

Letchworth State Park INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS Summer 2023 Calendar

All programs led by various interpretive staff except as noted
(cb) Conrad Baker, (db) Douglas Bassett, (tb) Theo Berenson,
(ml) Mike Landowski, (mn) Matt Nusstein and (ao) Anne O'Reilly.

Humphrey Nature Center  (noted **HNC**)

Hours are 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

JULY

- 1 - 31 • **NATURE TABLE & WILDLOWER DISPLAY.** **HNC**
(10:00 am - 5:00)
- 1 Sat • 10:00 am **LETCHWORTH OUTDOOR RECREATION FESTIVAL.** **HNC** & Trailside Lodge area. Outdoor recreation vendors will be onsite 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Call **HNC** at (585) 493-3680 for more details. Atlatl Competition is Friday thru Sunday – call Douglas Bassett (585) 493-3683 for more information.
- 2 Sun • 2:00 pm **NATURE UP CLOSE – Dragonflies.** **HNC.**
(2 hours, on site) (db)
- 3 Mon • 1:00 pm **HOW THE GORGE WAS FORMED.** Meet at Inspiration Point. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 4 Tue • 2:00 pm **MR. LETCHWORTH'S LEGACY.** Meet at Museum. (½ hour, onsite) (vp)
- 5 Wed • 10:00 am **WILDFLOWER WALK.** Meet at Great Bend Overlook. (2 hours, 1 mile)(db).
• 1:00 pm **ANIMAL WALK – Dance of the Dragonfly.** Meet at Trout Pond. (2 hours, ½ mile) (db)
- 6 Thu • 10:00 am **BREEDING BIRD ATLAS WALK – Nunda NW Block.** Meet at lower St. Helena parking lot. (2 hours, 1 mile) (mn)

The following RELATIVE RATING SYSTEM is applied to the programs. Most are appropriate for families. All programs are ● **I** except as noted.

Terrain

- easy (shortest time, near level, on trail)
- more difficult (intermediate)
- ◆ most difficult (longest time, steeper banks, or off trail)

Presentation of subject matter (geared to audience)

- I** introductory level
- II** secondary level



JULY

- 6 Thu • 11:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS.**
HINC. Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
• 1:00 pm **STEPS INTO THE PAST.** Meet by octagon building at Lower Falls parking lot, past Cabin Area "B" (lots of steps and muddy spots).
(1½ hours, 1 mile) (vp)
- 7 Fri • 2:00 pm **LIFE OF MARY JEMISON.** Meet at Council Grounds. (½ hour, ¼ mile) (vp)
- 8 Sat • 10:00 am **ANIMAL WALK – Butterfly Beauties.** Meet at Lower Falls Restaurant parking lot. (2 hours, 1 mile) *NOTE: Today is the North American Butterfly Association's Count Day. Experienced butterfly watchers wishing to participate on an informal count at Letchworth State Park may contact Douglas Bassett at 585-493-3683. (Count rain date is July 9)* (db)
- 9 Sun • 10:00 am **BREEDING BIRD ATLAS WALK – Portageville NE Block.** Meet at Council Grounds parking lot. (2 hours, 1 mile) (mn)
• 1:00 pm **NATURE WALK – Gorge Trail.** Meet at Great Bend Overlook. (2 hours, 1 mile) (ml)
- 10 Mon • 1:00 pm **NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT.** **HINC.** (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 11 Tue • 11:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS.**
HINC. Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 12 Wed • 10:00 am **ANIMAL WALK – Creek Critters.** Meet at Parade Grounds parking lot. Wear clothing you do not mind getting soiled and wet. Bring a lunch. (3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
• 7:00 pm **LEARN ABOUT LETCHWORTH – Understanding Fungi; Understanding Trees.** **Garrett Taylor.** **HINC.** (1½ hours, onsite)
- 13 Thu • 10:00 am **BREEDING BIRD ATLAS WALK – Mt. Morris NE Block.** Meet at Hogsback Overlook. (2 hours, 1 mile) (mn)



