

Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Annual Meeting Agenda - 2026

Friday, November 6, 2026

Time	Workshop at Bucknell University	Workshop at Bucknell University	Workshop at Montour Preserve	Field Session
1:00 - 3:00	Flying Wild Curriculum (Workshop) - Kelly Pollock, EES PA Game Commission	1:00 - 2:30 Designing Nature Programs that Inspire: The Art of Interpretation (Workshop) - Beth Clark, PMN	1:00 - 3:00 Adopt a Stream: Hands-On Tools for Exploring, Monitoring, and Protecting PA's Freshwater Ecosystems (Workshop) - Tara Muenz and Mary Paxton-Boeni, Stroud Water Research Center	1:00 - 3:00 Jakey's Hollow Natural Area - John Hranitz, Commonwealth University
3:30 - 4:30	Making PA Climate Stripe Bracelets: Starting Discussions - Centre County Master Naturalists			
Time	Bucknell University			
	<i>Elaine Langone Center - The Forum (Room 272):</i>			
5:00	Meeting Registration			
6:00	Susquehanna River Symposium: Opening remarks and keynote address			
	<i>Elaine Langone Center - Terrance Room (Room 276):</i>			
7:00-9:00	Poster Sessions in Terrace Room			

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Location:	Bucknell University	Bucknell University
Time	<i>Elaine Langone Center - The Forum (Room 272):</i>	
8:00	Meeting Registration	
9:00-11:45	Susquehanna River Symposium: Plenary Address and Discussions	
	<i>MacDonald Commons:</i>	
12:00 Break	Lunch	
12:30	Natural History of Middle Susquehanna Region with Greg Podniesinski	
	<i>MacDonald Commons:</i>	<i>Holmes Hall Auditorium:</i>
1:30 Session 1	Nuturing the Naturalist: Cultivating well-being and combatting burnout - PMN Westmoreland Co	Protecting Private Lands - Merrill Linn Conservancy
2:15 Break		
2:30 Session 2	Exploring Pathways to Connection to Nature - Amy Powell, PSU	Flowing Together: where Ricketts Glen and PMN connect - PMNs
3:15 Session 3	Bats of Pennsylvania: Connecting Riparian Habitats, Water, and Wildlife - Kelly Pollock, EES PA Game Commission	Climate Stewardship in Pennsylvania: Growing Our Impact with Marisa Nagele, PMN Climate Stewards Program Coordinator
4:30 General Session	Annual Meeting/Bioblitz/Chapters	
5:30	Graduation and Recognition	
7:00 Dinner	Dinner on your own	
8:00 Evening Activity	An Evening Under the Stars: Stargazing at Bucknell Observatory (<i>limited attendance</i>)	
	<i>*Exhibits will be at River Symposium on Friday and Saturday morning and Commons on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.</i>	

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Time	MacDonald Commons	Time	Montour Preserve	Time	Field Sessions	Time	Field Sessions	Field Session
6:30 - 8:00	Continental Breakfast							
8:00 Session 5	Become a Nature Journaling Natural: Tips for Leading Your Own Nature Journaling Club with Autumn Hanley, PMN	8:00-9:00	Mandalas, Metaphors, and Mountains - hands on nature education with Jennifer Whisner, Commonwealth University	8:00-9:30	Birding at Montour Preserve with Clay Corbin, Commonwealth University	9:00 - 12:00	Connect and Explore Ricketts Glen State Park with Middle Susquehanna Master Naturalists	9:00 - 11:00 Ancient Seas and Living Landscapes: Exploring Dale's Ridge with Jeff Trop, Bucknell University Geology Department
9:00 Session 6	PA's Rip Van Winkle: A Look at the Periodical Cicada with Dean Evans, PMN							
9:45 Break								
10:00 Session 7	What I learned from my service project: Lightning Talks with PMNs with Tricia Burmeister and other PMNs	10:00 - 11:00	Analysis of Pennsylvania Plant-Pollinator Networks with John Hranitz, Commonwealth University	10:00 - 12:00	Visit a Conserved Habitat Farm and Learn about Conservation Easements with Thom Rippon, PMN (Mifflinburg, PA)	10:30 - 12:00	Millside to Wildside: A Walk Through Kocher Park's Past and Future with Jennifer Whisner, Commonwealth University	
11:00 Session 8	Flora of Ricketts Glenn Project: Summary Data and On-Line Tools with George Chamuris, retired from Commonwealth University	11:00-12:30	Creating Naturalist Communities to Sustain Pennsylvania's Natural Heritage (workshop)- Steve Jones, Ciny Stockton Morroe, and Marion Rector					