

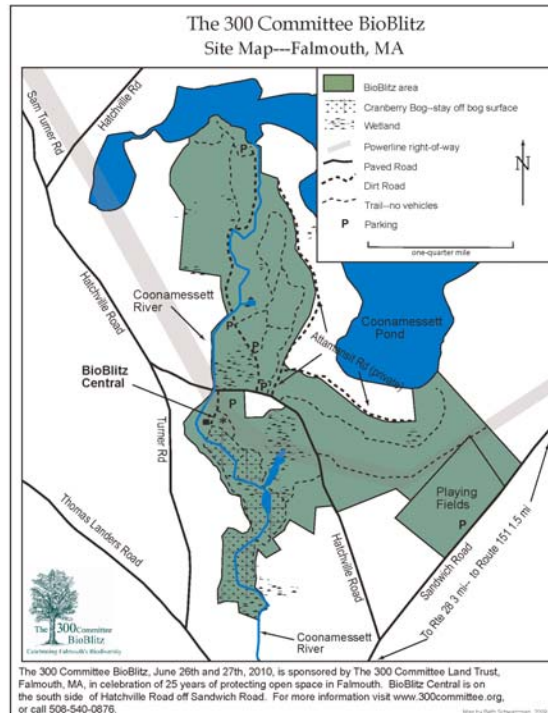


Celebrating Falmouth's Biodiversity

BioBlitz in Falmouth June 26th & 27th 2010

Site: 130 acres of town and The 300 Committee conservation land at the headwaters of the Coonamessett River. BioBlitz Central is The 300 Committee's Toner parcel that has open space, parking, access, (and electricity, thanks to AFCEE). The site includes varied woodlands, shrub- and grasslands, a river, various types of natural wetlands, an abandoned cranberry bog, some actively cultivated cranberry bogs, two ponds, and some playing fields.

We don't feel a need to cover every possible taxonomic group. We are willing to add additional taxa based on the interests of local experts. Early estimates suggest that we will record



at least 550 species from the taxa now included.

Schedule: 24-hour inventory begins at 1pm Saturday, June 26th. BioBlitz Central will be open to the public, tentatively, Saturday 2-6, Sunday 10-4. There will be talks and opportunities to work with the experts, but planning of public programs is just beginning. We expect to schedule events such as evening Owl Walk, Moth Lighting, and early morning Bird Walks outside these hours. Wrap-up celebration at

about 3pm, Sunday, at which point we expect to be able to announce the number of species found, if not specific names for all organisms. We hope to have a visual display of our data by ecosystem, and trophic level

Logistics: Logistics are in progress. We have arranged for some trail maintenance this winter and have the involvement of the Dept. of Natural Resources and the Conservation Commission. We are working on headquarters, display, and activities tents, microscopes and other equipment, public programs, volunteer assignments and more.

Volunteers welcome!

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“A **BioBlitz** is a field study where a group of scientists & volunteers conduct a 24-hour biological inventory, attempting to identify & record all species of living organisms in a given area.”

1. The 300 Committee BioBlitz will showcase biodiversity in Falmouth.

2. The BioBlitz is not about the numbers.

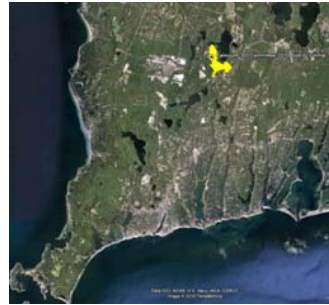
3. The diverse ecosystems we will be inventorying — forest, grasslands, wetlands — are the source of ecosystem services we all rely upon.

4. Biodiversity matters because diverse ecosystems are more resilient.

5. Land conservation helps to protect biodiversity.

6. The 300 Committee Land Trust provides an opportunity for citizens to help the town protect and enhance biodiversity.

7. The majority of the experts participating in The 300 Committee BioBlitz are local.



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