Saturday, May 2, 10 am-12 pm, Thompson Preserve, Connecting Kids with Nature: Connect your children with nature on this creative family hike led by Nicole Langdo, founder of Painted Oak Nature School, a progressive nature-based preschool and kindergarten located in the Hopewell Valley. Bugs and critters, flowers and rocks, fairies and elves: imagine what can be discovered in the morning outdoors? Suitable for children ages 3 and up, accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Saturday, May 9, 10 am-12 pm, Rockhopper Trail, Late Spring Wildflowers: On this hike, we should see some of the longer-blooming spring ephemerals, like Spring Beauty and Rue Anemone, the lovely Perfoliata Bellwort, Violet Wood Sorrel, many species of ferns unfurling, and the spectacular, diminutive Showy Orchis. We’ll also keep an eye out for pollinators and other residents and visitors to this lush woodland. Mary Anne Borge is a naturalist, photographer, and author of the-natural-web.org. She is the team leader for Lambertville Goes Wild, an instructor at Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve, a Pennsylvania Master Naturalist, and the associate editor of Butterfly Gardener magazine.

Saturday, May 30, 10 am-12 pm, Prydes Point, Archelogy: Come and discover a range of cultural landscape features along the Alexauken Creek with archaeologist and Sourland enthusiast Ian Burrow. We will see walls, dams, building foundations, ruins, plus a feature that may have more than one interpretation. See what you think. Note: this trail has some steep stone steps and stepping stones across the creek. We will meet at the Alexauken WMA parking lot on the west side of Lambertville-Rocktown Road.

Saturday, June 5, 9 pm-11 pm, Hunterdon County Sourland Mountain Preserve, Full Moon Owl Hike: Led by Jared Flesher, director of The Creature Show, and Jeff Hoagland, education director at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association.

Saturday, August 15, 10 am-12 pm, Hunterdon County Sourland Mountain Preserve, Mushroom Walk: If you’re having trouble telling the difference between Hen of the Woods and Chanterelles, this is the foray for you! Experience the wonder of wild mushrooms with a local expert Nina Burghardt of the New Jersey Mycological Association.