



Bearnstow

On Parker Pond, Mount Vernon, Maine

A Natural History Week at Bearnstow

June 20–24, 2016

Program for Monday, June 20



MORNING SESSION: 10:30 A.M.

“Reptile Ecology Along the East Coast, USA”

Peter Warny, Wildlife Ecologist and Herpetologist, New York

This illustrated talk will discuss over 40 years of eco-road trips from Maine to Florida. Attention will focus on changes in biodiversity as documented in wetland and roadkill surveys, coverboard snake surveys, and in snorkeling surveys to recapture turtles for a long term monitoring projects. A discussion of various environmental issues will follow.

Left: Pete shows various snake skins to a group of students on a field trip from the University of Florida.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:30 P.M.

Woods Walk with Pete Warny

On this walk we will look for wildlife and wildlife signs along the Clyde Walton Trail, Uncle Daniel’s Brook, and Parker Pond, examining plants, animals, and the geology of rocks and minerals. Special emphasis will be given to amphibians and reptiles encountered.



Peter Warny, a former ecologist with the Nature Conservancy and National Audubon Society, travels extensively across America, focusing on wetland habitats and documenting changes in the food webs composed of aquatic insects, fish, amphibians, and reptiles.

Pete currently conducts conservation biology projects and surveys on private preserve lands in Florida and Louisiana.



Admission is free, but contributions for the nature walks and presentations are greatly appreciated. Please reserve for any event by calling 207-293-2280 after June 15. Lunch is also available (\$10). Bearnstow is located at 84 Bearnstow Road in Mount Vernon. See www.bearnstow.org/contact.htm for directions.