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Coastal Mountains Nature Program walk: *Vernal Pools of Mid-Coast Maine*

Camden – Coastal Mountains Nature Program presents *Vernal Pools of Mid-Coast Maine* on **Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Tanglewood 4-H Camp in Northport. The popular Coastal Mountains Nature Program is a series of monthly naturalist-led walks and talks exploring the natural history of Mid-Coast Maine.

Vernal pools are temporary wetlands which appear in Maine in fall and spring. While these bodies of water are small, their ecological importance is massive to several species of plants and animals. Spotted salamanders, spring peepers, and fairy shrimp are just some of the creatures who use these pools as breeding grounds!

Join herpetologist Kay Etheridge as she leads participants on an exploration of a large vernal pool complex at the Tanglewood 4-H Camp. Dr. Etheridge is a Professor of Biology at Gettysburg College and a specialist in animal biology and ecology.

Contact maevec@coastalmountains.org to register or with any questions.

DIRECTIONS

Meet at the parking circle on Tanglewood Road about 0.9 miles from Ducktrap Road.

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The Coastal Mountains Nature Program is hosted by Coastal Mountains Land Trust. This program hosts walks and talks exploring the natural history of Mid-Coast Maine to educate the public about environment issues and increase opportunities for residents to explore the outdoors.

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Coastal Mountains Land Trust has worked since 1986 to permanently conserve land to benefit the natural and human communities of the western Penobscot Bay. The Land Trust has protected over 13,000 acres to date, offering 50+ miles of trails for public access.