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Brown Bag Lunch Series

ADA Trails and Fern Identification

Silvio O. Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge
Fort River Division

69 Moody Bridge Road
Hadley, MA 01035

Wednesday, June, 2018
11:00am-1:00pm

We will meet at the first pavilion at the parking lot. Walk the one-mile universally accessible birding and natural trail at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge, learning about its construction and the interesting ferns that inhabit the area. Janice Stone, Hadley Conservation Agent, will share with us the permitting aspects of the project; Andrew French, Project Leader of the Silvio Conte Refuge, will explain how the design and construction came to be; and Randy Stone, retired state forester and founder of the Pioneer Valley Fern Society, will point out ferns and woody plants along the way. We'll learn how the trail was built to avoid disrupting turtle movement while minimizing disturbance to the wetland, floodplain and archaeological features, the Refuge's restoration of grassland bird habitat, and creation of a vernal pool along the path.

DIRECTIONS: The trail head is located at 69 Moody Bridge Road in Hadley, MA. Follow Route 9 East or West to S. Maple Street. Follow S. Maple Street for 1.2 miles and take a right on to Moody Bridge Road. The Fort River Division is located 0.8 miles on the right.

There will be a board meeting from 10-11. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Please carpool if you can.
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