

The Montpelier BioBlitz Update No. 3 – June 24, 2008.

Dear BioBlitzer:

Here's an important third update about the Montpelier BioBlitz. (The previous two updates are at www.northbranchnaturecenter.org/bioblitz/resources.html.) This update includes new, critical advice for coordination between taxon leader and their teams of BioBlitzers.

1. **LODGING AND CAMPING** -- An earlier update had listed the Econo Lodge (now the Economy Inn) on Route 12 (Northfield Street) as an option for lodging. We now recommend that you DO NOT stay at this motel. See our updated accommodations page at www.northbranchnaturecenter.org/bioblitz/accommodations.html. If affordable lodging is a problem, we may have a few host homes available in and around Montpelier; contact Bryan (bryan@northbranchnaturecenter.org) about that.
2. **MAPS** -- We're continually updating and uploading Montpelier maps to help you plan your survey work. You'll find them on the "Resources" page at: www.northbranchnaturecenter.org/bioblitz/resources.html. The newly posted Natural Communities map may be of some help; but a huge version of this map, easier to decipher, will be posted at BioBlitz Central during the event.
3. **BIOBLITZ COORDINATION** -- With new BioBlitzers registering daily, and many more expected, it is up to each of you to contact your particular taxon leader in order to coordinate your survey work. (New registrations have made outdated the BioBlitzer list I previously emailed.) A list of taxon leaders is on the Resources page at www.northbranchnaturecenter.org/bioblitz/resources.html). Please contact yours (be nice and be patient). Some taxa have no leaders; so I'm hopeful you can coordinate among yourselves; I'll assist with that. If your taxon had no leader, please consider volunteering for the job. The duty of each taxon leader is to get a sense of suitable survey locations in the City as well as when and where each BioBlitzer on the team will survey. The maps should help taxon leaders decide on survey locations; public lands and large private holding for which we have permission to visit will be priorities. We're still working on identifying other key natural communities on private and public lands. Stay tuned. I can also help you select survey sites. Be advised that we will have all the necessary state permits for the survey work.
4. **SITE VOLUNTEERS** -- Some of you have signed up to help run the BioBlitz (site set up, help with registration, distribute food, etc.). We'll be contacting you soon about that.

That's it for now. Momentum for the BioBlitz is building. We have an amazing diversity of skills and interests. We're starting to get good coverage in newspapers and on the radio. I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all on July 11 and 12.

Best,

Bryan Pfeiffer

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