

Bringing Back the Legend:
Cougar Recovery in Eastern North America
w/ Christopher Spatz

Thursday March 19
7:00 PM

The Beacon Sloop Club
(2 Red Flynn Dr., Beacon)

A Free Event



The search for the eastern cougar is one of the great riddles in North American natural history. Despite thousands of sightings from Maine to Mississippi, only a dozen confirmations have emerged east of Chicago during the past generation. Members of the Cougar Rewilding Foundation have conducted sanctioned remote camera surveys in seven eastern states, investigated years of field evidence and cougar reports, and advised the CT DEEP on their evaluation of the Black Hills cougar killed in Connecticut.



Christopher Spatz, former president of the Cougar Rewilding Foundation, has run remote camera surveys at High Point State Park, NJ and in the Shawangunks at Minnewaska State Park and the Mohonk Preserve. Reviewing his survey findings with cougar biology, behavior and their current range, Chris will explain why sightings don't produce evidence, and how restorations of this magnificent predator are imperative for the recovery of critically declining eastern forests.

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