



# Martins Creek

ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE

## Fall 2009 Environmental Programs

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION*	TIME
Sun., Oct. 4	Fall Walk-n-Talk	TT	1-3 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 11	Bats	WC	1:30-3 p.m.
Sat., Oct., 17	Scout Day at Jacobsburg	JEEC	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 28	Soil Conservation Workshop for Teachers	WC	8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 1	Pocono Predators	WC	1:30-3 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 8	Geology of the Tekening Woods	CP	1:30-3 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 15	History Through Art	WC	1:30-3 p.m.

\* **Location Code:** **CP** – Cedars Pavilion on Foul Rift Road      **TT** – Tekening Trails North Parking Lot  
**WC** – Lower Mount Bethel Township Welcome Center, 7701 Martins Creek-Belvidere Highway, Bangor, PA (adjacent to Riverton Bridge)  
**JEEC** – Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, Wind Gap, Pa.

**All programs are free and open to the public.**

Additional program details and directions can be found at [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com).

Martins Creek Environmental Preserve consists of 215 acres of woodlands and fields along the shores of the middle Delaware River. The preserve has five miles of hiking trails, including scenic river views. The environmental preserve is managed as a natural and recreational resource and provided to the community by PPL's Martins Creek and Lower Mount Bethel power plants. It is off DePues Ferry/Foul Rift Road in Bangor.



### Nature's highlights for October through December



- October** Look for a full moon on the 4th. Fall foliage usually reaches peak color about mid-month. Orionid meteor shower peaks the 21st-22nd. Woolly bear caterpillars search for winter refuges.
- November** Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on the 1st. Full moon occurs on the 2nd. Leonid meteor shower peaks the 17th-18th. Black bears are entering dens. Average first snow fall is on the 22nd.
- December** Full moon on the 2nd. Listen for Great horned owls hooting as they establish territories. Geminid meteor shower peaks the 13th-14th.



**Fall Walk-n-Talk**  
 Sunday, Oct. 4, 1-3 p.m.  
 Tekening Trails North  
 Parking Lot  
 Presenter: Bud Cole, Three  
 B's Nature Center  
 Handicap Accessible: No

Join us for a fall walk through the fields and along the fencerows of the Tekening Trails. The lush grow of summer is past. Plants have stored away energy for next spring's awakening, and animals race against time to prepare for winter. Bud Cole of Three B's Nature Center will lead us on another of his Walk-n-Talk hikes through northern section on the Tekening Woods. Please dress for the weather. This program is free. For directions, please visit [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com), click on "Martins Creek" then select "Directions."

**Bats**

Sunday, Oct. 11, 1:30-3 p.m.  
 Lower Mount Bethel  
 Welcome Center  
 Presenters: Pennsylvania  
 Raptor & Wildlife  
 Association  
 Handicap Accessible: yes



Centuries of myth and superstition surround them. They are among the most misunderstood animals in the world. As mammals, they are much like us, yet are still so very different. They live in a world of shadows, venturing out in darkness on silent, agile wings. Join us as we learn about bats and how they help the ecosystem, including insect control and pollination. Find out why bats are in decline and what you can do to help them. This program is free. For directions, please visit [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com), click on "Martins Creek" then select "Directions."



**Scout Day**  
 Saturday, Oct. 17,  
 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Jacobsburg State Park  
 Presenters: Various

This is an annual event where scouts learn about the ecology and heritage of the Bushkill Creek Watershed and at the same time earn requirements for badges. Scouts will learn about birds, reptiles and amphibians, insects, trees and local

history. PPL's Fred Gast will be on hand to instruct kids on outdoor survival skills. Scouts will also be involved in a stewardship project in the park. Please bring a lunch and dress for the weather. For more information, contact Rick Wiltraut at 610-746-2810 or [rwiltraut@state.pa.us](mailto:rwiltraut@state.pa.us).

**Soil Conservation  
 Teacher Workshop**

Wednesday, Oct. 28,  
 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Lower Mount Bethel  
 Welcome Center  
 Presenters: Northampton  
 County Conservation  
 District Staff  
 Handicap Accessible: Yes



This workshop will provide educators with an overview of soils and soil conservation with a focus on best management practices for land development and agriculture. Northampton County Conservation District staff, along with PPL and Martins Jacoby Watershed Association, will provide instruction, discussion and activities that educators can build on for their classrooms. Educators will be trained on the use of EnviroScape® models to enhance visual learning techniques in the classrooms. The workshop will also include field experience. Attending teachers can receive six professional development activity hours.

Funding is provided by PPL and a state Department of Environmental Protection environmental education grant. Advanced registration is required. For more information, contact the conservation district at 610-746-1971.

**Pocono Predators**

Sunday, Nov. 1, 1:30-3 p.m.  
 Lower Mount Bethel  
 Welcome Center  
 Pocono Wildlife  
 Rehabilitation Center  
 Handicap Accessible: Yes



What creatures stalk the woods, meadows, streams and sky of the Pocono region? Owl and hawk, falcon and fox, skunk and snake? What are they seeking? Join Kathy and Eric Uhler as they lead us through the lives of hunter and hunted in the habits of northeastern Pennsylvania. This program will feature live animals from the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. This program is free. For

directions, please visit [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com), click on "Martins Creek" then select "Directions."

Please note: The Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center was damaged by a tornado in July. You can help in the center's recovery with a donation to help in the replacement of lost items.

### **Geology of the Tekening Woods**

Sunday, Nov. 8, 1:30-3 p.m.  
Cedars Pavilion  
Roxanne Kaiser-Antonowich  
Handicap Accessible: No



Do you know what rock besides flint was used by Native Americans to make tools? What are erratics and where do they come from? What makes Foul Rift so dangerous? Does moss grow on limestone or sandstone? Find the answers to these questions and more at this informative walk along the Tekening Trails. Join Roxanne Kaiser-Antonowich as she explains how the Wisconsin Glacier and other geological events shaped the local environment. This program is free. For directions, please visit [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com), click on "Martins Creek" then select "Directions."



### **History Through Art**

Sunday, Nov. 15, 1:30-3 p.m.

Lower Mount Bethel  
Welcome Center  
Andrew Forsythe, Sioux Specialties  
Handicap Accessible: Yes

Learn more about Pennsylvania history through the vivid artwork of Robert Griffing. He is a Pittsburgh native whose paintings depict early state history and the French and Indian War, Pontiac's War and the Revolutionary War eras. Through his paintings, he tries to capture a moment in history that tells a story. Native Americans are central to his art. A variety of Native American articles will be on display for attendees to learn about the attire and lifestyle of the original inhabitants of Penn's Woods. This program is free. For directions, please visit [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com), click on "Martins Creek" then select "Directions."

**Public Notice:** All PPL owned properties at the Martins Creek Environmental Preserve and power plant are closed to hunting and trapping.



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