West Nile and EEE Policy for all persons (Including staff, volunteers and programs)
Wildlands Trust Preserves
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West Nile and EEE are rare diseases caused by viruses spread by infected mosquitoes. Anyone in an area where these viruses circulate can become infected. The risk is highest for people who live, work, or participate in outdoor activities in or around wooded swampy areas within Eastern United States.

Wildlands Trust endeavors to protect all persons including staff, volunteers and program participants from the West Nile and EEE viruses, which begins with the prevention of mosquito bites. For the latest information on areas for West Nile and EEE click here.

Our prevention policy is as follows:

- Use and reapply as necessary insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus on exposed skin and/or clothing.
- Use the repellent/insecticide permethrin on clothing.
- Wear long sleeves, pants and hats when possible.
- Avoid critical and high risk areas especially from dusk to dawn.

Wildlands Trust may choose to host programs in communities where the risk level is “moderate” or “low”. Wildlands may choose to host programs in communities with “high” levels of risk, but only during low risk hours between 10 a.m and 3 p.m. All persons accessing our preserves are advised to take the additional precautions stated above. For more information contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Division of Epidemiology and Immunization at (617)983-6800 or toll-free at (888)658-2850.