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Low-Cost Summer Fun at the Delaware Nature Society

*Fun in the sun just a short drive away*

Gas prices have dropped but still remain drastically higher than the \$3-a-gallon seen last summer. Couple that with high admission prices at amusement parks and other attractions and summertime fun quickly becomes a pricey proposition.

Fortunately, affordable fun is as near as the Delaware Nature Society, which has locations throughout the state, from Abbott's Mill Nature Center in Milford to Coverdale Farm in Greenville. All sites feature a wide range of free or low-cost programs, from \$3 dip netting programs at DuPont Environmental Education Center to free bird walks for children at Ashland Nature Center.

Summer is just getting started and the Delaware Nature Society has a slew of events and programs for all ages. Here's a sample of what's going on at the Delaware Nature Society. For a full list of activities, check out HYPERLINK "http://  
www.delawarenaturesociety.org"[www.delawarenaturesociety.org](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org).

**Farm Fun Day**

Every Wednesday through Sept. 28

Pack up a picnic and come out to Coverdale Farm to see the farm animals and talk to the farm staff. Noon-2:30 p.m. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville. Free for Delaware Nature Society members; \$5 for nonmember adults, \$3 for nonmember children. For more info go to HYPERLINK "http://  
www.delawarenaturesociety.org"[www.delawarenaturesociety.org](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org) or call 239-2334.

**Netting in the Marsh**

Tuesdays-Sundays

Explore the marsh using nets and more. See how many creatures and insects you can

identify. 2 p.m. DuPont Environmental Education Center, 1400 Delmarva Lane, Wilmington. \$3. For more info go to HYPERLINK "http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org" [www.delawarenaturesociety.org](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org) or call 656-1490.

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**Children Bird Walks at Bucktoe**

**Last Saturday of every month**

An introduction to birding for children ages 3 to 12 that includes free use of binoculars and scopes, a snack and beverage and patient instruction by a local expert birder. 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Free. Program meets at Bucktoe Creek Preserve. To register or for more information, call 239-2334.

**Isaacs-Green Canoeing**

June 8

Travel by canoe through this 60-acre tract of wetlands and woods. Program begins at Abbott's Mill Nature Center. 6 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Abbott's Mill Nature Center, 15411 Abbott's Pond Rd. Milford. \$10 for Delaware Nature Society members, \$15 nonmembers. For more info, go to HYPERLINK "http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org" [www.delawarenaturesociety.org](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org) or call 422-0847.

**Bike the City**

July 17

Take a ride through Wilmington with Carol Ireland of Bike Delaware, stopping along the way to enjoy natural history points of interest. Bring your own bike or borrow one from the Urban Bike Project. 1 p.m.-5 p.m. \$10 for Delaware Nature Society members, \$15 nonmembers. DuPont Environmental Education Center, 1400 Delmarva Lane, Wilmington. For more info go to HYPERLINK "http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org" [www.delawarenaturesociety.org](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org) or call 656-1490.

**Astronomy at Bucktoe Creek Preserve**

Aug. 8

Enjoy a late summer sky that is sparkling with celestial gems. 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. \$12 for Delaware Nature Society members, \$18 for nonmembers. Program meets at Bucktoe Creek Preserve. To register or for more info go to HYPERLINK "http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org" [www.delawarenaturesociety.org](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org) or call 239-2334.

**Butterflies and Dragons at the Mill**

Aug. 28

Butterflies and dragonflies abound in the meadows and wetlands around Cooch-Dayett Mills. Take part in a tagging demonstration of monarchs, catch butterflies with nets, and

learn more about these insects. 2 p.m.-4 p.m. \$8 for Delaware Nature Society members; \$14 nonmembers. Program meets at Cooch-Dayett Mills in Newark. To register or for more info, call 302-239-2334.

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