

TANNERSVILLE CRANBERRY BOG NEWS

Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve 2019



The Boardwalk in the Bog

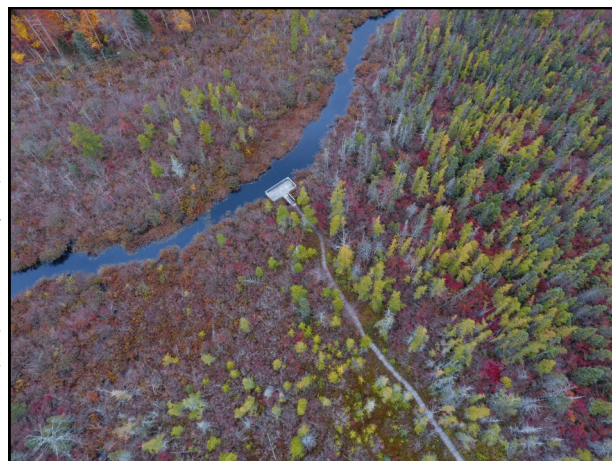
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For almost 40 years the floating boardwalk has allowed thousands of individuals the ability to view the Bog from the inside and observe the beautiful and unusual plant life that lives there. The boardwalk was originally constructed in the early 1980's by students and staff from the Monroe County Vo-Tech School now known as the Monroe Career & Technical Institute (MCTI). The floating design has allowed guests to walk on top of the Bog mat while keeping their feet dry and also preventing disturbances to the plant community. To say it has been successful is an understatement. People have been treated to beautiful views of insect eating pitcher plants and sundews, orchids and 300 year old black spruce trees. A diverse array of wildlife also makes its presence

known in the Bog which includes but is not limited to snakes, frogs, birds and even the occasional black bear.

Over the years, the boardwalk has expanded from the initial 100 feet to the present day length of over

1600 feet. The components of the boardwalk have weathered well although minor repairs have had to be made from time to time. Within the last several years problems have arisen with some of the floating barrels that form the support under the wooden walkway. The barrels have actually started to leak and become water-logged. We have tried several designs and have had some success but the problems had not been solved. The boardwalk became so bad that we had to cancel all access to the Bog last October due to safety concerns. After several months of research and redesign by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) staff, a new plan to solidify the walkway was established and workdays were set for early April to make the fix. (Cont'd on pg. 3)



Aerial Photo of Bog Boardwalk by Carbon County Technical Institute



Staff and Volunteers working to fix the boardwalk

2019 Bog Day Celebration - September 15th

The Bog Preserve Committee, in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy and the Environmental Education Center, has scheduled an all-day event at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog on Sunday, **September 15th, 2019**. The day will feature a schedule of guided walks onto the boardwalk and to other remote areas of the bog. Information on the Bog Preserve and The Nature Conservancy will be displayed and light refreshments will be served. There is no fee for the walks, however, **pre-registration is required**. For complete details, call the Environmental Education Center at 570-629-3061.

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Tannersville Bog Walk Schedule 2019

Bog Walks

Weekly Wednesday Walks:

10 am June 5 through September 11

1 pm September 18 through November 6

Sunday Walks: 1 pm (*See list below for dates*)

Sunday Walk Schedule

May 19, Sunday

June 9, Sunday

July 14, Sunday

August 11, Sunday

September 15, 2019

BOG DAY

October 13, Sunday

COST:

\$6/Non-Members

\$4/Nature Conservancy,
E.E. Center Members, and
children under 12 years old.



The Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center is proud to invite you to attend a guided-public walk into the unique Tannersville Bog.

Along the way, our Environmental Educators will explain the Bog's formation, its interesting plant and animal life, and the role the local Preserve Committee and the Nature Conservancy play in its continued protection.

Over 2 1/2 hours, we will explore the floating boardwalk and the surrounding area of the Bog.

Public walks are open to anyone, and **pre-registration is required and limited.**

PRIVATE TOURS AVAILABLE FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOL GROUPS upon request.

Call 570-629-3061 for available dates and times.

All walks meet at the
**Tannersville Bog Parking Lot on
Cherry Lane Road.**

GPS address: 552 Cherry Lane Road,
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Special Bog Programs:

Thursday, April 18 & Saturday, Sept. 14 :

Full Moon Bog Hike 6:30pm

Explore the bog under the light of a full moon. The walk begins at 6:30 pm and participants should bring a flashlight.

