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Amoskeag Fishways Learning Center January events listing

Saturday Nature Seekers presents

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January 5, 19, & 26, 11am – 12pm

We have fun nature programs for all ages. Stop by with your family to learn about Manchester's Merrimack River wildlife! Donation of \$5 per family encouraged No registration required

Mammals in your Neighborhood

Friday, January 11, 10am - 11:30am

What are warm-blooded, furry, and can be seen in your own backyard? Mammals, of course! Come to the Fishways to learn all about our local mammals. The program includes hands-on activities.

Cost: \$5 per student, ages 6 and up

Registration with payment required

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Pizza Party with the Painted Turtles

Saturday, January 12, 11am - 12:30pm

Drive away the winter blues with a pizza party.

Families will meet our friendly reptile ambassadors during an interactive presentation about the extraordinary turtles and snakes of NH. We will discuss how to treat our slithery, slimy friends with the respect and goodwill they deserve, make a peek-a-boo turtle craft to take home, and round out the day by watching the painted turtles enjoy their lunch while we eat pizza. *KIND

Cost: \$15 per family (includes pizza lunch)



Registration with payment required

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Eagles along the Merrimack

Saturday, January 19, 8am - 11am

Join us as we search for bald eagles along the Merrimack River in Manchester. We will begin with an

orientation at the center, followed by a quest to spot the first eagle of the day! Expect to carpool, dress warmly, and bring your binoculars if possible.

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January Programs and Events at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

Wild Winter Walk:

Guided Tour of the Live Animal Trail, Saturday, January 5, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center offers a winter program for adults and families with children ages 6 and up. Learn about the animals who live at the Science Center during the winter. Most of them stay in the same place, just as they would in the wild. A staff naturalist will lead a guided walk on the live animal exhibit trail to see the animal ambassadors dressed in their winter coats and discuss how these native animals are well-adapted for winter in New Hampshire. If needed, snowshoes are available at no extra cost or participants can bring their own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress to be outdoors with snow boots, hats, gloves, and warm layers. Cost: \$8/member; \$10/non-member For details about this event, upcoming programs, and membership go to www.nhnature.org or call 603-968-7194.

Winter Bird Banding

Saturday, January 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center holds a bird banding program for all ages to give participants a chance to see wild birds up close. Learn why and how the Science Center captures, bands, and releases birds that gather at the winter feeding stations. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Time will be spent indoors and outdoors; bring warm layers, hats, and gloves. Cost: \$8/member; \$10/non-member or package price for both Winter Bird Banding and Wild Winter Walk on January 12: \$11/member; \$15/non-member For details about this event, upcoming programs, and membership go to www.nhnature.org or call 603-968-7194.

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A juvenile common loon was rescued after becoming trapped on Willand Pond in early December. Photo courtesy of Alan Murray.

Cold weather raises concerns for loons remaining on New Hampshire lakes

Loon Preservation Committee asks the public to watch for Loons in danger of being iced-in. As cold weather sets in and New Hampshire's lakes and ponds begin to freeze over, the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) is urging the public to keep an eye out for loons remaining on inland waters. Because they are heavy bodied birds with relatively small wings, loons require up to a quarter mile of open water in order to take off. If they do not leave lakes before they freeze over, loons risk becoming trapped and unable to fly to their wintering grounds on the ocean. Most loons have already migrated from New Hampshire's lakes and ponds; however it is not uncommon for some, especially this year's chicks, to remain into December. Underlying problems may prevent some loons from leaving lakes, putting them at risk of becoming iced-in. If not rescued, trapped loons may starve to death or be predated. LPC rescued its first iced-in loon of the year, a juvenile that was trapped on Willand Pond in Dover/Somersworth, on December 8th.

Members of the public are asked to call the Loon Preservation Committee at (603)476-LOON if they see a loon that is at risk of becoming iced-in. LPC urges the public not to attempt to rescue loons themselves. Winter loon rescues can be hazardous to human safety, as rescuers risk falling through the ice. LPC has protocols in place to deal with these situations, including notifying local fire departments prior to attempting winter loon rescues and having people on shore ready to help should the rescuer run into trouble. LPC rescuers also use specialized equipment, including an insulated rescue suit, Jon-boat, ice awls and axes, flotation devices, and a long-handled net. In addition to the human safety risks, winter rescues can also be dangerous for the loons. Untrained rescuers may scare the loon and cause it to dive under the ice, potentially resulting in drowning.

The Loon Preservation Committee was formed in 1975 in response to a severe decline in New Hampshire's common loon population. While these winter rescues are a more recent addition to LPC's population management work, they have already proven to be effective at helping to increase New Hampshire's loon population. In 2016, LPC rescued five loons that were iced in on Lake Sunapee. Of these five, four survived rehabilitation and were released onto the ocean. All four of those loons were spotted on New Hampshire lakes this year, and two of the four fledged chicks. For more information on loons or to make sure that the bird you are seeing is actually a loon, please visit the Loon Preservation Committee website at www.loon.org

The Loon Preservation Committee (www.loon.org) works to protect loons throughout the state as part of its mission to restore and maintain a healthy population of loons in New Hampshire; to monitor the health and productivity of loon populations as sentinels of environmental quality; and to promote a greater understanding of loons and the natural world.

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Stocked trout fishing opportunities for winter anglers

CONCORD, NH – As in previous years, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department stocked trout during the fall to bolster ice-fishing opportunities throughout the Granite State. “This investment of resources will create some exciting action for the state’s ice anglers,” said Jason Smith, Inland Fisheries Division Chief.

Along with catchable-sized trout, retired broodstock of both brown and brook trout – many of them in excess of 3 lbs. – were also stocked in select water bodies as product availability and timing permitted.

