



Mayor John E. McCormac

Join Us For The 2017 Woodbridge Township BioBlitz!

About the BioBlitz:

Woodbridge Township is partnering with The Rutgers Wildlife Conservation and Management Program to host the 2017 Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve BioBlitz this June 2017!

A BioBlitz is a 24-hour race against time to count as many species as possible in an area. Teams of scientists, students, and community members come together to find and identify plants, birds, mammals, frogs, lizards, turtles, snakes, and insects! There will be special events and activities for the public to take part in, including walks and talks led by scientists from Rutgers University.

Come join us on June 3rd from 9am - 3pm (registration begins at 8:00am) at the Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve on Omar Ave in Avenel for this special opportunity to discover the diversity of life right in our own backyards in Woodbridge Township.



Rain or Shine

In the event of extreme weather circumstances please check the Woodbridge Township website for information on how to proceed.



Activity Schedule

For the Birds - Be an early bird! See and hear various species of songbird, waterfowl, and birds of prey. The Preserve is a birding hotspot with over 160 species reported on ebird.com. Birders of all levels are welcome and encouraged to attend this walk. Bring binoculars if you have them, but pairs will be provided. (Early Bird) 8am – 9am & 9am – 10am

Plants of the Preserve- Explore wetland and upland plant communities and learn to identify native and non-native species. Hear about how these plants provide important resources for wildlife in a highly-urbanized area. 10am – 11am & 2pm – 3pm

Worm Charming- Ever wonder why earthworms crawl up from the ground on a warm rainy day? Watch our worm charmer invoke a wiggly worm dance, and learn about the different species that live right under our feet in New Jersey. 12pm – 1pm

Creatures of the (not so) Deep – Join us in sampling the fish and macroinvertebrate communities of the Ernie Oros Wildlife Preserve. Learn how the presence or absence of these critters can indicate the health of an aquatic ecosystem! 1pm – 2pm

Fungi 101 – Mycology is the study of fungi. Join expert mycologists in exploring the world of mushrooms, lichens, and other fungi that exist all around us, and the important roles they play in our ecosystem. 1pm – 2pm

All About Reptiles and Amphibians - A variety of turtles, snakes, lizards, frogs, and salamanders live in New Jersey. Go on the hunt to find some of these species, while learning about their ecology and the dangers they face from urban development. 11am – 12pm & 2pm - 3pm

Butterflies and Dragonflies and Bees (Oh My!) - Learn how a wide diversity of native insects maintain the ecosystem and provide valuable services to humankind. 9am – 10pm & 12pm – 1pm

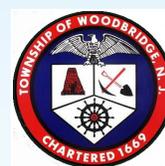
Walk the preserve with Green Vest and Woodbridge River Watch - Learn about the history of the Ernest L. Oros Wildlife Preserve, how the preserve was named and the current restoration efforts that are being conducted here! 10 am - 11am

Middlesex County Mosquito Commission - Learn about the critical role of this organization & mosquito habitats. 11am – 12 pm



All Day Activities

- Face Painting
- Food Trucks
- Paint Your Own Birdhouse
- Scavenger Hunt
- Micro Pond Dipping tank



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Omar Ave, Avenel, Woodbridge Township