



WINTER PROGRAMS

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Discover Winter's Beauty at The Preserve

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, The Preserve transforms into a peaceful winter retreat. Blanketed in frost and quiet stillness, it's the perfect time to step outside, slow down, and enjoy nature's calm beauty.

With approximately five miles of trails winding through lakeside views and snow-kissed forests, The Preserve offers something for every nature lover to explore:

- **White Trail:** Follow the tranquil shoreline and take in the still reflections on the winter lake.
- **Yellow Trail:** Wander through hushed woodlands where the only sound is the crunch of snow beneath your boots.

Whether you're looking for a refreshing walk or a moment of solitude, The Preserve invites you to experience the serenity of the season.

Bundle up, breathe in the fresh winter air, and rediscover the simple joy of being outdoors.

See you on the trails,
The Preserve Team

Winter Break Fun!: Eyes of the Wild Animal Show

Learn about mammals from around the world and how they survive winter through hibernation, migration, and other cold-weather adaptations!

Registration required; Adults must be registered and be present with their child/children.

Scan below to register

Date: Friday, January 2, 12:00 pm
Fee: Free



Walks in Nature



Full Moon Walk: February's Snow Moon

Join us as we head out to Maggie's Point to view the Full Moon in all its glory! Enjoy a peaceful evening at the Preserve as we bask in the moon's glow while surrounded by the calming stillness of McCormack Lake. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Ages: Families, 6+

Fee: \$5/person

Date: Sunday, February 1

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Rain date: February 2

Moon & Woodcock Walk & Watch at the Bulk Farm

Get ready for an unforgettable evening under the enchanting glow of the full March Moon! As the Worm Moon rises, nature awakens in a symphony of sounds that will leave you spellbound. Picture this: you're standing in a serene landscape, and suddenly, you hear those distinctive nasal sounds echoing through the grass. Could it be? Yes! It's the charming woodcock, also known as the timberdoodle!

As if by magic, a flappy shape zooms up into the twilight sky, whistling its melodic tune before diving back to the ground. This is your golden opportunity to witness and hear their unique courtship rituals—a thrilling experience that immerses you in their secretive world. Imagine being a worm-eating, wall-eyed daredevil for just one night!

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 6:45 - 8:00 pm Fee: \$5 Location: Bulk Farm All Ages



Winter Trail Walks

A Hike for everyone in the family! We will explore what winter has to offer as we get close to nature out on the Preserve's trails. Please dress for the weather. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Fee: Free Ages: All Ages

Red Trail Walk: Saturday, February 14, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Purple Trail Walk: Sunday, March 22, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Winter Walk at the Bulk Farm

This guided winter walk is an opportunity to explore the serene beauty of nature at Plainsboro's newest preserve during the colder months. Participants will venture out on well-marked trails, taking in the unique landscape transformed by winter's touch.

As we move through the crisp air, we will observe how wildlife adapts and prepares for the season, possibly witnessing tracks in the snow and identifying winter flora. The Bulk Farm offers a tranquil setting to appreciate nature's quietude and perhaps spot some of our resident birds that brave the chill. Dress warmly, bring your curiosity, and embrace what winter brings to this beautiful preserve as we embark on this invigorating outdoor experience together!

Date: Saturday, January 31 Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am

Fee: Free Location: Bulk Farm, 179 Cranbury Neck Road All Ages



Kids Activities

Nature Board Game Nights

Come out to the Preserve and enjoy some good old fashioned family fun at our nature-themed family game nights - happening the final Friday of every month! We can't think of anything better than family time together with a bonus twist of nature and games!

Inside our nature center, you'll be able to choose from our nature-inspired puzzle and game selection, or feel free to bring a puzzle or game from home to play and share with others. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks to enjoy while playing. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

All Ages Fee: Free Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Dates: January 30, February 27, March 27

The Great Eggsploration

Somebunny has been hopping throughout the Preserve and has left a mess of eggs along the trails! We are hoping you can help us by finding them and bringing them back to the Center. Join us for our annual Egg Hunt at the Plainsboro Preserve and have fun while spending time outdoors collecting treats, making crafts, and more!

Ages: 5-10 Fee: Free Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Date: Saturday, March 28

Rain Date: Saturday, April 4, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

World Water Day Celebration at the Plainsboro Preserve

Join us in celebrating World Water Day on March 22 and discover the wonders of water, Earth's most precious resource! Engage in hands-on learning stations along the trail, take a hike and discover the importance of wetlands, and increase your awareness about water issues impacting the world today. We will have a variety of fun activities for you to take part in as we encourage you to learn, explore, and gain a deeper appreciation for this essential, yet often taken for granted, natural resource.

Date: Sunday, March 22 Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Ages: All Ages Fee: Free



Little Ones Nature Class

Come have some fun with your little one and discover what's happening at the Plainsboro Preserve this Winter through stories, crafts, and nature exploration! Three-year olds must be accompanied by an adult. This program is held partly outdoors; please dress for the weather.

