

Beaver Lake Nature Center
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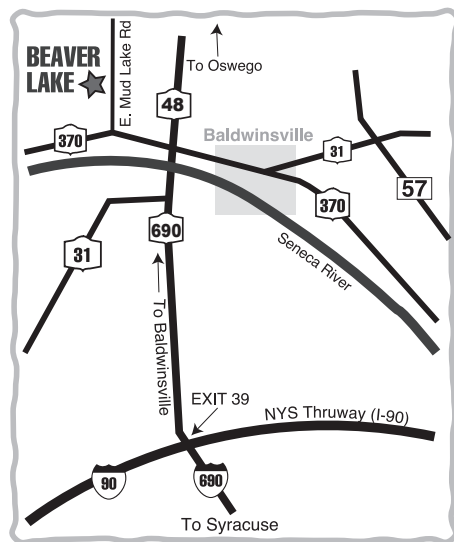
Admission:

\$3 per car; \$24 for annual car pass
Memberships are available

Open Daily:

Trails 7:30am-dusk
Visitor Center 8am-dusk

Reminder...Dogs are not allowed



Planning a Birthday Party...

Make it a day to remember at Beaver Lake. We offer "natural" parties year round for children ages 5 and up.

Topics include:

- Exploring Life in a Pond
- Turtles
- Nature Safari
- Sweeping for Bugs.

Call for other options and availability.



Fall 2011 Programs



"Fall Morning on the Lake Loop"
Gerard Beckhusen

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County Executive: Joanne M. Mahoney
Commissioner: William Lansley

Natural History

Weekend Guided Walks

Saturdays & Sundays • 2 pm

Free with nature center admission

Sept 17 & 18 - Exploring the Autumn Bog
Sept. 24 & 25 - The Great Goose Migration
Oct. 1 & 2 - Fall Foliage
Oct. 8 & 9 - Exploring the Woodland Trail
Oct. 15 & 16 - White-tailed Deer
Oct. 22 & 23 -

Beaver Lake's Beavers and Their Relatives
Oct. 29 & 30 - Owls, Bats & Witch Hazel
Nov. 5 & 6 - Nests and Dens
Nov. 12 & 13 - History of Beaver Lake
Nov. 19 & 20 - Talking Turkey
Nov. 26 & 27 - Wildlife Preparing For Winter

Nature On Wheels*

Thursdays, Sept. 22 – Oct. 20 • 1:30 pm
\$2.50 per person

Hop on the NOW (Nature On Wheels) mobile for a ride on the trails to see places that you may not have been able to reach on foot. We will slowly tour through the forest stopping occasionally to take a close at interesting features of nature. The NOWmobile is geared for individuals with walking limitations.

Early Autumn Paddle*

Saturdays, September 24 & October 1 • 4 pm
\$19 per canoe (includes rental)

Enjoy autumn's glow with a naturalist on an early evening paddle around Beaver Lake. We'll beach on an isolated point to enjoy the sunset while snacking on cheese, crackers and cider. Participants may bring their own canoe.

Field Guide Series*

Tuesdays • 1:30 - 3:30 pm
\$5 (Members Free)

Join a Beaver Lake Naturalist to focus more on a Natural History subject.
September 27 - Migration of the Monarch Butterfly
October 4 - Creature of the Not So Deep
October 11 - Seed Dispersal
October 18 - Fungus
November 1 - Cloud Formations
November 15 - Tree Identification
November 22 - Natural Holiday Traditions
November 29 - Tracking Wildlife

Fitness Programs

T'ai Chi Chih*

Tuesdays, September 6 - October 25 • 6:30 pm
\$35 (Members \$30)

T'ai Chi Chih benefits body, mind and spirit. This short (20 movement) simple form of T'ai Chi can be taught to anyone of any age.

Walking & Yoga*

Tuesdays, September 20, 27;
October 4, 11, 18; November 1 • 9 - 10:15 am
\$50 (Members \$45)

A great class to put you on a path to a healthy life style for body, mind and spirit. Program begins with 35 minutes of walking followed by 35 minutes of complementary yoga poses.

Holiday Workshops

Holiday Herbal Hors d'oeuvres*

Wednesday, November 3 • 6 pm
\$10 (Members \$8)

During this workshop you will learn how to make herbal hors d'oeuvres just in time for the holidays... and you'll get to sample your creations.

Wreath Making*

November 21, 22, 28, 29, 30 • 6 pm
November 26 • 1 pm; December 1 • 10 am
\$15 (Members \$13)

Create your own handmade evergreen wreath. Just smelling the fresh boughs will put you in the proper spirit! The price includes boughs, wire and a bow.

Create A Holiday Kissing Ball*

Monday, December 5 • 7 pm
\$14 (Members \$12)

Spend the evening creating this beautiful balsam, kissing ball, accented with red ribbon and bow. It is sure to be a wonderful addition to your holiday decorating.

Natural Holiday Decorations & Ornaments*

Tuesday, December 6 • 10 am or 6 pm
\$15 (Members \$10)

The old-fashioned Christmas tree is back in style with its wonderfully diverse assortment of hand-made and hand-me-down ornaments. Make your own ornaments and decorations utilizing natural materials or motifs.

Especially for Children & Families

Trail Tales

Thursdays, Sept. 22, Oct 6, 20, Nov. 3, 17
1 pm

Free with nature center admission

Listening to stories and exploring nature are two activities that most children enjoy. A naturalist will read stories and lead them on a walk. This program is for ages 3-5 accompanied by an adult.

