



## Winter 2010 Environmental Programs

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION*	TIME
Sat., Jan. 30	Annual Eagle Viewing Trip	WELC	9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 20	Family Ice Fishing Program	WELC	9 a.m. to noon
Sat., Feb. 27	Deer Management Open House	WELC	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sat., March 27	Pond and Lake Workshop	WELC	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 17	Pike-Wayne Earth Day Festival	WELC	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\* Location Code: WELC – Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center

**All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information, please call 570-253-7076 or e-mail [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).**

PPL’s Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center, adjacent to the dam on Route 6 in Hawley, Pa., is operated in connection with the Wallenpaupack hydroelectric plant. In 1926, PPL completed construction of the Wallenpaupack dam and power plant, located along the Lackawaxen River. In addition to its capacity to generate 44 megawatts of electricity, the 5,700-acre man-made lake plays a critical role in regional water management and is a popular location for year-round outdoor recreation. Camping, hiking, fishing, boating and water-skiing are just some of the attractions.

### All settled down for a long winter’s nap?

We often observe how nature slows down in the winter season, but there are still plenty of sights to see. The gray squirrels are scurrying around in search of their buried food treasures. We wait in anticipation of the famous Pennsylvania groundhog’s prediction on Feb. 2 to find out when we can expect the arrival of spring. As winter wanes, we can think about sampling some of that tasty maple syrup made from the sap that flows from maple trees when temperatures rise above 40 F. By the time spring officially arrives on March 20, some of us may have gotten glimpses of the first flowers, the yellow coltsfoot, which can be seen along roadways. And don’t forget about our overwintering bald eagles in the Delaware River Valley, which come to our region to fish in the open waters. So don’t sleep through the entire winter — there are many wonderful events to witness in nature.



Check out PPL’s Nature Notebook for other events you can observe outside. Visit [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com) and click on “Nature Notebook.”



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



### **Annual Eagle Viewing Trip**

Saturday, Jan. 30, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Presenter: Katie Lester, PPL and the Eagle Institute

Learn about the incredible comeback of the bald eagle in the Lake Wallenpaupack area and the role PPL's hydroelectric dam has played in their return. Join the Eagle Institute as it discusses eagle biology, habitat needs and proper eagle viewing etiquette. This free program will begin at the center at 9 a.m. followed by a guided eagle-viewing bus tour of the Lackawaxen that leaves from the center. Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Space is very limited; therefore your registration will be confirmed by a reply from PPL. To register, contact PPL at 570-251-6196 or [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).



### **Family Ice Fishing Program**

Saturday, Feb. 20, 9 a.m. to noon

PPL Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center  
Presenter: Andy Fedor, Regional Education Specialist,  
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

Have you ever wanted to try fishing on the ice? This program provides information on Pennsylvania fishes, basic ice fishing skills, regulations and ice safety. Weather permitting, participants will also get the opportunity to put their new fishing skills to use out on Lake Wallenpaupack. The program is free and fishing

licenses are not required. All equipment and bait will be provided. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Part of this program will be conducted inside, but parents need to ensure that they and their children are dressed appropriately for the outdoor portion of the program. Registration is required. To register, contact PPL at 570-253-7076 or [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).



### **Deer Management Open House**

Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Presenters: Pennsylvania Game Commission staff

Conversations about white-tailed deer in Pennsylvania have become as common as discussions about the weather. Here's your chance to interact with a deer biologist, state game land manager or forester to learn more about the need for deer management in Pennsylvania. For the fourth consecutive year, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is bringing deer management open houses to communities throughout the commonwealth. There will be a variety of interactive displays staffed by agency personnel addressing topics such as deer necessities, tips on identifying good habitat for deer, telemetry studies and much more.

For more information about the agency's deer management program, including a complete selection of the brochures being distributed at the open house, visit the Game Commission's Web site at [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us) and click on "[White-Tailed Deer](#)" in the center of the homepage.

## **Pond and Lake Workshop**

Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Presenter: Peter Wulfhorst, Penn State Cooperative  
Extension



This workshop will assist private pond owners and members of lake-based community organizations in making informed and sound

management decisions, as well as provide participants with an overview of lake and pond management and restoration. Topics to be addressed include lake ecology, aquatic plant control, fisheries and wildlife issues, and water testing of ponds and lakes. The cost of the workshop is \$25 per person and includes breakfast, lunch and informational materials. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact the Pike County Cooperative Extension Office at 570-296-3400. The registration deadline is March 15.

# Save the Date!

## **Pike-Wayne Earth Day Festival**

Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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By mid-April, who doesn't need an excuse to get out of the house and avoid those spring cleaning chores? Take this opportunity to get some fresh air while you learn more about the various environmental and conservation organizations in our community.



Mark your calendars and swing by the annual Pike-Wayne Earth Day Festival, where there's always something for everyone. Planning will be under way soon, so check back online to see what's in store for the 2010 celebration, which marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Earth Day. Visit [www.pikewayneearthday.org](http://www.pikewayneearthday.org) for festival updates.



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