



*Connecting the Wachusett Communities
with Trails and Greenways*

Greetings Wachusett Greenways Friends!

Happy Spring-into-Summer in Central Mass!

Thank you to everyone who is renewing your support.

Every member counts!

**Wachusett Greenways Events
Paddle, Pedal or Perambulate**

Paddle: Summer Solstice Canoe or Kayak

Friday, June 21, 7 PM

Celebrate the Summer Solstice with an evening on Long Pond, Rutland. Bring your PFD and canoe or kayak. We'll tour the pond starting at 7, and if time allows, adjourn to Four Corners for ice cream before 9. Sign up with Joan Killough-Miller at 508-882-3439 or jkmiller@wpi.edu for weather updates.

Location: Route 122 in Rutland just north of the junction with Route 122A. See sign at Long Pond Boat Ramp on the left as you travel north. Go left through both gates to park. Long Pond Boat Ramp directions and map: massachusettspaddler.com/long-pond-north-worcesterwww.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/xd/dfwlongr.pdf

Pedal: Mass Central Rail Trail Bike Ride

Monday, June 24, 10 AM-noon

Meet at 21 Miles Road, Rutland, for a gentle 8-10 mile ride on the rail trail in Rutland. Bring a snack if you like. Sign up with Colleen Abrams at colleen.abrams@verizon.net or 508-479-2123.

Perambulate: Leisurely Mass Central Rail Trail Walk

Thursday, July 18, 9 AM

Come along for a gentle 1½-mile walk on the MCRT in Oakham. Meeting location will be at the Oakham entrance on Route 122 at the horseshoe parking lot. Sign up with Gordo Elliott at boltstwo@charter.net or 508-753-0420.

Or

Midstate Trail Hike

Saturday, July 20, 9 AM

Check out the Midstate with Mike Peckar. This 5-mile hike will begin in Princeton. Sign up with Mike at fog@fognet.com or 508-209-1833.

Here are more great events offered by our friends in Central Mass

Sprinkler Factory Natura Exhibit

sprinklerfactory.com/

Check out the art exhibits at the Sprinkler Factory at 38 Harlow Street, Worcester. Three galleries presenting *Natura*, *Visions of Nature*, and *Bringing it to Reality* are open through June on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 PM.

On Sunday, June 23, at 1:30 PM, Bob Clark will offer a photography program on the Quabbin in Four Seasons. All are welcome.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Firefly Gazing

Thursday, June 20, 8:30-9:30 PM

Learn about these amazing insects and celebrate summer with this traditional activity as we search for fireflies around Stillwater Farm. Bring your own flashlight for a guided walk to observe lightning bugs. Recommended long sleeves and pants for protection from mosquitoes. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Stillwater Farm, 228 Redemption Rock Road, Sterling.

Ranger Program: Identifying Animal Tracks

Saturday, June 29, 10 AM

Is that a coyote or bobcat track? Some animals have similar tracks, but small differences that can aid in identification. The Watershed is made up of thousands of acres of forested lands providing habitat for many species. Come learn how you can determine what wildlife frequents your neck of the woods. Meet at Stillwater Farm, 228 Redemption Rock Road, Sterling.

Sterling Land Trust presents:

"BEECOLOGY"

Protecting our native pollinators through the power of citizen science.
with Dr. Robert J. Gegear

This year the SLT will be celebrating its 21th Anniversary and holding our Annual Meeting featuring a free and family-friendly program on Pollinators of Massachusetts. Dr. Robert J. Gegear of the Beecology project will be the speaker.

About the Beecology Project : Wild pollinators have declined in abundance, diversity, and geographic distribution at an alarming rate over recent years. These declines pose a significant threat to ecosystem health and biodiversity, yet we currently lack critical ecological information needed to develop effective conservation and restoration strategies for threatened species. The 'Beecology Project' aims to fill this gap by recruiting citizen scientists from across the region to digitally collect and submit ecological data on native pollinator species using our freely available smartphone and web apps. Our team has also developed several online visualization tools that will help researchers, K-12 students/teachers, conservation groups, and members of the general public use the collected ecological data to improve the quality of native pollinator habitats and ultimately, determine the cause of wild pollinator decline.

For more information, contact Marion Larson at
marion46@verizon.net or call 978-422-5162.

Date: Tuesday June 18, 2019

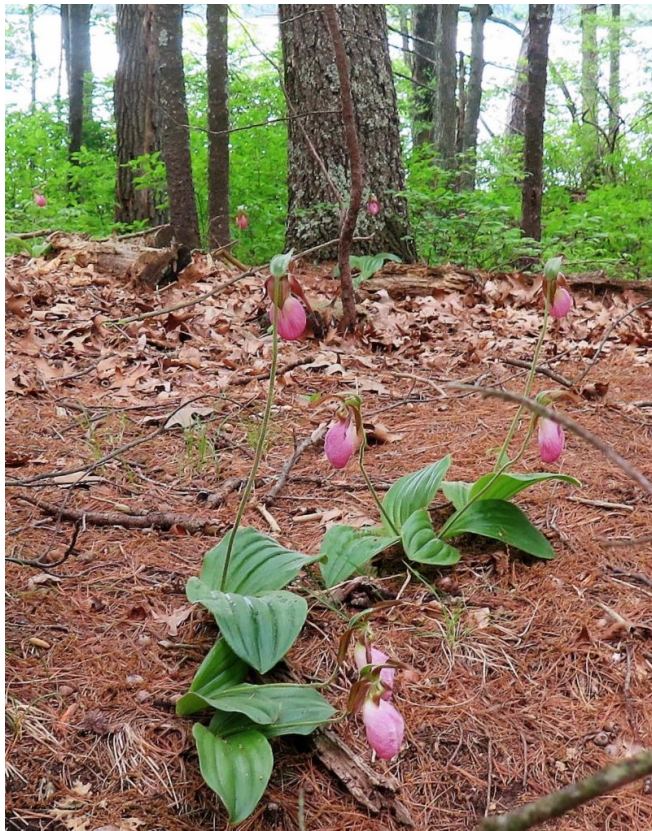
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Sterling Senior Center
at 36 Muddy Pond Road, Sterling**

<http://www.sterlinglandtrust.org/> P.O. Box 106, Sterling, MA 01564



What do we see from the trail?





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