

Vernal Pool Walk at Waterloo

Wednesday, May 7th at 7:30 pm



When the first early spring rains come, thousands of salamanders, frogs, and toads emerge from their winter slumber. They make short, stealthy migrations through the forest to breed and lay their eggs in vernal pools.

What makes a vernal pool so special?

What other unexpected creatures are swimming in its shallow waters?

Come see for yourself!

Explore the magic of a vernal pool in springtime

When: Wednesday, May 7th from 7:30-9:00 pm

Where: Meet at the main entrance to Waterloo Village on Waterloo Road in Byram (2.3 miles west from Route 206, or 6.2 miles northeast from Route 46 in Hackettstown, and 0.3 mile east of the I-80 overpass (no exit)).

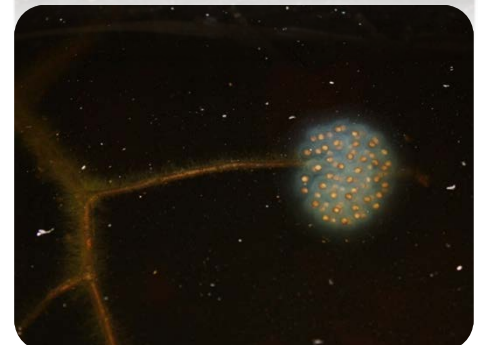
Details: We'll take a flat ¼-mile walk to a vernal pool (½ mile round-trip) to explore an ecosystem that most people will never see! Guaranteed to be blasted by the songs of Spring Peepers and to discover salamander eggs, fairy shrimp, and other unique creatures as evening sets in. Learn how local people are helping to protect Waterloo's amphibians...and what other big plans are in the works!

RSVP: The experience is free and family-friendly. Please RSVP to Kittatinny Valley State Park at 973-786-6445.

What to Bring: Your own flashlight! Sun will set around 8:00 pm, so the woods will be dark on our way out. Clean rubber boots are best for footwear, but not critical. Dress warm.



^ Spring Peeper calling. © John F. Bunnell



^ Salamander egg mass. © MacKenzie Hall

