



The Montpelier BioBlitz

The clock starts ticking at 3 pm on July 11, 2008 ...



The largest gathering of scientists and nature-lovers ever assembled in Vermont will convene in Montpelier for a unique inventory of plants, animals, fungi, microorganisms and every other living thing they can find in our state capital. It is called a BioBlitz. And it will transform the City in just 24 hours.

What's a BioBlitz?

BioBlitzes happen all over the planet. They are a blend of science, celebration, education and community, and they are loads of fun. Biologists and ordinary citizens will fan out to discover orchids and otters, ferns and frogs, birds and butterflies, lichens and liverworts. Anything living is fair game. What we find will be catalogued and the data presented for anyone to see. And it all happens in one 24-hour period.

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The BioBlitz will take place throughout Montpelier on July 11th and 12th. North Branch Nature Center will be our headquarters – “BioBlitz Central.” Envision a city-wide nature festival: willing landowners discovering the flowers and birds on their property; schoolchildren learning about science and the natural gifts within the city; guest lectures on nature and science. We will end the event with a huge barbecue supper at which we will produce a grand tally of the species we find.

You Can Join the Fun

This event is FREE to all and you're invited. A BioBlitz schedule and on-line registration form are at: www.NorthBranchNatureCenter.org/bioblitz. Or give us a call at 802-229-6206. Here's who's coming:

Scientists and Naturalists – We have invited nearly 1,000 biologists and naturalists from Vermont and neighboring states. Many will be willing to teach and share their knowledge with other BioBlitz participants.

Friends, Families and Fellow Nature Lovers – You need not be a professional biologist to participate! The BioBlitz is your opportunity to meet and learn from scientists from around the region. On Saturday, our “Kids Tent” will feature youth-friendly equipment for finding, viewing and identifying plants and animals. We prefer advanced registration, but you can also register at the BioBlitz.

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The Montpelier BioBlitz:
The Nature of Our Capital in 24 Hours

Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12, 2008

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