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2nd Annual Allentown Cherry Blossom Festival
April 25, 2015
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Cedar Creek Parkway/Cedar Beach

Join us for a great time at the Allentown Cherry Blossom Festival hosted by Friends of the Allentown Parks. Free!



Muhlenberg College Students Embark on "Rediscovery" of the Island at Lehigh Parkway

Left untouched since the 1990's, the island at Lehigh Parkway is virtually unknown territory. In collaboration with Friends of the Allentown Parks, the Local Sustainability class of

Muhlenberg College Professor Kimberly Heiman recently spent several hours on the island working to identify and remove invasive plants as well as obtain a general sense of the island's environment.



Native Plant Corner

Trout Lily at Lehigh Parkway

Walk through Allentown's parks and you'll find many beautiful plants in bloom. These Trout Lily were spotted on April 18.



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Discovery Walk—Up Next

5/2/15 - 11:00 a.m. - Going Buggy! Insect Walk at the Allentown Rose Garden with guide entomologist Edward Marten

Discovery Walk
Birdwatching at the Trout Nursery

Over 25 people attended our first Discovery Walk for the year, a gorgeous sunny day walking the trails at the Lil-Le-Hi Trout Nursery & Lehigh Parkway. Walk guide Barbara Malt (Vice President of the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society)



provided a wonderful primer

prior to the walk, with visuals as well as the calls of various birds. A very productive day, the group identified at least 26 bird species including this Tree Swallow!



Volunteer Recognition



Our thanks to members of the **Little Lehigh Chapter of Trout Unlimited** for recently collecting debris from the Little Lehigh Creek.

Amongst the usual items such as paper cups, bottles and plastic items the group also removed several tires and a shopping cart.

