



Big Night Instructions

Big Night occurs each spring when spotted salamanders and wood frogs migrate from their winter woodland habitats to nearby vernal wetlands to breed. During the first warm spring rains, in March or sometimes April, after dark and with a stable temperature of 40 degrees or above amphibians are likely to be moving.

If you are considering visiting the Henry Street tunnels in Amherst for Big Night, we ask that you please consider the following guidelines to help keep the salamanders, frogs, and humans safe.

- Please take East Pleasant to Pine Street and park at Cushman. Then walk up Pine Street to Henry Street.
- Please do NOT cross over the fence with orange tape on it. Stay on the road side of these fences.
- If you need any help or have any questions, please ask a volunteer who will have a yellow reflective vest on.
- If you have reflective clothing, please wear it for safety.
- Please do not touch the animals unless they are in danger while on the road. If you do have to help one, please do not carry them in your hands, use a wet leaf. The very best thing to do is find the volunteers whose job will be to have buckets ready for collecting critters on the road.
- Please make sure your flashlights are covered in red cellophane because regular light can impact the migrating creatures. We do have a supply of cellophane so please ask for some.
- Be very careful if you have to cross the road as the vehicles can have difficulty seeing you. DO NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES, CARS WILL NOT BE ASKED TO SLOW DOWN.
- Please be aware of where your children are at all times and make sure they and you know the rules to correctly enjoy the salamander and frog migration. For young children, please accompany them at all times for everyone's safety.

Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the night!