Itinerary for HCC, Conserving VT Reptiles, Spring 2022

Class

Monday, January 31

Evening: 7:00-8:30 PM, Remote Zoom Class
Using a PowerPoint presentation and video clips, we will begin to discuss the identification, habitats, life history, status, conservation, survey methods for, and management of all **snakes** found in Vermont.
Introductions, overview, contact sheets, field trip paperwork.
Video clips: Snakes and Skinks, Fall Migration, & Timber Rattlesnakes; begin Snakes of Vermont PowerPoint

Class

Monday, February 14

Evening: 7:00-8:30 PM, Remote Zoom Class
Snakes Continued
Video clips: Tracking Racers, Monitoring. Finish Snakes of Vermont PowerPoint.

Class

Monday, February 28

Evening: 7:00-8:30 PM, Remote Zoom Class
Using a PowerPoint presentation and video clips, we will begin to discuss the identification, habitats, life history, status, conservation, survey methods for, and management of all **turtles** found in Vermont.
Video clips: Nesting Turtles, Snapping Turtles. Begin Turtles of Vermont PowerPoint.

Class

Monday, March 21

Evening: 7:00-8:30 PM, Remote Zoom Class
Turtles Continued
Video clip on Turtle Tunnels, Finish Turtle PowerPoint.

Class

Monday, April 4

Evening: 7-8:30 PM, Remote Zoom Class
More info on Vermont Reptiles
Snake & Turtles Part 2 PowerPoints

Turtles and Snakes Field Trip

Saturday, April 30 (Backup date, May 7)

During the field trips we will visit a wide variety of reptile habitat types to locate and discuss the reptiles that use them. While on site, we will review the topics covered in class and apply survey techniques while discussing appropriate management and conservation for reptiles.

Prior to class: **Pack a lunch and fluids and be prepared for a day in the field**

Morning: 9 AM meet at my home in Salisbury for a trip to Lake Hortonia in Sudbury where we will set turtle traps.

Afternoon: Eat lunch in field at Glen Lake, search for snakes at Glen Lake and nearby quarries until 3:30 PM
Arrive back in Salisbury by 5:00 PM.

Sunday, May 1 (Backup date May 8)

Prior to class: **Pack a lunch and fluids and be prepared for a day in the field**

Morning: 9:00 AM leave my house in Salisbury to check turtle traps in Sudbury.

Afternoon: Lunch in field. Search quarry in West Haven near Kehoe Conservation Camp where we will search for, catch, and discuss snakes as well as other herptiles.
Arrive back in Salisbury by 5:00 PM.

Snake Field Trip #2

Saturday, May 21, (back-up date Sunday, May 22)

Prior to class: **Pack a lunch and fluids and be prepared for a day in the field**

Morning: 9 AM leave my house in Salisbury for Buckner Preserve in West Haven where we will search for, catch, and discuss snakes as well as other herptiles.

Afternoon: 12 noon through 3:30 PM, lunch in the field in Fair Haven, continue search for snakes, lizards, and turtles at Buckner, and if time other Nature Conservancy Sites & Herrick Road.
Arrive back in Salisbury by 5:00 PM.