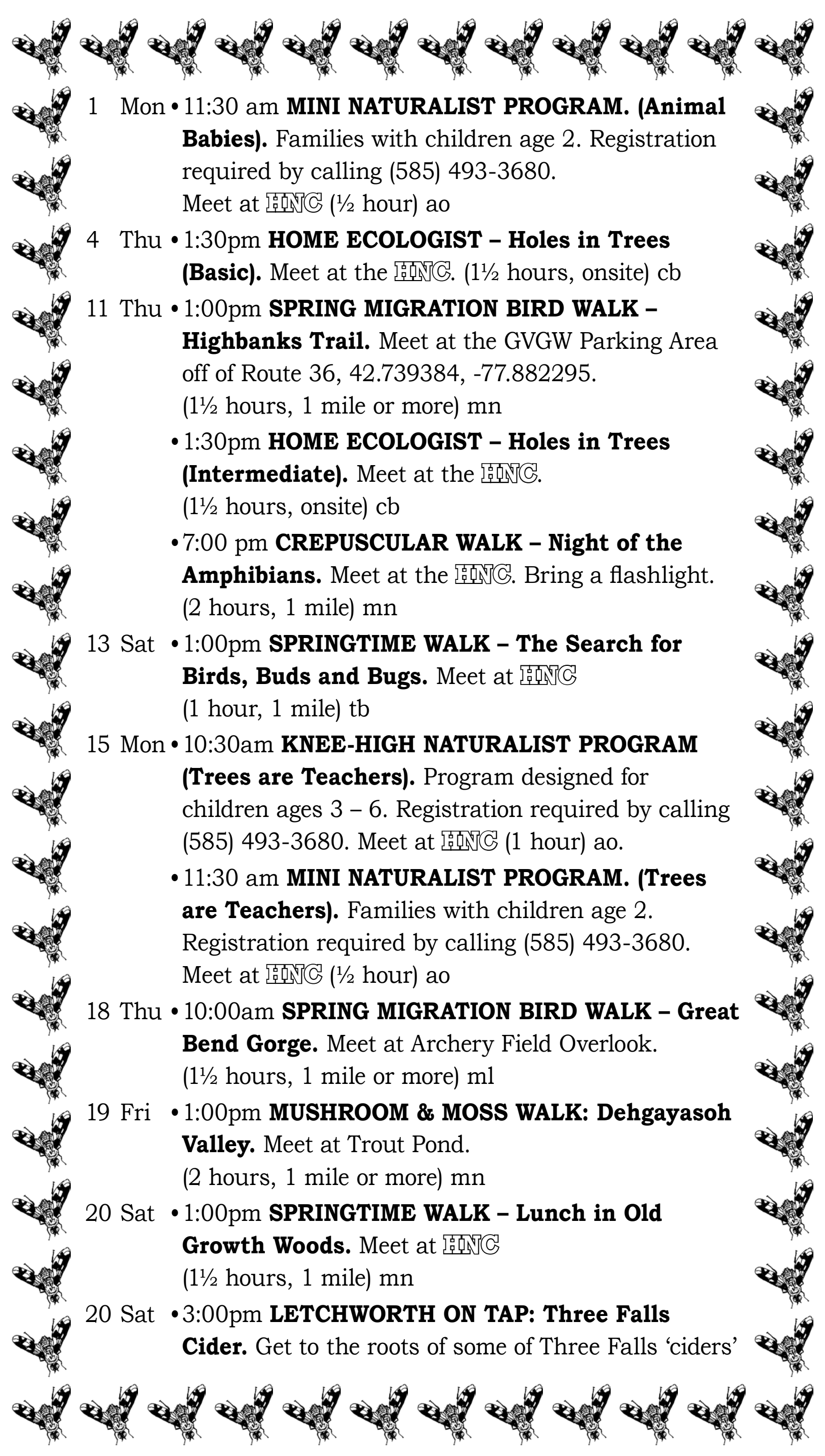
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### APRIL

1-30 • **NATURE TABLE – Magnificent Moss.**  
HNC (10:00 am - 5:00)

1 Mon • 10:30am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM (Animal Babies).** Program designed for children ages 3 – 6. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680. Meet at HNC (1 hour) ao.



1 Mon • 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Animal Babies).** Families with children age 2. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680.

Meet at **INC** (½ hour) ao

4 Thu • 1:30pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Holes in Trees (Basic).** Meet at the **INC**. (1½ hours, onsite) cb

11 Thu • 1:00pm **SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALK – Highbanks Trail.** Meet at the GVGW Parking Area off of Route 36, 42.739384, -77.882295.

(1½ hours, 1 mile or more) mn

• 1:30pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Holes in Trees (Intermediate).** Meet at the **INC**.