April 29, May 8, 15, 22:

Birding the Bog 7 am

Combine one of the most unique natural settings with one of the most spectacular natural phenomena and you get a morning of migration birding at the Bog.

Thursday, May 30, June 6, 13 & October 10

Canoe/Kayak Trip 10 am

Join us on a paddling trip into the Bog Preserve on Cranberry Creek. The program lasts 3 hours. Participants are required to provide their own kayak or canoe.

Please call our office at
570-629-3061 for directions
and to pre-register.

TIPS

- > Wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes or sneakers, you may get wet feet.
- > Bring water
- > Rain or Shine (Raincoats are preferred instead of umbrellas)
- > If you use bug spray, please apply before your arrival



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**MONROE COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**



Our office is open

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on most Saturdays to take registrations, provide directions, or answer your questions. You may also visit our website for directions and details.

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TNC staff, along with staff from the Monroe County Conservation District and some strong willed volunteers, spent two days up to their chests in peat moss replacing and attaching the new barrels for the first 200 feet of the platform. While the project was underway the resident wood frogs were laying their eggs in the water of the Bog beside the boardwalk and the crew was careful not to disturb them even though at times it looked like the frogs were ready to attack.

After two days, the new barrels were in place and the walkway was restored to again provide a safe passage into the Bog's interior. The new design has proven to work very well and has been tested by countless 4th graders on their annual spring visit to the Bog. They have been treated to the sight of many plants in bloom, wood frog tadpoles and their favorite, fresh otter scat, on the boardwalk where it floats above Cranberry Creek. The experience gives them a new look at a habitat that is drastically different from their backyards. It is always interesting to hear their comments when walking into the Bog. They are truly fascinated by the experience. The boardwalk has allowed that experience for 4th graders since 1982 and it will continue to open up the interior of the Bog for people of all ages in the future.



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The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is an international non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the lands and waters on which all life depends. Since 1951, The Nature Conservancy has protected more than 15 million acres of natural lands and waters in the United States and more than 117 million acres and 5,000 river miles throughout the world. The Nature Conservancy's efforts are supported by nearly one million members, including 33,000 Pennsylvanians. Check out TNC's events: www.nature.org/paevents

NATURE CONSERVANCY MEMBERSHIP

Yes! I want to help preserve Pennsylvania's natural treasures, including the Tannersville Cranberry Bog.

If you contribute \$10 or more, you'll also receive The Nature Conservancy's award-winning magazine with news of conservation throughout the world. Thank you for your gift! For more information, call 570-643-7922.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Enclosed is my gift of: \$ _____

Email: _____ (include to receive information on local conservation progress and special events)

Please send your check to: The Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 55, Long Pond, PA 18334

Family Friendly Events at Hauser Nature Center



Bees, Bugs and Blooms, June 17th, 7 pm

Hauser Nature Center

Help The Nature Conservancy launch National Pollinator Week with this family friendly program on the power of insects. These hard-working animals help pollinate over 75% of our plants and crops. You may not notice the hummingbirds, bats, bees, beetles, butterflies, and flies that carry pollen from one plant to another, but without them we would have fewer flowers, berries, vegetables and nuts, like blueberries and almonds (not to mention **chocolate** and **coffee**) all of which depend on pollinators. As part of this program, we're going to build a beautiful bee house to put up at Hauser Nature Center.

Perfect for all ages, \$5 suggested donation.



Turtle Power! Turtle Trapping with Rick Koval, July 24, 7 pm

Grass Lake

Everyone loves turtles! But do you know what a carapace or plastron is? How about how long turtles live? Turtles are among our oldest and most primitive group of reptiles, having evolved millions of years ago. Turtles live all over the world in almost every type of climate. Assist naturalist Rick Koval as he checks the turtle traps he set overnight in the lake and learn about this wondrous and shy creature. For this hands-on turtle program wear shoes that can get wet and mucky. We will be on site at the lake and there will be opportunity to walk around in the shallows to handle the turtles.

Perfect for all ages, free event.

To register for an event, contact Jenny Case at jcase@tnc.org

Registration is required for all events so we can inform you of any unexpected changes.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and for walking on uneven ground.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the event for check-in. Directions and additional information will be provided when registering for event.

Support for these events comes from our members.

For more events at the Hauser Nature Center, Northeastern Pennsylvania Office, please visit nature.org/paevents.

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