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- 13 Thu • 7:00 pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Sunset Walk from Big Bend.** Meet at Big Bend Overlook on East side past Cabin Area E. Bring a flashlight. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 14 Fri • 1:00 pm **WANDER IN THE OLD GROWTH. HINC.** (1½ hours, 1 mile) (vp)
- 15 Sat • 10:00 am **REMEMBRANCE (50 YEARS) HIKE (NATURE WALK) – Kisil Point Trail.** Meet at Kisil Point Trailhead (1 mile north of Perry Entrance). Bring a lunch. (3-4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■
- 1:00 pm **ANIMAL WALK – Crayfish Crawl.** Meet at kiosk at Lower Falls Restaurant parking lot. (2 hours, 1 mile) (tb)
- 16 Sun • 10:00 am **WILDFLOWER WALK.** Meet at Upper St. Helena parking lot. (2 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 2:00 pm **NATURE UP CLOSE – Ferns. HINC.** (2 hours, onsite) (db)
- 17 Mon • 2:00 pm **SENECA WAY OF LIFE.** Meet at Museum. (½ hour, onsite) (vp)
- 18 Tue • 10:00 am **BUTTERFLY & DRAGONFLY. HINC.** (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 19 Wed • 11:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS. HINC.** Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 7:00 pm **LEARN ABOUT LETCHWORTH – Letchworth Arboretum. Michael Landowski. HINC.** (1½ hours, onsite)
- 20 Thu • 10:00 am **REMEMBRANCE (50 YEARS) HIKE – Erosional Monuments.** Meet at Highbanks Recreation Building (non-camper or cabin renters must call Matt Nusstein (585) 493-3688 to pre-register and gain access to meeting site within the Highbanks Campground. Bring a lunch. (3-4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■
- 21 Fri • 1:00 pm **LIFE AROUND A POND.** Meet at Trout Pond. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 9:30 pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Night of the Moth. HINC.** (1 hour, on site) (mn)



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- 22 Sat • 10:00 am **GVG SUMMER HIKE SERIES – Belfast Section.** Meet at parking lot on the west side of Rt 305, 4.7 miles southwest of Belfast and 9.5 miles northeast of Cuba. (2 hours, 1 mile) (ml)
- 1:00 pm **PLANT & ANIMAL TOUR.** HINC. (1 hour, 1 mile) (vp)
- 23 Sun • 1:00 pm **NATURE WALK – Highbanks Trail.** Meet at North Shelter in the Highbanks Recreational Area. (2 hours, 1 mile) (ml)
- 24 Mon • 1:00 pm **MEANDERING GENESEE.** Meet at Middle Falls viewfinder. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 25 Tue • 10:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS.** HINC. Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 26 Wed • 10:00 am **REMEMBRANCE (50 YEARS) HIKE – Columbo Heights.** Meet at Highbanks Recreation Building (non-camper or cabin renters must call Matt Nusstein (585) 493-3688 to pre-register and gain access to meeting site within the Highbanks Campground. Bring a lunch. (3-4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■
- 7:00 pm **LEARN ABOUT LETCHWORTH – Environmental Stewardship in the Genesee Valley.** Claudia Rosen. HINC. (1½ hours, onsite)
- 27 Thu • 10:00 am **TRIBUTARY TREK – Upper Wolf Creek.** Meet at Wolf Creek parking lot. Wear clothing and footwear, you do not mind getting soiled and wet. Bring a lunch. (3 hours, 1 mile) (db) ■
- 28 Fri • 10:00 am **INSECT SAFARI.** Meet at Trout Pond. (1 hour, ¼ mile) (vp)
- 29 Sat • 10:00 am **NATURE WALK – Lee’s Landing.** Meet at Lower Falls Restaurant parking lot. Bring a lunch. (3-4 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 7:00 pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Approaching Full Moon Over the River.** Meet at Lower Falls Restaurant parking lot. Bring a flashlight. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)



