



# News From Strawberry Hill Nature Center

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## NEWS RELEASE

### EARTH DAY AMPHIBIAN ADVENTURE

**APRIL 22, 7:30-9:00 P.M.**

FAIRFIELD – Celebrate Earth Day with a guided evening Amphibian Adventure walk hosted by Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve near Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

“We’ll be going up to the abandoned quarry on our preserve and looking for red-spotted newts, frogs, and toads,” says Strawberry Hill’s environmental educator, Eddy Rubin. “They’ll be at the height of their mating season, so we can expect to see amphibians engaged in mating, as well as hear them.

“Strawberry Hill has one of the largest populations of red-spotted newts in Adams County,” Rubin continues. “One reason for that is that we’ve successfully protected the two habitats essential to their survival. The red-spotted newt is the only salamander in North America with a three-stage life cycle. They start out in wetlands like we have in our quarry, then spend up to 7 years in an immature stage in a nearby forest before returning to the wetlands to mate. Strawberry Hill offers an ideal habitat for all three stages.”

Rubin will lead the evening hike on Tuesday, April 22, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. He recommends that hikers wear shoes that can get muddy or wet, since the walk will pass near wetland areas.

The event, which is open to the public and is appropriate for all ages, is free for Strawberry Hill members, \$3.75 for non-members. Registration by April 21 is requested by calling Strawberry Hill at (717) 642-5840. Strawberry Hill is located at 1537 Mount Hope Road, three miles outside Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

For more than 20 years, the non-profit Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve has managed its 609-acre preserve as a living classroom for the community. Open to the public year-round, Strawberry Hill offers a picnic area, nature center, and 10 miles of walking trails through wooded hillsides and mountain streams. It provides educational programs and special events throughout the year. To learn more about Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve, please visit [www.strawberryhill.org](http://www.strawberryhill.org).

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