(1½ hours, onsite) cb

• 7:00 pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Night of the Amphibians.** Meet at the **INC**. Bring a flashlight.

(2 hours, 1 mile) mn

13 Sat • 1:00pm **SPRINGTIME WALK – The Search for Birds, Buds and Bugs.** Meet at **INC**

(1 hour, 1 mile) tb

15 Mon • 10:30am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM (Trees are Teachers).** Program designed for children ages 3 – 6. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680. Meet at **INC** (1 hour) ao.

• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Trees are Teachers).** Families with children age 2.

Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680.

Meet at **INC** (½ hour) ao

18 Thu • 10:00am **SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALK – Great Bend Gorge.** Meet at Archery Field Overlook.

(1½ hours, 1 mile or more) ml


19 Fri • 1:00pm **MUSHROOM & MOSS WALK: Dehgasoh Valley.** Meet at Trout Pond.

(2 hours, 1 mile or more) mn

20 Sat • 1:00pm **SPRINGTIME WALK – Lunch in Old Growth Woods.** Meet at **INC**

(1½ hours, 1 mile) mn

20 Sat • 3:00pm **LETCHWORTH ON TAP: Three Falls Cider.** Get to the roots of some of Three Falls ‘ciders’



historical names. Meet at Three Falls Cider, 29 East Park Road, Castile, NY. (2 hours, onsite) cb

24 Wed • 1:30pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Holes in Trees (Advanced)**. Meet at the **HINC**. (1½ hours, onsite) cb

26 Fri • 1:30pm **ARBOR DAY**. Tree planting ceremony at **HINC** (½ hour) (Public and local home schoolers encouraged to join!) db

• 2:00pm **ARBOR DAY TREE WALK**. **HINC** (2 hours, 1 mile) db

27 Sat • 1:00pm **SPRINGTIME WALK – The Search for Birds, Buds and Bugs**. Meet at **HINC** (1 hour, 1 mile) tb

29 Mon • 10:30am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM (Seeds to Flowers)**. Program designed for children ages 3 – 6. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680. Meet at **HINC** (1 hour) ao.

29 Mon • 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Seeds to Flowers)**. Families with children age 2. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680. Meet at **HINC** (½ hour) ao

## MAY

1-31 • **WILDFLOWER DISPLAY**. **HINC** (10:00 am - 5:00pm)


1-31 • **NATURE TABLE – World of Warblers**. **HINC** (10:00 am - 5:00pm)

2 Thu • 1:30pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Ephemeral Wildflowers (Basic)**. Meet at the Trout Pond. (1½ hours, onsite) cb

4 Sat • 9:00am **I LOVE MY PARK DAY**. Volunteer to help clean your park. Work alongside Park Staff cleaning the park and trails. Leaf and litter pick-up, gardening, playground work, etc. Enjoy lunch with the “Friends of Letchworth”. Registration required: <https://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day>. For more details call 585-493-3600. (4-5 hours)

• 1:00pm **PINING FOR BUTTERFLIES**. Meet at Trout Pond. (1½ hours, 1 mile) cb

10 Fri • 1:00pm **WILDFLOWER WALK – Arbutus Woods**.





Meet at Parade Grounds parking area.  
(2 hours, 1 mile.) mn

11 Sat • 8:00am **BOS BIRD TOUR.** Bring a lunch. Will caravan. Meet at . (5-6 hours) mn

• 7:30pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Owl Prowl.**  
Meet at . (2 hours, 1 mile) mn

12 Sun • 1:00pm **SPRINGTIME WALK – Tour of the Council Grounds.** Meet at Council Grounds parking area.  
(1 hour, ½ mile or less). ml


13 Mon • 10:30am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM (Slimy Critters).** Program designed for children ages 3 – 6. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680. Meet at  (1 hour) ao.

• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Slimy Critters).** Families with children age 2. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680.  
Meet at  (½ hour) ao

14 Tue • 1:00pm **WILDFLOWER WALK – Portage Trail.** Meet at Parade Grounds parking area.  
(2 hours, 1 mile.) mn


• 1:30pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Ephemeral Wildflowers (Intermediate).** Meet at the Trout Pond. (1½ hours, onsite) cb

16 Thu • 11:00am **EXPLORE LETCHWORTH – Trillium Trail.** Meet at Parade Grounds parking area. Bring a Lunch. (2 hours, 1 mile.) mn

17 Fri • 10:00am **FIRE ON THE GENESEE – Civil War Encampment – Education Day.** Highbanks Recreation Area. Until 1:00 pm and open to local schools; contact  at (585) 493-3680.

18 Sat • All Day **GENESEE VALLEY BIRDING CUP.** 24-hour bird-a-thon. Count alone or in teams. A final tally and potluck celebration will be held at the Genesee County Park & Forest Interpretive Center at 6pm on Saturday, May 18th. Registration required by visiting: Park Program Registration ([openforms.com](http://openforms.com))

• 9:30am **FIRE ON THE GENESEE – Civil War Encampment.** Highbanks Recreation Area. Camps



open until 4:00 pm. Battle at 1:30 pm.

