

Summer Solstice/Full Moon Hike

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Description: Easy 5.2 mile loop on paved Lincoln Hills preserve trails and neighborhood sidewalks. **OPTION:** Add an additional mile with a short but steep uphill.

First day of summer and longest day of the year! We will watch the full Flower Moon rise over two pretty ponds as the sun is setting. Walk in the gloaming along the Orchard Creek, Orchard Creek South, Mallard Pond, Fountain Hill, and Northeast Preserve trails, connected by village sidewalks. Uphill incline on Ridge Top Lane but otherwise mostly level with gradual rises.

PREPARATION FOR HIKE:

- Hiking boots not necessary but wear sturdy shoes.
- Will be WARM until the sun sets about 9:00 PM--bring ample WATER and insect repellent.
- NO RESTROOMS once we leave Orchard Creek.
- Bring headlamp or flashlight--full dark about 9:15 PM. Binoculars are good for moon viewing.

LEADER/SWEEP: Marilyn McCullough and Gay Mackintosh/Tess Devenish

QUESTIONS: call Gay Mackintosh,

MEETING TIME: 7:30 PM in usual Orchard Creek far right lot. **We will leave on foot promptly at 7:35 PM.** Return by about 9:30. 6-mile option return about 10:00.