

QUINCY BOG NATURAL AREA – RUMNEY, NH

2011 Nature Walks and Workshop

Walks are free and open to the public, and will be held rain or shine. All walks leave from the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road in Rumney) except as noted. **Unless stated otherwise, walks start at 9:00 a.m. and last approximately 2 hours.** Wear comfortable walking shoes; bring drinking water and bug spray. For more information, contact Betty Jo Taffe (786-2553, bjtaffe@gmail.com).

Sunday, May 22
7:00 – 9:30 a.m.

SPRING BIRD WALK AT QUINCY BOG

Iain MacLeod

Join **Iain MacLeod** for a beginning birding program that will help you identify the huge variety of birds that fill our woods, meadows and wetlands each spring. Explore the differing habitats at Quincy Bog and learn identification by sight and sound.

Saturday, June 11

JUNE WILDFLOWER WALK

Sarah Schwaegler

Come walk around Quincy Bog with **Sarah Schwaegler** to observe wetland and upland plant life – what is in bloom now and what has already faded away. Can you identify a plant by characteristics other than by its flower?

Saturday, July 9

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

Alan Briere

Join photographer Alan Briere and learn the art of framing an image. This course is not designed for novices, participants must already know how to use their camera. **Limited to 10 participants, no charge but pre-registration required.** Email or call Betty Jo Taffe (bjtaffe@gmail.com, telephone 786-2553) to reserve your spot

Saturday, July 23
9:00 a.m. to noon

FERNS & FERN ALLIES OF QUINCY PASTURE FOREST

Scott Bailey

Geocologist and avid field naturalist **Scott Bailey** will lead a walk at Quincy Pasture Forest to see which ferns and fern allies we can identify and what they tell us about the environment. We'll begin an inventory of the ferns and fern allies of QPF and learn about the proper collection of specimens to document plant populations. The forest, which contains the headwaters for Quincy Bog, is on the East Rumney Road, across from number 340. There is limited roadside parking, so please carpool if possible.

Saturday, August, 20

BOTANICAL DRAWING WORKSHOP

Patricia Giebutowski

If you've ever wanted to draw or paint a plant you've encountered in your garden or elsewhere, join local artist **Patricia Giebutowski** to learn how. Basic instruction with emphasis on observation of botanical detail will be the theme of this workshop. All levels of experience are welcome—what matters most is interest and enthusiasm. Paper and pencils will be provided. Participants are encouraged (not required) to bring watercolors, colored pencils or other supplies that could be used on paper. **Limited to 10 participants, no charge but pre-registration required.** Email or call Betty Jo Taffe (bjtaffe@gmail.com, telephone 786-2553) to reserve your spot

Saturday, September 3

ORIGIN & HISTORY OF KETTLE POND BOGS

P. Thompson Davis

During our circuit walk around Quincy Bog, we will discuss the origin of peat bogs, especially in the context of the glacial geological history of the New England area. We will discuss the usefulness of sediment cores from peat bogs and lakes for the reconstruction of paleoenvironmental history since deglaciation in the area about 14,000 years ago. Also, we will demonstrate the use of a Russian peat corer from along the edge of the bog.

Sunday, September 11
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FABULOUS FUNGI WORKSHOP

Rick Van de Poll

This short seminar on Mushrooms will introduce the beginner and amateur enthusiast to the intricate world of higher fungi in northern New England. We will examine the basic groups of mushrooms as well as their role in nature, and sort out the sometimes daunting task of keying out species by using diagnostic keys. Toxic mushrooms will be separated from their edible look-alikes. All common reference works will be reviewed in the context of suitability and accuracy. Participants are welcome to bring their own collections, although we will foray around Quincy Bog in the late morning and afternoon for fresh material. Our instructor, **Rick Van de Poll**, is the principal of Ecosystem Management Consultants, a company that performs natural resource inventories in New England. He has recorded over 1200 fungi in New Hampshire. **Workshop is limited to 20 people. Pre-registration required, confirmed upon payment of \$15 fee.** Email or call Betty Jo Taffe (bjtaffe@gmail.com, telephone 786-2553) to reserve your spot and arrange to pay the fee. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Baskets and 10x hand lens are encouraged. Please bring your favorite reference guides as well.