



State of Connecticut
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Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center Public Program Series

The Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center's Public Program Series is a cooperative venture between the CT DEEP Wildlife Division and the Friends of Sessions Woods.

*Please pre-register for these programs by calling 860-424-3011 or email laura.rogers-castro@ct.gov. Programs are free. An adult must accompany children under 12 years old. **No pets allowed!***

June 30, 2015 (Tuesday), 10:00 a.m. Habitat Hunt & Hike

Join Sessions Woods in a children's habitat hunt! Outreach Assistant Kelly Cannon will provide a lesson on the different habitats found within Sessions Woods, and how the resources of the forest support native wildlife. Each family will receive a scavenger hunt listing some of the resources vital to these ecosystems and even some of the inhabitants themselves. This event entails a walk to the beaver marsh, 2 miles round trip.

July 10, 2015 (Friday), 10:00 a.m. Forest Floor Exploration

Hidden in the shadows of the towering trees and bustling wildlife, the forest floor is an intriguing place filled with life that is often overlooked. This program offers a lesson on the nutrient cycle, the resources that the forest floor provides to insects and animals, a hands-on investigation of the forest floor contents and insect identification, and a walk around the inner loop trail, 0.5 miles.

July 18, 2015 (Saturday), 1:30 p.m. Butterfly Walk

Back by popular demand, Wildlife Division Natural Resource Educator Laura Rogers-Castro will provide participants with a lesson on the basics to butterfly identification, including tips on distinguishing the various butterfly families. Following a brief indoor program, Laura will guide the group on a walk to identify the local butterfly fauna at Sessions Woods. Meet in the classroom located in the exhibit room of the Education Center.

August 6, 2015 (Thursday), 10:00 a.m. Forest Pests & Diseases Walk

There are many insects and diseases that plague the beautiful forests of the world, including right here in northwestern Connecticut. This program offers a walk along the main trail to the beaver marsh and back (2 miles round trip), and a discussion on various pests and sicknesses that are leading to the decline of several vital tree species.

August 18, (Tuesday), 1:30 pm, Stream Investigation

Come to Sessions Woods for a hands-on exploration of our streams! This program provides a lesson on basic stream ecology, conservation techniques, invertebrates who live in these waters, and how these invertebrates can tell us how healthy our streams are.

September 26, (Saturday), 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CT Hunting & Fishing Day

The Friends of Sessions Woods will be hosting the 5th Connecticut Hunting & Fishing Day at Sessions Woods. This year there will be a live birds of prey program and a raptor meet-and-greet by Master Class Falconer Lorrie Schumacher from Talons. The day features additional activities for all ages, including target shooting; hunting dog demonstrations; archery; children's crafts and activities; hunting and trapping tips; fishing demonstrations; and more! Equipment vendors, sporting clubs, fish & wildlife exhibits, and conservation organizations will also be present. And, it's all FREE! Visit www.ct.gov/deep/HuntFishDay for more details. Parking will be available at Lewis Mills High School, in Burlington. Pre-registration is not required for this special day.