



**Empire State Chapter and Keystone State Chapter  
Joint Technical Tour and Social Event**

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**When: Friday July 30, 2010 to Saturday July 31, 2010**

**Where: Big Flats Plant Materials Center, Robert H. Treman State Park, and  
Fingerlakes Region**

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**Schedule of Events**

**Friday July 30, 2010**

- 12:30 to 1:00 pm- Registration at USDA-NRCS Big Flats Plant Materials Center, Corning, New York (3266-A State Route 352, Corning, NY 14830 – 607.562.8404)
- 1:00 to 3:30 pm- Tour of Big Flats PMC
- 3:30 to 4:30 pm- Empire/Keystone Chapter Informal Meeting
- 4:30 to 6:30 pm- Catered dinner at Big Flats PMC
- 6:30 to 7:30 pm- Travel to Robert H. Treman State Park in Ithaca, New York (<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/135/details.aspx>)
- 7:30 pm- Group camping site reserved for SWCS for Friday overnight.

**Saturday July 31, 2010**

- 8:30 to 8:45 am- Travel from state park to Oechsner Organic Farm in Newfield, NY
- 8:45 to 9:40 am- Tour with Thor Oechsner of his organic farming operation.
- 9:40 to 10:20 am- Travel to Danby, NY-visit 20 acre WHIP site with warm season grasses/forbs
- 10:20 to 11:00am- Travel from Danby, NY to Atwater Vineyards in Hector, NY on Seneca Lake
- 11:00 to 11:45 am- Meet with Atwater Vineyard Manager to discuss viticulture.
- 11:45 to 12:15 pm- SWCS tour concludes with wine tasting at Atwater Vineyards.

## **ATTRACTIONS IN THE ITHACA AREA**

At the conclusion of the tour, people have options of going to Watkins Glen (nice state park with walks up the glen with beautiful falls), tour other vineyards, brewery and distillery all within 20 minutes of Atwater, or hike in the Finger Lakes National Forest in Hector, New York.

Other opportunities for activities in Ithaca include:

- 1 Cornell Plantations on the Cornell University campus with beautiful botanical gardens and walks through the arboretum. (free)
- 2 Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Sapsucker Woods (just off Rt 13 near the Ithaca airport) has a beautiful building overlooking a pond and bird-feeding garden plus 4 miles of trails. Open at 9:30 am on Saturday. A bird watching walk starts at 7:30am at the main building. (free)
- 3 Sciencenter is a hands-on science museum that is great for all ages especially for younger children. (Just off Rt 13 in Ithaca near Stewart Park and the Farmers Market)
- 4 Johnson Museum of Art on the Cornell campus offers spectacular views of Cayuga Lake and houses the universities collection of arts.
- 5 Taughannock Falls State Park has an easy walk back into the fall which is one of the highest in the east, and the park has beach and picnic area on the lake.
- 6 The Ithaca Farmers' Market is an event in and of itself, located on the Cayuga Lake inlet with over 150 farmers, craftspeople, and food vendors from the Fingerlakes (9-3 on Saturdays, 10-3 on Sundays).

If people are traveling back to PA, they would be going down though Corning, NY that has the Corning Museum of Glass, a world-known museum that is excellent.



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**Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Attending Big Flats PMC Tour:	_____	FREE	
# Attending Evening Meal:	_____	Enclose \$12 per person	_____
# Camping:	_____	Enclose \$ 6 per person	_____
		Total Amount Enclosed	_____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS, ALONG WITH CHECKS PAYABLE TO "KEYSTONE SWCS" TO JACK CLARK, TREASURER BY **JULY 24, 2010**

Jack Clark  
10 Little Roaring Creek Road  
Danville, PA 17821