

BIOBLITZ 2023: CHARLESTOWN

Date: June 9-10 – Friday: pm to Saturday 2 pm.

Location: Narragansett Indian Reservation

The Narragansett Tribal Office of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Management, the Rhode Island Natural History Survey will partner with the Tribe to hold the 2023 RI BioBlitz on June 9 & 10 on Tribal lands in Charlestown, RI. The BioBlitz will take place on approximately 1,200 acres of mostly wooded land within the Narragansett Indian Reservation off Route 2 and Old Mill Road in Charlestown, with the event headquarters, called

“Science Central,” being located at the tribal meeting grounds on Indian Church Road.

Volunteers will be organized into teams searching for different forms of life including mammals, birds, plants, fungi, beetles, spiders, etc. Teams will include tribal experts on natural resources and cultural practices, as well as artists, all working to gather insights about the environment of the site.

Tribal land includes rare Atlantic white cedar swamp, biodiverse coastal plain ponds, and unusual pitch pine-scrub oak woods, as well as culturally and historically important landmarks and sites. It is mostly still undeveloped and significant biodiversity discoveries are expected.

The Bioblitz event runs for 24 hours from 2 p.m. Friday, June 9, to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Pre-registration is required to participate. Overnight camping for registrants will be available.



Dates for orientation events and the opening of event registration will be announced soon. Watch this space! Or go to <https://rinhs.org/events/ri-bioblitz/bioblitz-2023-charlestown/>