

2016 BioBlitz

June 3-4, 2016

Two Rivers Magnet Middle School, East Hartford

<http://web.uconn.edu/mnh/bioblitz/>

Circle June 3rd and 4th on your calendars and join us for a 24-hour inventory of species diversity in East Hartford. Kickoff will be at 3 PM on Friday the 3rd. In terms of ease of access, infrastructural support, comfort, convenience, number of participating scientists, and diversity of habitats this promises to be a special opportunity.

Location: Command Central will be the Two Rivers Magnet Middle School in East Hartford (337 E River Dr, East Hartford, CT 06108). It is a wonderful venue with superb facilities right on the banks of the Connecticut and Hockanum Rivers in East Hartford. We will cover a four-mile radius around Two Rivers, which will allow us to sample sand plains, beaches, and a variety of wetland types, among others habitats.

Facilities: The core of the Blitz will take place in a spacious “Great Hall” (below left), which is equipped with a projection screen on one wall and a battery of glass windows overlooking the Connecticut River floodplain forest on the opposing wall. Immediately adjacent is the school cafeteria, which will supply coffee, food, and refuge. The Great Hall also borders on a porch with an amphitheater (below right), where much of the outreach and education will take place. Upstairs classrooms will be available for sleeping. It is hard to imagine a better facility for our needs. Event organizers will supply food, clean up, security, microscopes, etc.

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