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30 Sun • 10:00 am **WILDFLOWER WALK.** Meet at Gardeau Overlook. (2 hours, 1 mile) (db)

31 Mon • 2:00 pm **SENECA WAY OF LIFE.** Meet at Museum. (½ hour, onsite) (vp)

AUGUST

1 - 31 • **NATURE TABLE & WILDFLOWER DISPLAY.** HINC (10:00 am - 5:00)

1 Tue • 11:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS.** HINC. Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)

2 Wed • 2:00 pm **MEET THE MASTODON.** Meet at Museum. (½ hour, onsite) (vp)

• 7:00 pm **LEARN ABOUT LETCHWORTH – Crayfish of Concern.** Theo Berenson. HINC. (1½ hours, onsite)

3 Thu • 10:00 am **REMEMBRANCE (50 YEARS) HIKE (TRIBUTARY TREK) – Silver Lake Outlet.** Meet at Silver Lake Outlet Bridge, one mile north of Perry Entrance on Main Park Road. Wear clothing and footwear, you do not mind getting soiled and wet. Bring a lunch. (3 hours, 1 mile) (db) ■

4 Fri • 1:00 pm **NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT.** HINC. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)

5 Sat • 10:00 am **NATURE WALK – Big Flats Trail.** Meet at Camper Contact Station. Bring a lunch. (3-4 hours, 2½ miles) (db)

• 10:00 am **CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS RECOGNITION DAY.** Contact HINC at (585) 493-3680 for more information.

6 Sun • 10:00 am **FERN WALK.** Meet at Museum. (2 hours, 1 mile) (db)

7 Mon • 1:00 pm **HOW THE GORGE WAS FORMED.** Meet at Inspiration Point. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)

8 Tue • 1:00 pm **ANIMAL SIGNS.** HINC. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)



AUGUST

- 9 Wed • 10:00 am **REMEMBRANCE (50 YEARS) HIKE – Hickory Ridge Loop.** Meet at Highbanks Recreation Building (non-camper or cabin renters must call Matt Nusstein (585) 493-3688 to pre-register and gain access to meeting site within the Highbanks Campground. Bring a lunch.
(4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■
- 7:00 pm **LEARN ABOUT LETCHWORTH – Conservation History of the American Beaver. Craig Thompson. HINC.** (1½ hours, onsite)
- 10 Thu • 11:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS.** HINC. Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 11 Fri • 1:00 pm **LIFE AROUND A POND.** Meet at Trout Pond. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 12 Sat • 10:30 am **RAPTOR WATCHING.** Meet at Great Bend Overlook. (1 hour, on site)(mn)
- 13 Sun • 1:00 pm **NATURE WALK – Birch Trail.** Meet at 1st overlook on Lower Falls Road, just east of Group Camping area entrance. (2 hours, 1 mile) (ml)
- 14 Mon • 10:00 am **WANDER IN THE OLD GROWTH.** HINC. (1½ hours, 1 mile) (vp)
- 15 Tue • 2:00 pm **MR. LETCHWORTH'S LEGACY.** Meet at Museum. (½ hour, onsite) (vp)
- 16 Wed • 1:00 pm **ANIMAL WALK – Insect Safari.** Meet at Mt. Morris Dam Snack Bar parking lot.
(2 hours, nearby) (db)
- 7:00 pm **LEARN ABOUT LETCHWORTH – Conservation and Detection of Old Growth Woods. Erik Danielson. HINC.**
(1½ hours, onsite)
- 17 Thu • 10:00 am **TRIBUTARY TREK – Dishmill Creek.** Meet at the junction of Dygert and River Roads. Wear clothing and footwear you do not mind getting soiled and wet. Bring a lunch.
(4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■
- 18 Fri • 8:00 pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Night Sounds.** HINC. (2 hours, 1 mile)(mn)



