

# CLOSTER NATURE CENTER NEWS

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By the pond on Ruckman Road

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## Notes from the Nature Center:

Closter Nature Center trails are open.

Over the past few months, our community has been faced with unprecedented challenges. School closures, business interruption and yes, trail closures have all impacted our daily lives greatly. Through these volatile times, the Closter Nature Center Board of Trustees has continued to operate and maintain the 136 acres of forested wetlands that we are entrusted to manage.

Volunteers continue to walk the perimeter of our new Native Species Preserves and report damage from deer and wind to our trail team. Trail chairperson Tom Golodik has spent many hours working to keep trails clear of debris for our walkers on the recently reopened trails. And Marc Gussen continues to care for our cabin and its environs including work on the pond to clear fishing line from the trees.

The CNC Board of Trustees continues to communicate with town and local health officials about when, or if we will be able to open for our normally robust Summer Program. We continue to take enrollments via an unpaid waiting list on Community Pass and will communicate more information about that program as soon as we have more information.

Members have been generous in support of our Nature Center as paid membership enrollments continue through these difficult times. We are very grateful to the broader community for this support.

Finally, get out and enjoy the sunshine! And the rain! Walk the trails. Post photos to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/closternaturecenter/>), tag us on Instagram. **Or just have some fun!**

## CNC 2020 SUMMER PROGRAM

To the families that have registered for Summer 2020,

Due to COVID-19 the Closter Nature Center is being advised to cancel all programs for our youngest population or, 4-6 year olds. Therefore, ALL programs originally planned for that age group are now cancelled for Summer 2020. We have tentatively added a few more sessions for the older children. Please see the revised schedule on our website [www.closternaturecenter.org](http://www.closternaturecenter.org).

**In addition, based on the guidance we have received we are cancelling the first full week of our Summer Program.**

We will continue to monitor and review guidance re: COVID-19 and summer programs in our area as it becomes available. We will make a decision about the balance of the CNC Summer Program as soon as we are able.

Please send any questions about the Summer Program to: [CNCsummer@closternaturecenter.org](mailto:CNCsummer@closternaturecenter.org)

Thanks for your understanding,

The Closter Nature Center Trustees

## Update From the Native Species Preserves Photography Volunteers

We welcome Elizabeth Stewart to the Native Species Preserve Team! Elizabeth will be a recording photographer, taking pictures on a regular schedule at designated locations around the Red Trail preserve. The purpose of her work will be to produce an on-going record of how plant growth is progressing within the preserve as compared to outside the preserve. Jim Oettinger will produce a similar photo record for sections of the Orange Trail preserve. We still need one or two additional volunteer photographers to record plant growth comparisons around the Blue Trail preserve. If you would be interested, contact CNC Trustees Mary Mayer ([marym812@aol.com](mailto:marym812@aol.com)) or Beth Ravit ([bravit@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:bravit@scarletmail.rutgers.edu))