- 10:00am **WARBLER WALK.** Meet at the **HING.**  
(2 hours, 1 mile) mn
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Helena parking area. (2 hours, 1 mile) mn
- 1:30pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Ephemeral  
Wildflowers (Advanced).** Meet at the Trout Pond.  
(1½ hours, onsite) cb

18 Sat • 7:00pm **FIRE ON THE GENESEE – Blue & Gray  
Dance.** Highbanks Recreation Area.

19 Sun • 9:30am **FIRE ON THE GENESEE – Civil War  
Encampment.** Highbanks Recreation Area. Camps  
open until 4:00 pm. Battle at 1:30 pm.

23 Thu • 1:00pm **SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALK –  
Trestle Woods.** Meet at the Portageville entrance  
gate. (1½ hours, 1 mile or more) mn

24 Fri • 6:30pm **RED, WHITE AND BLUE BALLOON  
RALLY.** Archery Field near the Castile Entrance.  
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27 Mon • 10:00am **GEOLOGY WALK.** Parking lot past Cabin  
Area “B”. Lots of steps and muddy spots.  
(1½ hours, 1 mile) mn

- 12:30pm **HOW THE GORGE WAS FORMED –  
STORY OF THE PARK.** Displays at Archery Field  
Overlook. (2 hours, onsite) mn





• 2:00pm **GLEN IRIS ESTATE WALK.** Meet at Museum. (2 hours, 1 mile) ml

## JUNE

1-30 • **WILDFLOWER DISPLAY.**

**HINC** (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

1-30 • **NATURE TABLE – Butterfly Beauties.**

**HINC** (10:00 am - 5:00)

1 Sat • 10:00am **SPRINGTIME WALK – The Search for Birds, Buds and Bugs.** Meet at **HINC** (1 hour, 1 mile) tb

2 Sun • 5:30am **RBA BIRD TOUR.** Mt. Morris Dam Snack Bar. Bring a lunch. Will caravan. (6-8 hours) ml

3 Mon • 10:30am **KNEE-HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM (Bugs!).** Program designed for children ages 3 – 6. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680. Meet at **HINC** (1 hour) ao.

• 11:30 am **MINI NATURALIST PROGRAM. (Bugs!).** Families with children age 2. Registration required by calling (585) 493-3680. Meet at **HINC** (½hour) ao

8 Sat • 9:00am **CANYON VIEWS – Upper to Lower Falls.** Meet at Upper Falls picnic area. Bring water, pack lunch and sturdy footwear. Will carpool. (4½ hours, 3 miles) mn ■

10 Mon • 1:00pm **EXPLORE LETCHWORTH – Lee’s Landing.** Meet at Lower Falls Restaurant. (2 hours, 1 mile.) mn

11 Tue • 1:30pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – River Floods (Basic).** Meet at the Hogsback Overlook. (1½ hours, onsite) cb

13 Thu • 9:00am **CANYON VIEWS – Archery Field to St. Helena.** Meet at Archery Field Overlook. Bring water, pack lunch and sturdy footwear. Will carpool. (4½ hours, 3 miles) mn ■

15 Sat • 1:00pm **PRIDE MONTH – Nature is a Rainbow.** Meet at Museum (1½ hours, 1 mile) tb

19 Wed • 1:30pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – River Floods (Intermediate).** Meet at the Hogsback Overlook. (1½ hours, onsite) cb



20 Thu • 10:00am **SPRING MIGRATION BIRD WALK – Bear Hollow.** Meet at Bear Hollow Trailhead on River Road ½ mile south of Ridge Road junction. (1½ hours, 1 mile or more) mn

21 Fri • 8:30pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Fireflies by the River.** Meet at Lower St. Helena Parking Lot. (2 hours, 1 mile) mn

22 Sat • 10:00am **EXPLORE LETCHWORTH – Wolf Creek.** Meet at Castile Entrance Gate. Will carpool. (2 hours, 2 miles) ml

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26 Wed • 11:00am **EXPLORE LETCHWORTH – Dishmill Creek.** Meet at Dygert Road junction on River Road. Bring a Lunch. (2 hours, 1 mile or more) mn

29 Sat • 9:00am **CANYON VIEWS – Mt. Morris to Hogsback.** Meet at Mt. Morris Entrance Gate. Bring water, pack lunch and sturdy footwear. Will carpool. (4½ hours, 3 miles) mn ■

30 Sun • 1:00pm **SPRINGTIME WALK – Butterflies of Early Summer.** Meet at the **FINC**. (1½ hours, 1 mile or less). ml



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