



Program & Events Calendar

March - May 2019

Registration Information

Registration is Required for All Programs: Program sizes are limited and many programs fill up quickly, so don't delay. We will keep a waiting list in case there are cancellations.

How to Register: Register online at www.svtweb.org/programs or by calling 978-443-5588, x123. If there is a fee, payment is required in advance to secure your spot. Payment is accepted online or by check.

Cancellations: Please notify us if you need to cancel so we can offer your spot to someone else. Email dpullen@svtweb.org or call 978-443-5588, ext. 123.

Driving Directions: Prior to the program, we will email you the directions and any special instructions for your program.

Winter Plant ID Walk

Friday, March 1, 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Nobscot Reservation, Sudbury

This property has wetlands, uplands, and everything in between, making it a great place to learn the basics of winter plant identification. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Birds of a Feather Annual Benefit Gala

Saturday, March 9, 6:00 pm

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, Framingham

Join us for an evening of camaraderie, conservation, and a little costume silliness, all in support of SVT's work. Details and tickets at www.svtweb.org/benefit.

ArtVenture Watercolor Workshop Series

Tuesdays, 10:15 am – 12:15 pm

Session 1: March 12 – April 16

Session 2: April 30 – June 4

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

This six-week workshop introduces materials and also explores how to lay a wash, mix colors, create textures and highlights, build glazes, and design a palette. Taught by artist Cecilia Sharma. *SVT members: \$125, Non-members: \$175.*

NestWatch

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

Learn how to locate and observe nests in the wild or your yard and become part of a national effort to track trends in bird populations. The NestWatch program is coordinated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and SVT would like to expand the program within our service region. Learn more at NestWatch.org. *Free.*

A Mindful Walk in the Woods

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Upper Mill Brook, Wayland

Join us for an intentional walk along the trails with Frances Pollitt. Moments of silence and moments of discussion about discoveries will punctuate the walk. All ages welcome. Children will have a special scavenger hunt along the way. Anticipate delight and learning. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Understanding Coyote Behavior

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

Dr. Jon Way, founder of Eastern Coyote/Coywolf Research, returns to SVT to share his knowledge of eastern coyotes in Massachusetts. This photo and video presentation will cover coyote ecology and behavior and will also discuss hybridization with western coyotes and wolves. Presented in partnership with WayDOG. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Dragonflies of Massachusetts

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

Learn more about our local dragonflies in an indoor presentation by naturalist Greg Dysart. Using stunning photographs taken of live, wild dragonflies, Greg will review the different groups of these ancient and fascinating insects. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Nature Walk at Henry's Hill & Wayside Forest

Friday, April 5, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Wayside Forest, Framingham

Come walk our new trails at Wayside Forest and learn about the variety of habitat types on the property (fields, wetlands, uplands), why we need these habitats, and which species they support. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Urban Trees

Saturday, April 6, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

First Parish Church, Framingham

Street trees and urban forests don't just create a backdrop to our daily lives, they provide tangible benefits to us and to the city. Learn the history of urban trees, the benefits of trees, and why we should be planting more trees. *Free.*

Spring Volunteer Orientation

Monday, April 8, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

(See back cover for more about SVT's Spring Volunteer Orientation.)

Legends of the Common Stream:

Restoring Nature Through Folktale and Myth

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Harvard Public Library, Harvard

Local writer John Hanson Mitchell, author of *Ceremonial Time: Fifteen Thousand Years on One Square Mile*, will share insights on the interrelationship between nature and human cultures. In his current work, Mitchell explores the plants and animals that can be found along one small section of Beaver Brook, just north of Great Road in Littleton. *Free.*

Family Woodland Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Upper Mill Brook, Wayland

Explore the beautiful landscape of Upper Mill Brook with Frances Pollitt, who has been enjoying this land since she was a girl. Caregivers and children will participate in a scavenger hunt of the natural world, encouraging closer observation. All ages welcome! *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Birding at Mainstone

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 am – 9:00 am

Mainstone Farm, Wayland

Join us for a spring morning bird walk through the woodlands of Mainstone Farm. This area will be teeming with birds returning from their winter migration. New birders welcome! In partnership with the Wayland Conservation Commission. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Tick Safety for People and Dogs

Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

Get tick safety tips from Dan Wolff, inventor of the TickEase device for removing ticks from humans and pets. Inspired by his love of the outdoors—and his dogs—Dan researched ticks, tick removal, and tick-borne illnesses to become a “tick expert.” *TickEase devices will be available for purchase.* Presented in partnership with WayDOG. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

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For up-to-the-minute program offerings, visit

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The Benefits of Trees to Our Planet and Ourselves

Friday, April 26, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Flint Room, Bedford Town Center, Bedford

Most of us appreciate trees for their aesthetic benefits or for the shade they provide on a hot day. But there's more to know about the incredible impact trees have on our climate, our economy, and our psyches. Discover the many reasons trees—whether in urban, suburban, or wilderness settings—are important for the well-being of our planet and our species, and learn some of the fascinating strategies that healthy trees and forests use to survive and thrive. Co-sponsored by the Bedford Arbor Resource Committee. *Free.*

Introduction to Forest Therapy

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am – 11:15 am

Horse Meadows Knoll, Harvard

Join us for a taste of forest therapy with Pam Frederick, Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide. This introduction to “forest bathing” will slow us down and open our senses to the healing power of nature. See with the eyes of a child, feel the breeze on your face, and settle into the stillness and beauty of nature. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Garlic Mustard: Foraging and Tasting

Monday, April 29, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Edwards Hall, Framingham

Garlic mustard, an invasive threat to ecosystems, is also tasty and nutritious! Participants will get their hands dirty foraging for this invasive herb before gathering together to prepare simple and flavorful recipes. Katy Allen of Open Spirit will also discuss the spirituality of eating invasive plants. Co-sponsored by Open Spirit. *Fee (to cover the cost of ingredients): \$5.*

Birds at Cedar Hill

Friday, May 3, 7:00 am – 9:00 am

Cedar Hill, Northborough

Cedar Hill is a welcoming environment for birds due to a variety of habitats types as well as SVT's efforts to restore habitats on the decline. Join SVT Board President and expert birder Andy Magee for this spring morning bird walk. New birders welcome! *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

BioBlitz Discovery Day: Birds

Saturday, May 4, 7:00 am – 10:00 am

Horse Meadows Knoll, Harvard

Want to learn more about birding? Join us for our first Discovery Day of the year to learn essential birding skills. We'll explain how to identify birds and look for clues by their habitat and songs and calls. Bring binoculars and a healthy sense of curiosity. *Free. (See back cover for more about SVT's BioBlitz.)*

Visit SVT's Storybook Trail

Wolbach Farm, Wolbach Road, Sudbury

Walk the 3/4-mile wooded trail, reading an illustrated children's book at stations along the way. Trail open dawn to dusk. www.svtweb.org/storybook

Plocka Walk at Forty Caves

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Forty Caves, Berlin

Plocka: Swedish for “to pick up.” Join us for a walk at Forty Caves and enjoy the scenic view of the ravine and its fascinating rock formations. Along the way, we’ll clean up the trails by picking up trash! This event was inspired by SVT members Sophie Glasser and Richard Kramer, who frequently “plocka” and thought it would be fun to do it with other environmental enthusiasts. *Free.*

Annual Garlic Mustard Pull

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

Help us fight the garlic mustard in the woods at Wolbach Farm. Learn about non-native invasive plants while getting your hands dirty. Garlic mustard is particularly noxious because it disrupts soil microbial processes and displaces native plants. Tools provided. *Free.*

Bird Walk at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn

Sunday, May 5, 7:00 am – 9:00 am

Wayside Inn, Sudbury

Explore the land behind the historic Longfellow’s Wayside Inn with Ron McAdow. Learn bird songs and calls, identify a variety of bird species, and enjoy a short hike along Carding Mill Pond. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Spring Wildflower Walk

Saturday, May 11, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

George and Lucy Yapp Conservation Area, Littleton

Spring is a special time in New England, when wildflowers grace our woods with delicate and ephemeral splashes of color and beauty. Join botanist Neela de Zoysa for a walk along the trails, and you will get to know spring wildflowers, their habitats, and their pollinators. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Whip-poor-will Walk