Columbus Day at Beaver Lake

Monday, October 10

Free with nature center admission

11 am & 1:30 pm - Guided walk on migration (and whatever else the season offers)
12:30 & 3 pm - Live animal talks
Plan to spend some time on your own walking the trails while they are decked out in their fall colors.



Family Nature Experiences

The following two programs are designed for children 6-12 years old accompanied by an adult. Older siblings are welcome to attend.

Living in Leaf Litter*

Saturday, September 17 • 10 am
\$7 per child

Join a naturalist to uncover the hidden world that lives beneath the fallen leaves. Participants will look under leaves, logs and in the dirt to discover how important this overlooked habitat is to a variety of cool critters. After the hike a surprisingly tasty mud treat will be enjoyed by all.

Build a Birdfeeder*

Saturday, October 1 • 10 am
\$10 per child

Enjoy this morning building a birdfeeder with your child. Both of you will learn about the pleasures of birdfeeding and observation while constructing a feeder just in time for winter.

Excursions

Trip to Genesee Country Village Museum*

Tuesday, September 27 • 8:30 am - 5 pm
\$40 (Members \$35) *includes transportation and admission*

Beaver Lake is going to Genesee Country Village and Museum, the largest living history museum in New York, and one of the largest in the nation.

Montezuma On An Autumn Day*

Monday, October 3 • 9 am – 4 pm

\$25 (Members \$20)

This van trip to Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge is the perfect fall outing. The crisp autumn air will be filled with the honking of thousands of geese. White-tailed deer, herons, and bald eagles are other possible sightings.

Central New York Waterfalls*

Thursday & Friday, October 6 & 7 • 9 am – 4 pm

\$25 (Members \$20)

Central New York has many outstanding waterfalls. During this all day van excursion we'll visit several different ones to discuss their formation and marvel at their individual beauty. A bonus should be the autumn colors.

**Pre-registration is required*

Beaver Lake's Book Club

Wednesdays, 11 – 12:30 pm

Free with nature center admission

Good books, good people, and good conversation; what could be a better way to spend an afternoon? Visit www.OnondagaCountyParks.com for full descriptions.

A Hummingbird in My House

By Arnette Heidcamp

September 21

Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice

By Mark Plotkin

October 12

Winterdance

By Gary Paulsen

November 16

Special Events

The Vince O'Neil's Wild Mushrooms Festival

Sunday, September 18 • 1 – 4 pm

Free with nature center admission

Guided hikes in search of various species of mushrooms at 1 & 1:30 pm. On-going activities include cooking demonstrations, how to grow your own mushrooms, making paper from mushroom and spore print demonstration, contests, prizes and raffles.

Beautiful and Exotic Orchids

Saturday, October 1 • 12 - 5 pm

Sunday, October 2 • 10 - 4 pm

Free with nature center admission

Members of the CNY Orchid Society present selections from their collections of rare and unusual orchids.

Are you an Energy Hog or an Energy Hero?*

Wednesday, October 5 • 6:30 pm

Free

Learn about energy saving practices, devices that protect the environment and programs and incentives from NYSERDA for homeowners. This program will feature a presentation by Samuel Gordon, Senior Planner with the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board Energy Management Program.

Pumpkin Pancakes

Saturday, October 8 • 9 am – 12 pm

\$2.50-\$4.50 *depending on appetite*

Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast of pumpkin (or regular) pancakes, sausage and beverage.

Reptile & Amphibian Exhibit

Sunday, October 9 • 10 am - 4 pm

Free with nature center admission

The Upstate Herpetological Association (UHA) will host this one-day exhibition. UHA members will display a wide variety of animals and can answer questions about reptiles, amphibians and their care.

The Nighttime Sky Through CNY Eyes

Wednesday, October 19 • 6:30 pm (cloud date

Oct. 21)

Free with nature center admission

A combination lecture and observing session will be hosted by the Syracuse Astronomical Society, providing participants a tour of the Fall Constellations, featuring the near-full Moon and and Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune.

CNY Woodcarving Show and Sale

Sat. & Sun., October 15 & 16 • 10 am - 4 pm

Free with nature center admission

Beaver Lake and the Onondaga Woodcarvers Club bring together this area's finest wood carving talents for an annual offering of their best works.

An Enchanted Beaver Lake

Thursday-Sunday, October 27, 28, 29 & 30

6 - 8:30 pm

\$3; under 3 free; Parking \$5 per car

Advance purchase of parking passes is suggested.

Over five hundred jack-o-lanterns and luminaria light your way along two trails as you venture through the darkness. Everything is magical and nothing is scary. Face painting, fortune telling, and treats will also be part of this special night. Call if you are interested in helping carve pumpkins or would like to donate a jack-o-lantern for display.

Mission: Wolf*

Saturday, November 5 • 3 pm

\$15 (Members \$12)

Mission: Wolf of Colorado has evolved from a remote sanctuary for wolves and wolf-dog hybrids into a leading nationwide force supporting wolf education and captive wolf welfare. This program will focus on dispelling the many myths people associate with the wolf and discuss wild habitat protection. One or two live ambassador timber wolves will provide the finale.

Special Showing at 6 pm • \$60 (Members \$50)

Only 50 seats will be sold for this show which will

give the viewers an up-close encounter with the

wolves as well as the opportunity to meet with

Mission: Wolf founder, Kent Weber at a reception

after the event.

Both shows fill quickly, order tickets today.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturdays, December 3 & 10 • 9 am-12 noon

\$2.50-\$4.50 *depending on appetite*

Kick off the holiday season by joining Santa for breakfast at Beaver Lake! Enjoy a tasty meal of pancakes, sausage, a beverage and a Holiday Bake Sale.



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