Ages: 3-5 Fee: \$20

Date: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am
February 5 - February 26

Nature & Stories

Join staff from the Plainsboro Preserve and Plainsboro Library for stories about animals and nature, followed by activities or crafts. Every week will be a different winter theme! Registration required. This event will take place at the Plainsboro Preserve.

Ages: Families, best for 2-7 years
Fee: Free

Date: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30am
January 8 - January 29

Family Astronomy Night

Ignite your curiosity and explore the wonders of the universe with Astronomy Night! Gather your family and friends for an unforgettable evening filled with starry skies, captivating stories, and hands-on activities that spark imagination.

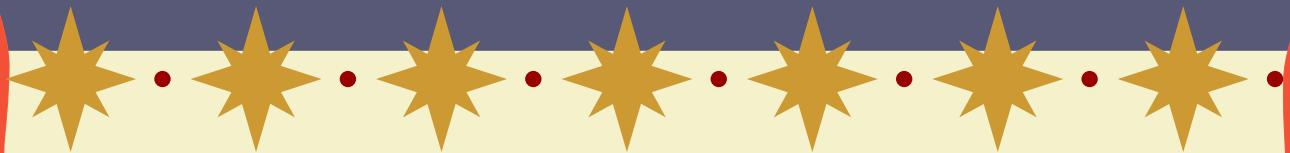
Imagine setting up your telescope under a blanket of stars, discovering distant galaxies, and learning about the mysteries of space together. With engaging crafts and fun activities, Astronomy Night is not just an event – it's a celebration of learning and bonding that inspires a love for the cosmos.

Join us for this magical experience where the night sky comes alive! Don't miss out on creating lasting memories – sign up for Astronomy Night today and embark on an adventure that will broaden your horizons!

Fee: Free

Ages: Families, Crafts best for ages 5-10

Date: Saturday, February 28, 5:00 - 8:00 pm





Adult Classes

Day's End Yoga

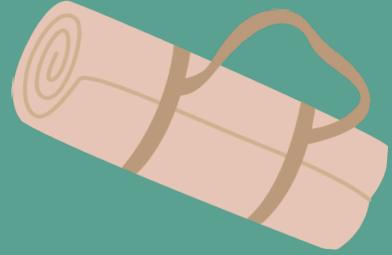
End your stressful day with calming yoga. This class is designed for all levels and will feature a warm-up, yoga poses, balances, and cool down.

Ages: 18+ Fee: \$45

Date: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

January 6 - March 10

Please note: No class February 24



Adults' Nature Photography Meetup: Sunset Session

This is a meetup-style activity for adults interested in nature photography, allowing them the time to get together with other adults who share similar interests. Designed to provide opportunities for exploring and interacting with the Preserve beyond what you may be used to, these sessions will inspire your creativity and encourage you to see nature from a new perspective. Come share your best tips, learn some new tricks, and hone your photo skills as you take some time for yourself to enjoy this wonderful hobby with a group of new friends.

Participants must bring their own camera.

PLEASE NOTE: Rain cancels this event.

Ages: 18+ Fee: Free Date: Saturday, March 7, 5:00 - 6:30 pm



Tuesday Morning Birds and Coffee

Are you ready for a fun morning filled with coffee, tea, and birds? Join us at the Plainsboro Preserve for an exciting birding session that you won't want to miss!

We'll gather to sip our favorite beverages while enjoying the sights and sounds of our feathered friends at the birdfeeders. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn about the birds right in your own backyard! Feel free to bring your own binoculars if you have them, but no worries if you don't—we'll have a limited number available for loan during the program.

Come ready for a delightful morning surrounded by nature! We can't wait to see you there!

Ages: 18+ Fee: Free Dates: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, 1/20-3/24

Please note that registration is required for all programs. Visit our website at www.plainsboronj.com/250/Plainsboro-Preserve for our calendar and registration link. Or, scan the QR code located here and on the back cover.



Art Workshop: Seamless Felted Mittens

Warm the hands and hearts of a loved one this Valentine's Day with a thoughtful and beautifully crafted handmade gift! Join fiber artist Nelly Kouzmina as she teaches the techniques and processes involved in how to make your very own set of felted mittens, just in time for Valentines Day! Keep them yourself or gift them – either way, they will be treasured for years to come! No prior experience with felting is necessary – all experience levels are welcome! Students will get to take their mittens home at the end of this class. All materials will be provided for this workshop, aside from a bath towel that participants will need to bring to assist in the creation of their project.

Date: Saturday, February 7 Age: 15+ Fee: \$50 Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Plant & Seed Swap

Whether you've gotten really good at propagating your plants or you're just looking to mix up your collection, bring over your healthy plants & plant-related items to trade with other indoor & outdoor gardening enthusiasts. We'll have areas designated for swapping both indoor and outdoor plants, seeds, as well as plant-related items.

Registrants for the Plant & Seed Swap will receive additional details regarding swap tips and etiquette by email, so register early and stay tuned!

