



Great Swamp Watershed Association

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Celebrate Warmer Days With A Spring Peeper Party!

Great Swamp Watershed Association to hold guided tour of vernal pools at conservation area in Harding Township, NJ.

Morristown, NJ—Spring officially arrives at 7:02 AM EST on March 20! Inside New Jersey's Great Swamp, the warmer weather and longer days at this time of year signal the start of something magical. Across the forest floor, pools of water have formed where snow and rain have collected over the winter, and Mother Nature is about to set them all hopping with new life.

And we mean hopping! Each of these vernal pools will be chock-a-block full of frogs—breeding spring peepers, chorus frogs, wood frogs, and lots of other amphibians. There are plenty of other forest animals just waking up after their long winter's nap too.

That's why the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) invites you and your family to pull on those rubber boots, grab a flashlight, and get a little wet at a Spring Peeper Party on **Friday, March 22, 2013**. Starting at **7:00 p.m.**, join local naturalist and photographer Blaine Rothouser for a guided **Vernal Pool Exploration** at GSWA's 53-acre Conservation Management Area (CMA) in Harding Township, NJ. The CMA is located at 1 Tiger Lily Lane in Harding.

Activities will include an early evening hike to vernal pools, up-close observation of wild frogs and frog behavior, listening for owls and other wildlife, and lots more. It's fun for everyone, especially kids!

Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500 x22. Participation is limited to the first 25 registrants. A voluntary donation to the Great Swamp Watershed Association is sincerely appreciated. For more information, write to events@greatswamp.org.

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What: Vernal Pool Exploration, Spring Peeper Party

Where: Great Swamp Watershed Association's Conservation Management Area, 1 Tiger Lily Lane, Harding Township, NJ

When: Friday, March 22, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Cost: Voluntary donations are appreciated.

RSVP: Please register online at www.GreatSwamp.org

Contact: Steve Reynolds, Director of Communications, sreynolds@greatswamp.org, 973-538-3500 x21.

About the Great Swamp Watershed Association. Founded in 1981, the Great Swamp Watershed Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the water and land of the 36,000-acre watershed region in New Jersey's Morris and Somerset counties. We work to maintain the beauty and health of our open space, and to monitor and protect five streams: Loantaka Brook, Great Brook, Primrose Brook, Black Brook, and the Upper Passaic—which feed into the Passaic River and provide drinking water to more than a million people.