AUGUST

- 19 Sat • 10:00 am **REMEMBRANCE (50 YEARS) HIKE (FERN WALK)**. Meet at Silver Lake Outlet Bridge, one mile north of Perry Entrance on Main Park Road. Bring a lunch. (3 hours, 1 mile) (db) ■
- 10:00 am **GVG SUMMER HIKE SERIES – Cuylerville Section**. Meet at parking lot on the north side of State Route 20A, 3.5 miles west of Geneseo and 1.5 east of Leicester. (2 hours, 2 miles) (cb)
- 19-31 • **MONARCH BUTTERFLY RELEASES HINC**. Daily, so long as butterflies are ready to fly.
- 20 Sun • 10:00 am **CATERPILLAR HUNT. HINC**. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 2:00 pm **NATURE UP CLOSE – Asters and Goldenrods. HINC**. (2 hours) (db)
- 21 Mon • 10:00 am **PLANT & ANIMAL TOUR. HINC**. (1 hour, 1 mile) (vp)
- 22 Tue • 1:00 pm **MEANDERING GENESEE**. Meet at Middle Falls viewfinder. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 23 Wed • 7:00 pm **LEARN ABOUT LETCHWORTH – Sara Jane McBride: Pioneering Entomologist and Fly-Tyer. Holly Watson. HINC**. (1½ hours, on site)
- 24 Thu • 10:00 am **CATERPILLAR HUNT. HINC**. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 25 Fri • 10:00 am **STONE TOOL CRAFTSMAN SHOW**. Meet at Highbanks Recreation Area. Atlatl Competition is Thursday thru Sunday. (8-hour event)
- 2:00 pm **LIFE OF MARY JEMISON**. Meet at Council Grounds. (½ hour, ¼ mile) (vp)
- 26 Sat • 10:00 am **STONE TOOL CRAFTSMAN SHOW**. Meet at Highbanks Recreation Area. Atlatl Competition is Thursday thru Sunday. (8-hour event)
- 1:00 pm **NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT. HINC**. (1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 27 Sun • 10:00 am **STONE TOOL CRAFTSMAN SHOW**. Meet at Highbanks Recreation Area. Atlatl Competition is Thursday thru Sunday. (8-hour event)



AUGUST

- 28 Mon • 10:00 am **CATERPILLAR HUNT.** HINC.
(1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 29 Tue • 2:00 pm **MR. LETCHWORTH'S LEGACY.** Meet at Museum. (½ hour, onsite) (vp)
- 30 Wed • 6:30 pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Blue Moon Over the Canyon.** Meet at Archery Field Overlook. Bring a flashlight. Car caravan. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (mn)
- 31 Thu • 10:30 am **RAPTOR WATCHING.** Meet at Archery Field Overlook. (1 hour, onsite) (mn)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - 24 • **MONARCH BUTTERFLY RELEASES.** HINC. Daily, at 10:00 am & 4:00 pm so long as butterflies are ready to fly.
- 1 - 30 • **NATURE TABLE & WILDLOWER DISPLAY.** HINC
(10:00 am - 5:00)
- 1 Fri • 1:00 pm **ANIMAL SIGNS.** HINC.
(1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 2 Sat • 10:00 am **CATERPILLAR HUNT.** HINC.
(1 hour, ½ mile) (vp)
- 1:00 pm **JOURNEY OF THE MONARCHS.** HINC.
(¾ hour, on site) (vp)
- 3 Sun • 1:00 pm **NATURE WALK – Trout Pond Trail.** Meet at Trout Pond. (2 hours, 1 mile) (ml)
- 4 Mon • 10:00 am **GEOLOGY WALK.** Meet by octagon building at Lower Falls parking lot, past Cabin Area “B” (lots of steps and muddy spots).
(2 hours, 1 mile) (mn)
- 12:30 pm **HOW THE GORGE WAS FORMED – STORY OF THE PARK.** Meet at Inspiration Point parking lot. (1 hour, ¼ mile) (mn)
- 2:00 pm **GLEN IRIS ESTATE WALK.** Meet at Museum. (2 hours, 1 mile)(mn)
- 5 Tue • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Tier 1: Butterfly Life Cycles.** Families with children ages 6-12+. HINC. (1½ hours, on site)
- 6 Wed • 2:00pm **MEET THE MASTODON.** Meet at Museum. (½ hour, onsite) (vp)