Ages: 18+ Date: Saturday, March 28 Time: 1:30 - 2:30 pm



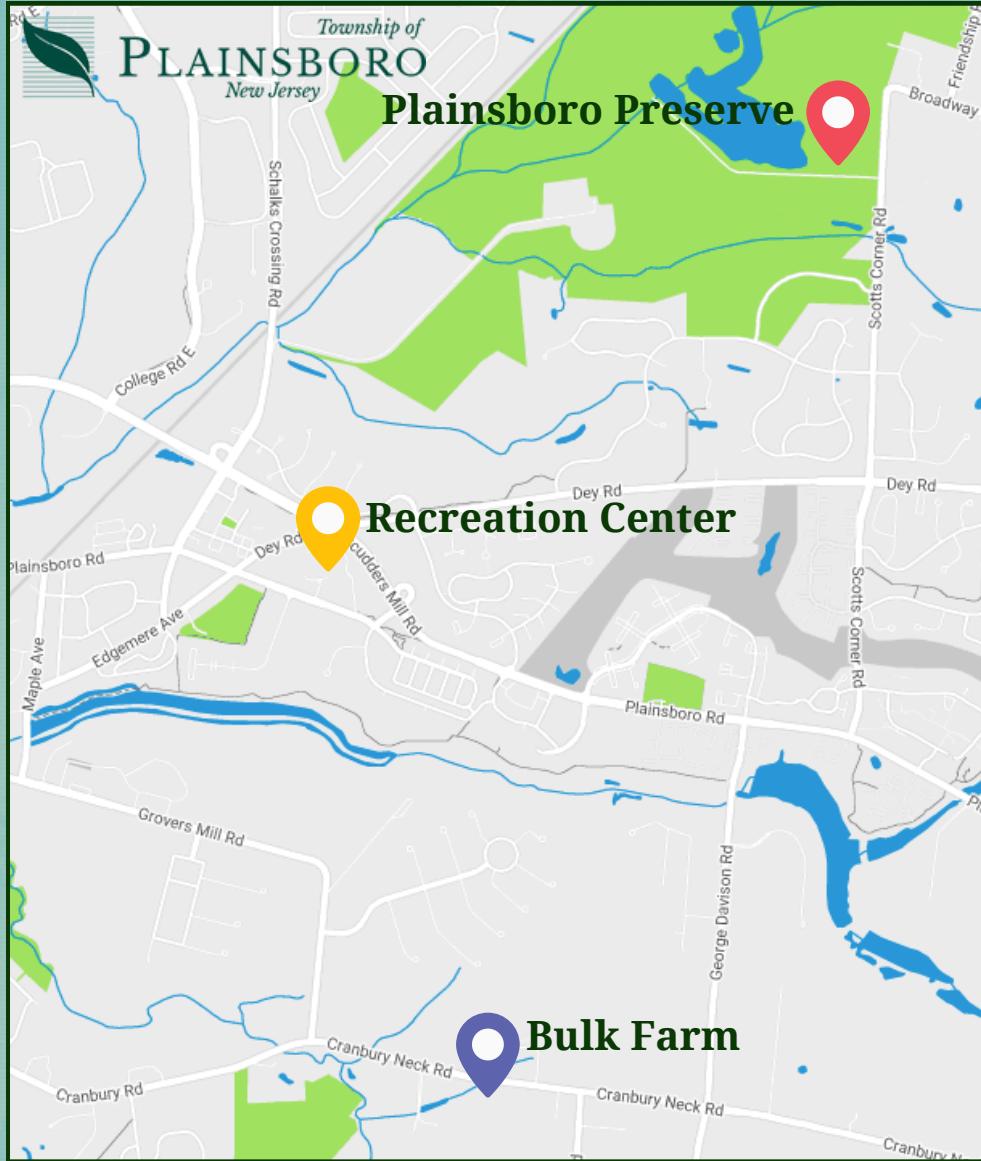
Dancing & Dessert



Join us once again for an exciting ballroom dancing lesson, paired with coffee and decadent desserts. This event promises not only to enhance your dance skills but also to satisfy your sweet tooth. Please note that registration and payment must be completed online prior to the event. It is essential that you register each participant individually, as we will no longer accommodate payments at the door.

To ensure a delightful experience for everyone, please arrive with a partner ready to dance. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a fun evening filled with rhythm, laughter, and delicious treats while honing your ballroom dancing skills in a supportive environment. Don't miss out—secure your spot today!

Location: Plainsboro Municipal A/B Room
Fee: \$12 per person **Ages:** 18+ **Time:** 7:00 - 8:30pm
Dates offered: January 17, February 14, March 21



**Registration opens December 1st for residents
and December 8th for non-residents**

Plainsboro Preserve, 80 Scotts Corner Rd,
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Phone: (609) 799-4013
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Environmental Education Center Hours:
Tuesday-Sunday 10am - 4pm
Preserve gate opens daily at 7:00am



**Registration
QR Code:**



For the enjoyment of the Preserve and the protection of the habitat and wildlife, **the following are not permitted:**

- Picking, removing or harming any plants or animals
- Pets and horses
- Fishing and hunting
- Bicycles or motorized vehicles past the parking area
- Swimming and boating
- Picnicking, smoking, and alcoholic beverages
- Agricultural easements are off limits to the public