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# Essex County Environmental Center

## A New Jersey Audubon Society Partner Site

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Building hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. / Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
Trails: Open dawn to dusk, seven days a week

For more information regarding any of the trips or programs or to register for these programs, contact NJAS's Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary at (908) 766-5787.

Teacher-Naturalists: Dorothy Smullen and Kristine Nelson  
Associate Naturalists: Roger Johnson, Glen Mahler, Dave Hall

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## Winter 2006-07 Programs

### WEEKDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS IN ESSEX COUNTY

#### Led by Dave Hall

This series of winter walks will explore some of the jewels of the Essex County Park System, the first county park system in the United States. We will be looking for resident and overwintering birds as well as scenic vistas.

#### VERONA PARK Thursday, December 14

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.  
Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

#### WALTER KIDDIE DINOSAUR PARK Thursday, January 11

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.  
A great view of the Passaic Valley.  
Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

#### EAGLE ROCK RESERVATION Thursday, January 25

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.  
Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

#### SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESERVATION Thursday, February 8

8:00 to 11:00 A.M.  
Cost: \$6 members,  
\$8 nonmembers.

#### GROVER CLEVELAND PARK, CALDWELL

Thursday, February 22  
8:00 to 10:00 A.M.  
Cost: \$6 members,  
\$8 nonmembers.

### WATERFOWL AND WINTER BIRDS AT CANOE BROOK RESERVOIR

#### Saturday, December 9

10:00 A.M. to noon  
Waterfowl at the Canoe Brook Reservoir can be very impressive in early December if there is no ice. We'll also expect to see some winter birds around the edge of the reservoir. The trip will be entirely on foot on maintenance roads around the reservoir. This trip is by special permit from the New Jersey American Water Company. Preregistration required. Limit 20.  
Cost: \$6 members,  
\$8 nonmembers.

### FAMILY PROGRAMS At the Essex County Environmental Center

For children in kindergarten to third grade. Preregistration required.  
Limit 15.

#### ANIMAL SIGNS Saturday, December 9

10:30 A.M. to noon  
Days are shorter and nights are longer. The long cold winter will soon be upon us. We'll go for a walk and look for telltale signs of animal presence along the Passaic River in Essex County.  
Cost: \$5 members,  
\$7 nonmembers.

### WINTER BIRDS Saturday, January 13

10:30 A.M. to noon  
Many of the birds we see in winter have traveled to "tropical New Jersey" from their summer nesting sites in the far north. Our winter wonder walk will be in search of birds we only see here in winter.  
Cost: \$5 members,  
\$7 nonmembers.

### MAPLE SUGARING DEMONSTRATION Saturday, February 10

10:30 A.M. to noon  
Our walk today will find us searching for sugar maple trees. We will tap a maple tree, collect sap and make some maple syrup. We'll then return to the center for hot chocolate and snacks.  
Cost: \$5 members,  
\$7 nonmembers.

### SPRING PEEPERS AND WOOD FROGS Saturday, March 10

10:30 A.M. to noon  
Spring Peepers and Wood Frogs are among the earliest amphibians to emerge in the spring. Although deafening and distinctive in full chorus, they can be a challenge to actually see. These frogs spend several weeks in or near ponds before returning to the forest for the summer. Join us on a walk to look for and listen for these fascinating frogs.  
Cost: \$5 members,  
\$7 nonmembers.