



Great Swamp Watershed Association

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**History and Hawkshaws Headline Great Swamp Outdoor Programs**

*Great Swamp Watershed Association offers guided hikes in New Jersey's Great Swamp region this February.*

**Morristown, NJ**—The Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) will conduct two family-friendly outdoor education hikes during the month of February.

On Saturday, February 1, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, have some pre-Ground-Hog-Day fun with GSWA's resident naturalist and Director of Education and Outreach Hazel England as she offers a guided tour of the Jockey Hollow Unit of Morristown National Historical Park (off Tempe Wick Road in Morristown, NJ). While participants will get a preview of what Punxsutawney Phil might or might not see on February 2, this installment of the Jockey Hollow Explorers hiking series also offers a rare opportunity to learn about the past and present ecology of one of New Jersey's most important Revolutionary War sites.

On Saturday, February 22, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, GSWA's Winter Nature Detectives Hike will teach kids and adults alike how to become Mother Nature's next superstar sleuths. As participants gumshoe around the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge's Wildlife Observation Center (off Long Hill Road in New Vernon, NJ) GSWA's Director of Education and Outreach Hazel England will help them search for tracks, scat, and other telltale signs of New Jersey's most-wanted wildlife.

Both hikes are free and open to the public. Voluntary donations to the Great Swamp Watershed Association are sincerely appreciated and may be made at time of registration.

For driving directions, additional details, and registration forms for both events, please visit GSWA online at [GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org). Registration is strongly recommended for both hikes. Participation is capped at 30 people for the Jockey Hollow Explorers Hike, and capped at 20 people for the Nature Detectives Hike, so register early! To register or receive additional information by telephone, please call (973) 538-3500 x22. There are no scheduled "rain dates" for either hike.

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*About the Great Swamp Watershed Association.* Founded in 1981, the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the water and land of New Jersey's 36,000-acre Great Swamp Watershed region. GSWA works with stakeholders in Morris County and Somerset County municipalities to maintain the health and beauty of open spaces; to educate the public about regional environmental issues; and to monitor and safeguard the five headwater streams—Loantaka Brook, Great Brook, Primrose Brook, Black Brook, and the Upper Passaic—that feed the Great Swamp and the Passaic River.