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Hear the Frogs at our Spring Peeper Walk — Saturday Evening, April 15th

The Historic Dreibelbis Farm celebrates Springtime with a walk into our wetlands in search of Spring Peepers. You're invited to gather at 6:30 pm in front of the old farmhouse. Our naturalist-guide will be Amy Langman who will introduce us to these tiny amphibians and lead us into the farm's wetlands. Because this is a "walk on the wild side" of the historic farm, we ask that participants wear waterproof boots for ankle deep mud & water and bring binoculars, if you have them, for turtle spotting. This is a great nature and conservation event for kids and teens! We'll go shower or sun..



The Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society has worked with the *Berks Nature* and other organizations to protect the farm from future development, preserve the historical resources of the site, and enhance the ecological value of wetlands and endangered species habitat onsite. Our non-profit corporation was founded to carry out this mission and make the resources of the farm available to the public. The Historic Dreibelbis Farm is located outside of the village of Virginville along Rte. 143. Our GPS street address is 356 Hard Hill Road, Hamburg 19526. The Spring Peeper and Wetlands Walk is free to the public, parking is on-site and monetary donations will be gratefully accepted.

Native American Welcoming Spring Event

On a blustery, cold last day of winter we had a good cultural and musical leaning event, co-sponsored with the Hark Mountain Chapter of the Society for

Pennsylvania Archaeology.



What's a Spring Peeper?

The spring peeper is a tiny, eastern chorus frog. Spring peepers are tan or brown with a dark cross that roughly forms an X on their backs. Males have a vocal sac near their throats which expands and deflates like a balloon to create a short and



distinct peeping sound. Their high-pitched call is often said to be similar to that of a young chicken, only much louder and rising slightly in tone. Spring peepers live primarily in forests and regenerating woodlands near semi-permanent wetlands.

**Coming Soon....
Wildflower Walk
Saturday, May 6.**

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