

Spring Is Just Around The Corner

Spring is less than 6 weeks away, so we are gearing up for both indoor and outdoor activities. Please keep the following events in mind and **Save The Dates** on your calendar.



Reminder

Trash on our properties is becoming too common especially along our more heavily used properties like Platt Farm. Please remember that we have a "carry in, carry out" policy. We also ask that you clean up after your dog(s). Eliminating garbage/waste in our preserves also saves our animals and birds from potential hazards. We are grateful to all who help keep Southbury a beautiful and natural town!



The Fen at Phillips Farm

Did you know we have a unique habitat at our Phillips Farm Preserve: a calcareous fen. Calcareous fens are rare and distinctive wetlands characterized by a substrate of non-acidic peat and dependent on a constant supply of cold, oxygen-poor groundwater rich in calcium and

magnesium bicarbonates. This calcium-rich environment supports a plant community dominated by "calciphiles," or calcium-loving species. There are only between 10-15 fens in the state of CT. They are often home to bog turtles who require this type of habitat for nesting. To learn more check out the article published by CT Woodlands Magazine in 2017: CT Woodlands Magazine



The fen at Phillips Farm, February 2019

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