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PARK PICKS
by
FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS



Join Friends today! Become a member and help make Allentown's great park system even better.

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

~ Chinese Proverb

"Flyfishing for Beginners"



Did you know there are 700 different species of Mayflies, 300 of which are native to Pennsylvania? That bugs which do not dwell in water are classified as "terrestrial?"



That the Orange Crane (inset) which looks like a large mosquito is totally harmless and great food for fish? And that dragonflies are large consumers of mosquitoes?

For those who joined us on our recreational Discovery Walk on 20 August in Trout Creek Parkway we were fascinated by the insects, equipment and, of course, the fish stories told by members of the Hokendauqua Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Participants received cards delineating "Little Lehigh Creek Hatches" (depicting the various types of "fish food" found in the Creek and the months in which they are most prominent), then had the opportunity to identify some of the macroinvertebrates "discovered" in the Little Lehigh (eg, crawdads).



We had an excellent tool to assist in macroinvertebrate identification: Pond and Stream Study Guide published by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

www.fishandboat.com/education/catalog/pondstream.pdf



After learning about leaders, lines, rods and reels we tried our hands at "casting." Well, they say practice makes perfect. **Friends of the Allentown Parks** is already working with the Hokendauqua Chapter of **Trout Unlimited** to schedule the 2012 session...which will give us all plenty of time to practice until then. For more information \:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vze26x43/hokendauquachaptertroutunlimited/>

Native Plant Corner



Photo taken 16 August 2011; used with permission.

Want to attract a myriad of birds, insects and butterflies? Here is one native plant garden teeming with life.

- Lady fern (*Athyrium felix-femina*)
- Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)
- Great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
- Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- Three-lobed coneflower (*Rudbeckia triloba*)
- Bottlebrush grass (*Elymus hystrix*)
- Schreber's aster (*Eurybia schreberi*)

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars and join us!

September 9 (Friday) @ 7:30 a.m. – **Birdie for the Parks** golf tournament. Registration \$75/person includes tee fees, golf cart, lunch by Brew Works on the Green and lots of prizes. **Golfers needed**; please register NOW! Proceeds benefit **Friends of the Allentown Parks**.

September 24 (Saturday) @ 10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Celebrate **National Public Lands Day** at Lehigh Canal Park. **Wanted: donors/sponsors for the event, and, volunteers for painting, litter removal, vegetation removal and more.** Lunch provided. **A perfect "Day of Caring" event.**

For additional information on these events please contact Friends at info@allentownparks.org or 610-432-7275.

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