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BEAR-PAW FIELDTRIPS, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS PLANNED FOR SPRING-SUMMER 2008

DEERFIELD N.H., April 10, 2008 – Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is hosting the following events for the spring and summer. All programs are free and open to the public. Please pre-register at [info@bear-paw.org](mailto:info@bear-paw.org), [www.bear-paw.org](http://www.bear-paw.org), or 603-463-9400 unless noted otherwise.

“Earth Day” Vernal Pool Fieldtrip  
April 26, 2008 • 1-4pm • Nottingham

Mark West, Bear-Paw Board member and biologist, will lead folks on an exploration of vernal pools on a property permanently protected by a conservation easement. This fieldtrip will offer a great opportunity for Bear-Paw members and area residents to learn about these ephemeral pools that offer critical breeding and foraging habitat to many of NH's frogs, salamanders, and other species. We will use dip nets to identify aquatic insects as well as amphibian egg masses. Kids are welcome! Please pre-register for directions.

Conservation Options Workshop  
May 14, 2008 • 7-9pm • Blaisdell Memorial Library, Nottingham

Bear-Paw, the Nottingham Conservation Commission, and the UNH Cooperative Extension are offering an informative land conservation and estate planning workshop to area landowners and their families. For all those who have been thinking about doing something to protect their land, this will be an opportunity to get expert advice from Phil Auger, UNH Cooperative Extension, and Attorney Charles Tucker, a partner with Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC. Please pre-register with Deb at 603-679-5616 or 800-248-6672, so that we can provide adequate materials for everyone.

Spring Migration Bird Walk  
May 17, 2008 • 7-9am • Pawtuckaway State Park, Deerfield/Nottingham

Davis Finch, a local birding expert, has volunteered to lead an early morning walk to identify birds by both sight and song at the height of the spring migration. Please pre-register for directions.

Global Climate Change and Land Conservation  
May 19, 2008 • 7-8:30pm • Dover Public Library

Dr. Barry Rock, a botanist at the UNH Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space, will discuss global climate change and the role of land conservation in the strategy to combat global warming. Dr. Rock specializes in the remote sensing of vegetation and is highly regarded for his ability to make science interesting and understandable to the general public. This program is co-sponsored by the Strafford Rivers Conservancy and the Great Works Regional Land Trust.

Biothon! on the Isinglass River  
June 7, 2008 • Strafford

Bear-Paw invites its members and friends to support its fourth annual Biothon – a species identification treasure hunt to discover and promote the biodiversity of the lands Bear-Paw works to protect. Two to three teams of skilled naturalists will compete to identify as many plant and animal species as possible on a property in Strafford that is the subject of our biggest conservation effort ever. We are asking our friends to pledge any amount to support Bear-Paw's land conservation activities. A pledge form will be available on our website or you can contact us for more information. All of the contributors to the Biothon will be invited on a tour of the Isinglass River property at 10am on the day of the event. Please pre-register for directions.

Suncook River Tour  
August 14, 2008 • 6-8pm • Epsom

This year during our now annual visit to the Suncook we will explore the river some more with Sally Soule, the Coastal Watershed Supervisor with NHDES and head of the Volunteer Biologic Assessment Program for river testing. She will lead a tour of a portion of river and collect samples while discussing changes in the biology of the river since the historic May 2006 floods. Please pre-register for the location and directions.

Hawkwatch  
September 20 • 8:30am-12:00

Mark West will help lead another hawk watch – offering help with bird identification and discussing the natural history of hawks that call the Bear-Paw region their home for part of the year as well as those just passing through on the way to their wintering grounds. Depending on conditions, we may travel to Blue Job in Strafford, Fort Mountain in Epsom, or South Mountain in Pawtuckaway. If the hawks don't cooperate, we may take a fieldtrip to nearby conservation lands. Please pre-register for directions and so that we can provide materials for everyone.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways now holds easements protecting 19 properties and 1,163 acres and it has assisted on other projects protecting more than 3,300 acres in the region. Bear-Paw is a non-profit land trust with a mission to permanently conserve a network of lands that protects our region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland. Established by resident volunteers, Bear-Paw works to conserve open space in Candia, Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood, Nottingham, Raymond, and Strafford through outreach, education, and land protection project assistance. Our Goal is to safeguard our irreplaceable water resources, important wildlife habitat and travel routes, and productive forests and farms. We envision a region of scenic beauty and rural character where diversity and quality of life are sustained. For information about how to become a member, land protection options for landowners or volunteering with the land trust, please contact Daniel Kern at Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, Post Office Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037, 603 463-9400, or [info@bear-paw.org](mailto:info@bear-paw.org). You can also visit their website at [www.bear-paw.org](http://www.bear-paw.org).

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