



State of Connecticut
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Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center Public Program Series

The Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center's Public Program Series is a cooperative venture between the CT DEEP Wildlife Division and the Friends of Sessions Woods.

*Please pre-register for these programs by calling 860-424-3011 or email laura.rogers-castro@ct.gov. Programs are free. An adult must accompany children under 12 years old. **No pets allowed!***

February 29, 2020 (Sat.), 1:30 p.m. Cabin Fever Program: BOBCATS!

Bobcats are the only wild cat found in Connecticut. The CT DEEP Wildlife Division has been conducting a bobcat research project over the past few years to learn more about these interesting members of the cat family. The Friends of Sessions Woods will host wildlife biologist Melissa Ruszczyk for this special cabin fever program! Melissa will provide an overview of bobcat natural history and a look at some of the findings of the research project. *A dessert potluck will be held at 1:00 p.m. prior to the program. Please bring a sweet to share!*



March 22, 2020 (Sun.), 9:30 a.m. March Mushroom Madness

The CT Valley Mycological Society (CVMC) welcomes members and non-members to their annual meeting at Sessions Woods for an enlightening indoor presentation on mushrooms. The meeting provides an opportunity to talk with others interested in the field of mycology and view some of the resources available to learn more about mushrooms. The CVMC meeting includes a coffee and refreshment half hour beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at approximately 10:00 a.m.

April 4, 2020 (Sat.), 1:00 p.m. Vernal Pool Hike

Join Wildlife Biologist Paul Benjunas for a hike to the vernal pool located on the Beaver Marsh Trail at Sessions Woods. Paul will provide insight on the dynamics of a seasonal waterbody, along with a look at the inhabitants of these important wetlands. The hike will be approximately 2 miles roundtrip. Participants should meet inside the Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center.



April 26, 2020 (Sun.), 1:00 p.m. Saving Animals from Extinction: Tales of Species Recovery in Connecticut and Beyond with Jim Knox and a few special Zoo Ambassadors!

The Friends of Sessions Woods Annual Meeting will feature Zoologist and Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo Curator of Education Jim Knox. All are welcome! Jim will profile his work with Species Survival Plans and wild species re-introductions in Connecticut and beyond. Learn how 21st century science is extending the reach and achievements of field conservationists and how Connecticut citizens can become involved in recovery efforts to protect our planet's most imperiled and majestic creatures. **Jim will bring along a few special live zoo ambassadors!** *There will be a dessert potluck at 12:30 p.m. prior to the program.*



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Jim Knox is writer and host for PBS television's Wild Zoofari and has shared his knowledge of and passion for wildlife with millions of viewers throughout the U.S., Russia, Thailand, the Middle East, and Europe on Animal Planet. Jim has served as an on-camera wildlife expert for The Today Show, CBS Early Show, and Fox News. He has studied rhinos, lions, and great white sharks in South Africa, conducted field research for Alaskan brown bears, field conservation for Atlantic salmon, and written nationally for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.