SEPTEMBER

- 7 Thu • 10:00 am **SHELF ISLAND HIKE – Scenic Loop Series.** Meet at Parade Grounds parking lot. Bring a lunch. (3-4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■
- 8 Fri • 11:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS.** HINC. Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 9 Sat • 10:00 am **EDIBLE PLANT WALK.** Meet at Snake Hill Overlook, on flat of Main Park Road, between Great Bend and Wolf Creek. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 10 Sun • 10:00 am **NATURE WALK – Locks Section.** Meet at junction of Oakland Road and Route 436 in Oakland, New York. (2 hours, 1 mile) (ml)
- 11 Mon • 10:30 am **KNEE HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM.** HINC. (1 hour) (ao)
- 13 Wed • 10:00 am **UPPER ST. HELENA HIKE – Scenic Loop Series.** Meet at Trillium Trailhead, ½ mile up dirt road past Cabin Area “E”. Bring a lunch. (3-4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■
- 14 Thu • 6:00 pm **ANIMAL WALK – Dusk at a Beaver Pond.** Meet at Parade Grounds parking lot. Bring a supper. (3 hours, 1 mile, brush and mud) (db)
- 15 Fri • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Tier 2: Monarch Butterflies, our Mexican Connection.** Families with children ages 6-12+. HINC. (1½ hours, onsite)
- 16 Sat • 10:00 am **MUSHROOM FORAY.** Annual fall gathering of the Rochester Area Mycological Society – public invited. Meet at Parade Grounds Shelter. (4-hour event)
- 10:00am **I BIRD NY.** HINC.
(2 hours, 1 mile or more) (mn)
- 17 Sun • 1:00 pm **NATURE WALK – Jemison Trail.** Meet at Council Grounds parking lot. (2 hours, 1 mile) (ml)
- 19 Tue • 11:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS.** HINC. Bring a lunch. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 20 Wed • 10:00 am **SMOKEY HOLLOW HIKE – Scenic Loop Series.** Meet at Highbanks Camper Contact Station across from the Perry Entrance. Bring a lunch. (3-4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■



SEPTEMBER

- 20 Wed • 1:30 pm **HOME ECOLOGIST – Tier 3: Monarch Butterflies, Managing Land for Wildlife.** Families with children ages 6-12+. **INCG.** (1½ hours, onsite)
- 23 Sat • 1:00 pm **NATURE WALK – St. Helena Trail.** Meet at lowest St. Helena parking lot.
(2 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 24 Sun • 1:00 pm **GVG SUMMER HIKE SERIES – Dugan Creek.** Meet at parking lot on the east side of River Rd and about 4.5 miles north of Rt 5 (Caledonia-Avon Rd) and 2.5 miles south of Canawaugus Park in the Village of Scottsville.
(2 hours, 2 miles or more) (mn)
- 25 Mon • 10:30 am **KNEE HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAM.**
INCG. (1 hour) (ao)
- 27 Wed • 10:00 am **GARDEAU VALLEY HIKE – Scenic Loop Series.** Meet at overlook 2 miles south of the Perry Entrance Gate. Bring a lunch.
(3-4 hours, 2 miles) (db) ■
- 6:00 pm **CREPUSCULAR WALK – Approaching Full Moon by the Pond.** Meet at Trailside Lodge. Bring a flashlight. Muddy spots.
(2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 28 Thu • 11:00 am **LUNCH NEAR WETLANDS & WILDS.**
INCG. Bring a lunch.
(2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)
- 30 Sat • 10:00 am **MUSHROOM WALK.** Meet at High Bridge parking lot. (2-3 hours, 1 mile) (db)