



**Franklin Township  
OPEN SPACE PROGRAM CONTINUES NATURE WALKS**

***Explore wilderness right in the heart of Franklin Township!***



The Township's open space program will, for the 12th consecutive year, sponsor guided nature walks on Township open space parcels. The 2016 walks began in March and continue through Spring and Summer months. ***The walks are free to the public.*** The walks are along easy terrain and are great for kids. Bring binoculars, if you have them, and waterproof footwear.

While Franklin Township is located in one of the most densely populated regions of the country, it claims over 9,000 acres of preserved land (1/3 of the township's land mass) and this area provides key habitat for unique species of plants and animals.

The May and June walks will be led by NJ Audubon naturalists. The July, and August walks are being scheduled and will be posted on the Township website soon. The walks will be led by two township residents and avid birders, Chris and Paula Williams.

**EXPLORING THE GRIGGSTOWN NATIVE GRASSLAND PRESERVE  
FOR NESTING BIRDS**

**Saturday, May 7  
9:00am to 11:00am**

Meet at the parking lot located up the hill of the driveway entrance located at 1091 Canal Road just west of the Griggstown Causeway.

In early May we expect to see both migrant birds returning to NJ and also species of birds that are just passing through.

**EXPLORING THE NEGRI-NEPOTE GRASSLAND PRESERVE  
FOR BREEDING BIRDS AND MIGRANTS**

**Saturday, June 11  
9:00am to 11:00am**

Meet at the parking lot located at 260 Skillmans Lane.

In June the trees will be in full foliage and virtually all the birds we see will be established on breeding territories.

## **BUTTERFLIES AND BIRDS AT NEGRI-NEPOTE GRASSLAND PRESERVE**

**Saturday, July 24  
9:00am to 11:00am**

Meet at the parking lot located at 260 Skillmans Lane.  
*In July, the wildflowers are in full bloom and the butterflies will be at their peak.*

## **BUTTERFLIES AT THE GRIGGSTOWN NATIVE GRASSLAND PRESERVE**

**Sunday, August 7  
9:00am to 11:00am**

Meet at the parking lot located up the hill of the driveway entrance located at  
1091 Canal Road--just west of the Griggstown Causeway.

*In August, the wildflowers are in full bloom and the butterflies will be at their peak.*



All walks are free. Bring binoculars if you have them and preferably wear boots. Be sure to dress appropriately for current weather conditions. For detailed directions to the parks, information, and updates please visit

[www.Franklintwpnj.org/openspace](http://www.Franklintwpnj.org/openspace)

We ask that you kindly RSVP.

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