

Discover the Rahway!
2010 Events

Join the **Rahway River Association** this year as we teach you where to find and how to create natural wonderlands in your own back yard!



Tranquil Spring Scene along the Rahway River in South Mountain Reservation

May 2010

SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESERVATION HIKE
May 2—1 to 4 pm,
 Meet at Locust Grove parking area off Glen Av.

Come hike along the west branch of the upper Rahway River Join RRA Trustee Steve Jandoli on an educational &

recreational 5 mile hike. The trail will include easy, moderate & difficult trail sections. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water and a snack.

HIKE SOLDIERS & SAILORS PARK
May 18 —7 to 9 pm, Edison, NJ

Join RRA Trustee Dr. Emile DeVito on a spring evening tour of the natural wonders of Soldiers and Sailors Park in Edison. Meet at Roosevelt Park parking lot, 151 Parsonage Rd., Edison

June 2010

UNION COUNTY BIO-BLITZ
June 11—12—5 pm to 5 pm Esposito Park, Madison Hill Rd, Clark, NJ (24 hour event)

Visit the RRA table at this exciting 24 hour event sponsored by Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Join biologists and nature enthusiasts on various hikes and walks designed to catalogue plant and wildlife species in Union County Parks. RRA members will be conducting some of the walks and hikes. RRA Trustee Debbie Partesi will provide a breathtaking display of nature photography from various sites in the Rahway River Watershed.



Yes! I want to help clean and protect the Rahway River right now. Please make me a member of the Rahway River Association at the level indicated below.

- \$250 Champion \$100 Steward
- \$75 Family \$50 Sustaining
- \$25 Basic \$15 Senior/Student
- Other \$ _____

I have completed the membership form below.

Name: _____

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Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

I have enclosed a personal check* made out to the **Rahway River Association** for the amount of my contribution.

Please mail membership form and contribution to—

Rahway River Association

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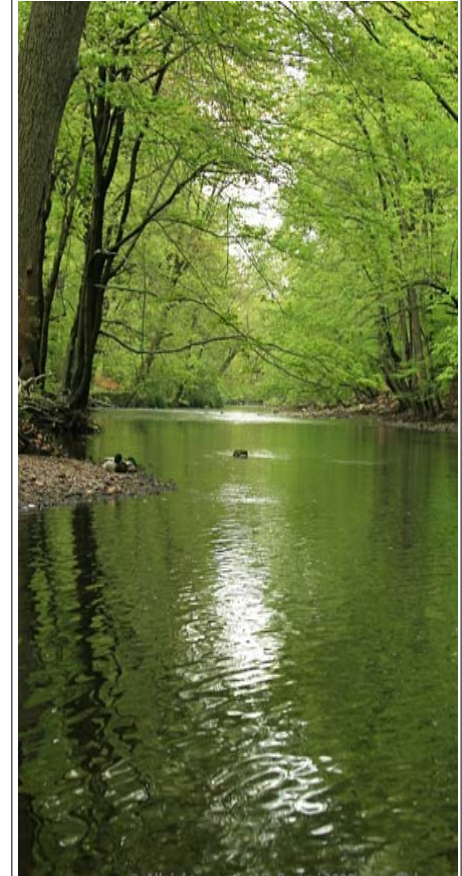
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**Spring/Summer/
 Fall 2010**

Explore natural wonders in your own backyard!

June 2010 continued

BIRDING AT OAK RIDGE PARK

June 13—9 to 11am, Oak Ridge Park, Clark, NJ

Join RRA Trustee Steve Jandoli on a leisurely walk through the park to look for warblers, hawks and other species in the fields and woods of this, the newest of Union County parks. Bring binoculars and wear comfortable shoes. Meet in front of the former clubhouse.

July 2010

LEARNING ABOUT RAIN GARDENS

July 21—7 to 8:30 pm, RRA Office, 337 East Milton Ave., Rahway, NJ

Join Madeline Flahive Dinardo of Rutgers Cooperative Extension as she explains storm water management practices that protect groundwater from pollutants. Learn to install and maintain your own rain garden. Take home materials are provided.

BEGINNER AQUATIC ETYMOLOGY

July 21—10 am to 12 pm—Lenape Park, Kenilworth Blvd., Cranford, NJ

Explore the world of aquatic invertebrates with insect specialist Anthony Deczynski. Sample the aquatic insects found in Lenape Park and learn about the role these amazing creatures perform in the environment. You will learn to identify common aquatic insects and how to use your findings to gauge water quality. Come prepared for off trail activities.





How to Participate in Discover the Rahway 2010!

All Discover the Rahway 2010 events are **open to the public free of charge**, though donations are always welcome.

TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT—

Call **732-340-0882**
or write to
info@rahwayriver.org

Participants are strongly advised to register 24 hrs. in advance of each event to assure adequate space and resources remain available.

Please call or visit **www.rahwayriver.org** for directions or additional information.

September 2010

WETLAND TOUR & WORK DAY

Sept 19—9:30 am to noon, Michael S. Bezega Park (intersection of Union & Allen Streets behind Rahway Hospital), Rahway, NJ

Tour this unique wetland park, that was created as the result of many partnerships. Learn about the history of this park and the native vegetation that is filtering storm water. Also learn about the non-native invasives that compete aggressively in wetland areas. The program will help participants identify these non native species and discuss removal techniques. Following the program, participants can do some hands on removal under the direction of Union County Environmental Specialist, Betty Ann Kelly.

BIRDING FALL MIGRATION

Sept. 25—8 am to 11am, Lenape Park, Cranford, NJ

Join Frank Budney of the Friends of Lenape Park on a nature tour of this 450 acre natural area in the heart of Union County. Learn about the park's Bluebird Trail, the migrating songbirds that frequent the park, and the other wildlife that abound in this diverse habitat. Wear comfortable shoes.

OWL PROWL AT RAHWAY RIVER PARK

Sept .28—7 to 9PM, Walter E. Ulrich Memorial Pool, Rahway River Park, Rahway, NJ

Join expert RRA birders on a nighttime tour of Rahway River Park! This is the best time of year to search for owls. During our exploration, we learn more about the Screech and Great Horned Owls that live in this urban nature preserve. Bring binoculars and a flashlight. Dress in layers! Meet at the Ulrich Pool parking lot.



Droescher's Mill—Cranford, NJ

October 2010

RAHWAY RIVER HISTORY WALK

Oct. 16—1 to 4 pm, Hanson Park, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ

Join RRA Trustees on a leisurely walk and talk focusing on the natural and cultural history of the Rahway River in Cranford, "The Venice of NJ". We will walk from Hanson Park to Droescher's Mill stopping at various points along the way. Learn how the Rahway River is an integral part of Cranford's past present, and future.



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