Thursday, May 16, 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

Memorial Forest, Sudbury

Join us for an evening walk to listen for whip-poor-wills at Memorial Forest. These rare birds are more likely to be active under the light of the full moon. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

BioBlitz Discovery Day: Plants and Pollinators

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Smith Property, Littleton

Ever wondered how to better identify plants? Ever wish you could figure out what species of butterfly just flitted past? Come join us for this Discovery Day and learn to observe and identify butterflies and how to find clues that will help you differentiate various species. *Free. (See back cover for more about SVT’s BioBlitz.)*

A Walk Through History at Pantry Brook Farm

Sunday, May 19, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Pantry Brook Farm, Sudbury

Visit one of the most scenic areas in Sudbury with landowner Carole Wolfe. You will have the opportunity to view historic buildings, farm fields, stone walls, and Pantry Brook, and learn about the history of life on the farm. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

Archaeology West of Boston:

Finding Evidence of Native American Culture

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

Native Americans have lived in southern New England for 10,000 years. Tonya Largy of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology will discuss how archaeologists learn about ancient peoples from several lines of evidence—including stone tools, ceramics, and the remains of animals and plants found during excavations—and will also explain how dates are obtained from these materials. *SVT members: Free, Non-members: \$10.*

All About Monarchs

Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Sargent Memorial Library, Boxborough

Monarch butterflies are popular seasonal visitors with a fascinating story. Join us to see their incredible transformation from egg to butterfly, and learn how this prepares them to undertake the journey to their winter home in Mexico. Learn about the challenges they are facing, how conservation efforts are attempting to strengthen their numbers, and how you can make a difference in your own backyard. *Free.*

Landowner Workshop:

Chapter 61 Property Tax Reduction Programs

May 4, 2019, 10:00 am

Houghton Building, 97 Main Street, Bolton

This is the second session in our Conservation Options Series. Chapter 61 programs lower property taxes on forests, farms, and open spaces as long as they are kept undeveloped and productive. (A town has the right of first refusal to purchase a Chapter 61 property if development is proposed for it.) At this session, you’ll learn whether Chapter 61 is right for you. Guest speakers will include a local woodlot owner and foresters from the Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation. A site walk at Wilder Road woodlot will follow the presentation. *Free.* Registration requested at www.svtweb.org/calendar.

The Conservation Options Series is a joint effort of SVT, the Bolton Agricultural Commission, the Bolton Conservation Commission, and the Bolton Conservation Trust. Residents of all towns are welcome. Additional sessions will cover Conservation Restrictions (August) and Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (October).

Learn more at www.svtweb.org/COS19.



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National Volunteer Week

April 7 – 13, 2019

Volunteers are essential to SVT's efforts to protect and care for land. Interested in helping out?

SVT has planned several projects for this national week of service, including:

- Roadside Cleanup, *Framingham*
- Buckthorn Pull, *Sudbury or Concord*
- Trail Work, *Smith Property, Littleton*
- Office Volunteer Night, *Sudbury*



Dates and times will be announced in our Monthly News e-newsletter and on our website.

www.svtweb.org/calendar.

Volunteer Orientation

We'll kick off Volunteer Week with our annual Spring Volunteer Orientation:

Monday, April 8

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury

This session is for those who recently started volunteering and for those who want to learn about our volunteer opportunities, both on our properties and in our office.

Please register at www.svtweb.org/calendar.

BioBlitz 2019!



Help SVT catalog the species at new conservation properties: the Smith Property in Littleton and Horse Meadows Knoll in Harvard. Explore the biodiversity of these lands and learn what makes them special.

The BioBlitz 2019 series begins with three Discovery Days, when you'll learn the skills needed to identify certain types of species. You can attend any or all Discovery Days:

May 4 Birds (Horse Meadows Knoll)

May 18 Plants and Pollinators (Smith Property)

June 1 Aquatics, Invertebrates, and Herpetology (Smith Property)

On June 22, we'll invite all Discovery Day participants and expert naturalists to join us for a property-wide BioBlitz at one of the locations, when we'll scour the landscape and officially record all the species we encounter. All skill levels are welcome!

Learn more and register:
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