Petty’s Island 2019 Programs

Petty’s Island Late Fall History Hike
Saturday, December 8
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
This hike is for anyone who wants to learn a little more about the island and its transformation. We will take a leisurely hike and learn about how humans have shaped the history of this island and take in the views of Philadelphia. Children MUST be 12 and older to participate. Registration is REQUIRED for this event; space is limited. Directions and other details are given upon registration. No phone or email registrations accepted, please register here: https://pi-decemberhh.eventbrite.com
Cost: Free

Shoreline Cleanup
Saturday, April 13
8:30 a.m. to Noon
Petty’s Island is privately-owned and is during an amazing transformation from an active marine terminal and oil storage facility into a State Park. Access to the island is limited, so don’t miss this opportunity to see the island and help in its transformation. We will be doing a cleanup of the shoreline where marine debris threatens the health of wildlife and humans.
Children MUST be 12 and older to participate. Registration is REQUIRED for this event; space is limited. Directions and other details are given upon registration.

Spring Birding On the Delaware
Saturday, April 27
7:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Discover this hidden treasure in the Delaware River! With access granted only a few times a year this urban oasis offers a great variety of wading, shore and woodland birds in addition to views of Bald Eagles. Registration is REQUIRED for this trip. Details are given upon registration.

Petty’s Island History Hike
Saturday, June 15
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Explore this gem with local historian and author, Bob Shinn, on a hike through time on Petty’s Island. Hike along the Delaware River where points of interest will bring history to life. Leafless trees will give opportunities for spectacular views of Philadelphia and other significant landmarks. Registration is REQUIRED for this trip. Details are given upon registration.

Bats of Petty’s Night Hike
Saturday, July 13
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Join us for this special evening program and learn all about bats and their many important roles in nature. With the oil tanks gone we have permission to walk the road and explore the field habitats of Petty’s Island. We know bats use the island, but we’ve never been out at night to explore. We will bust some common myths about these fascinating but misunderstood animals and discuss some of the ways we can help to protect them. As the sun goes down, we will head out and try to pick up their echolocation calls with our bat detector. There is nothing quite like a nature walk at night, so come get batty with us! Children must be 12 and older to participate. Registration is REQUIRED for this trip. Details are given upon registration.
Petty’s Island History Hike
Saturday, September 14
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Explore this gem with local historian and author, Bob Shin, on a hike through time on Petty’s Island. Hike along the Delaware River where points of interest will bring history to life. Leafless trees will give opportunities for spectacular views of Philadelphia and other significant landmarks. Registration is REQUIRED for this trip. Details are given upon registration.

Early Fall Birding on the Delaware River
Saturday, September 21
7:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
This wooded island in the Delaware River is truly an urban oasis for woodland, wading and shore birds. Learn some interesting history along the way and discover how this industrial port is transforming into a wildlife sanctuary. Registration is REQUIRED for this trip. Details are given upon registration.

Petty’s Island Community Clean Up Day
Saturday, October 5
8:30 a.m. to Noon
Here’s your chance to be part of the restoration of Petty’s Island. Join our team of enthusiastic volunteers to help clean up and restore the shoreline of this majestic island as part of the larger restoration project taking place. This cleanup is great for scout, religious, after school and other civic groups looking for a local volunteer project. Children MUST be 12 and older to participate. Registration is REQUIRED for this event; space is limited. Directions and other details are given upon registration.

Petty’s Island Field Photography Workshop
Led by Phil Witt Associate Naturalist and Wildlife Photographer
Saturday, October 26
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
This 3-hour workshop is an introductory to field and nature photography, with an emphasis on taking your photography skills to the next level. Phil will show you some of the island’s hidden gems and unique features. If you have a telephoto lens, bring it! Petty’s Island offers a great variety of birds both in the forest and on the surrounding mud flats. Spectacular panoramic views of Philadelphia will round out the experience. Phil will provide hands-on, personalized instruction as they work with you on composition and give you tools and tips for determining the optimum exposure and cover many other topics to get you comfortable with your camera. Our goal is to help you learn...and of course, have fun along the way!
Children MUST be 12 and older to participate. Registration is REQUIRED for this event; space is limited. Directions and other details are given upon registration.

For more information about Petty’s Island visit:
New Jersey Natural Lands Trust - https://nj.gov/dep/njnltpettysisland.htm
New Jersey Audubon - https://njaudubon.org/places-to-visit/pettys-island-preserve/