The following water bodies were stocked for the upcoming winter season:

- Akers Pond – Errol
- Big Diamond Pond – Stewartstown
- Cedar Pond – Milan
- Forest Lake – Winchester
- Gustin Pond – Marlow
- Highland Lake – Andover
- Horace Lake – Weare
- Laurel Lake – Fitzwilliam
- Martin Meadow Pond – Lancaster
- Mirror Lake – Thornton
- Newell Pond – Alstead
- Pearl Lake – Lisbon
- Pleasant Lake – Deerfield
- Streater Pond – Sugar Hill



- Tewksbury Pond – Grafton
- Webster Lake – Franklin

Recycled Percussion

Friday Evening Show starts at 7:30 (6pm dinner service w/ children's menu) Saturday Matinee Show starts at 2:30pm (No dinner service, but Hot Dogs, Healthy Snacks, & other concessions are available) Saturday Evening Show starts at 6:30 (5pm dinner service w/ children's menu) New Hampshire's Iconic "RECYCLED PERCUSSION" returns to the Flying Monkey for a special winter performance! Don't miss this "rock down memory lane" packed full of surprises and crowd favorites in an incredible turbo-charged performance. Be part of a one of a kind show and relive the journey of the local boys that took their bucket banging high school act all the way to the entertainment capital of the world, Las Vegas! The group's signature performances set the beat on discarded industrial junk, power tools and a barrage of buckets and metal cans and together with daring showmanship and acrobatics on tall ladders, break-dancing, spectacular spark showers in the background, and crowd participation they achieve nothing short of on-stage magic. The Manchester boys gained notoriety after a spectacular showing on "America's Got Talent" which eventually led to their own ongoing show at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas! Tickets SELL OUT IN ADVANCE every time they perform at The Flying Monkey.

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■ JANUARY 4TH

"Capturing the Light" Guest Artists Show

Free. 132 Route 16, Tamworth, NH 03817
Phone: 603-323-8041

Art Works Gallery in Chocorua is proud to announce "Guest Artists" exhibit "Catching the Light." This is an important collection from local artist and photographer, Peter A. Jeschke and glassblower, Eric Trulson that have captured the essence of light's most exquisite qualities. Both artists will be present at the Opening Reception to explain their work and engage the viewers with the background to their muses on Saturday, November 17, from 5-7 pm. Show continues through to January 13, 2019. Art Works is open Friday to Monday, 10 am-5 pm until Dec. 31, then Saturday-Sunday or by appointment. Peter A Jeschke's photographic images of ice crystals have been viewed by International art critiques with an eye to showing his work in NYC and abroad. Eric Trulson has studied with the local renowned glass artist Peter Vanderlaan from Chocorua, NH and proven to have talents of his own.

■ JANUARY 13TH

1964: A Beatles Tribute

\$38. 80 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03101
Phone: 603-668-5588

Back by popular demand, it's 1964 The Tribute! This is "The Number One Beatles Tribute in the World", according to Rolling Stone Magazine. These are the Beatles you remember from the "Ed Sullivan Show and Shea Stadium". The music recreates the early Beatles perfectly and they look amazing from their Beatle boots to their vintage guitars! Don't miss this great show, here for one night only.

■ JANUARY 19TH

Nordic Demo Day

Free demos with trail pass. 1 Mount Washington Auto Road, Gorham, NH 03581
Phone: 603-466-3988

Demo Day will feature representatives with

the latest in skis, boots, poles, wax and accessories. Great Glen Outfitters carries most of the items that will be featured during Demo Day, and the staff will be available to help with packages and sizing and to answer any additional questions.

■ JANUARY 19TH

Evening Snowshoe Tour

\$12 per person over 12, free under 12. Snowshoe rentals, \$10. 1 Mount Washington Auto Road, Gorham, NH 03581. Phone: 603-466-3988

Experience the wonder of a night time winter walk. Join a Naturalist from the Appalachian Mountain Club on a guided snowshoe tour. We will use our senses (and no flashlights) to navigate the trails while listening for owls calling and exploring our senses. Tour departs from the base promptly at 7pm; guests needing to rent equipment are encouraged to arrive at 6:30pm. Minimum age, 8yo. No dogs.

■ JANUARY 20

World Snow Day

50 percent off lift tickets for participants. 18 Robert Easter Way., Claremont, NH 03743. Phone: 603-748-6205

"Bring Children to the Snow." This FIS World Snow Day event is the largest single day on snow around the world, focusing on children ages 4-14.

■ JANUARY 20

Sunrise SnowCoach Tour

\$99 Adults \$59 Juniors. 1 Mount Washington Auto Road, Gorham, NH 03581. Phone: 603-466-3988

Our experienced SnowCoach drivers will take you to treeline (weather permitting) at 4,200 feet on the Mt. Washington Auto Road for a chance to watch

the sun rise. We leave promptly at 6:30 am in January and 5:45 am in February from the base lodge, and will not hold back the trip as we need to keep a tight schedule throughout the day for all our guests.

■ JANUARY 27

Otto Rhode GBA Ski Mountaineering

1 Mount Washington Auto Road, Gorham, NH 03851. Phone: 603-466-3988

An event with the Granite Backcountry Alliance. Backcountry ski up the Mt. Washington Auto Road. Participants who are fast enough can go above treeline to the summit of Mt. Washington (weather permitting). All ski down the Road. Finish at the base. Awards and Après ski party starting at 4pm.

■ FEBRUARY 2

Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm, Ice Harvest & Winter Carnival

\$5 ages 5-10 free, ages 4 and under. 58 Cleveland Hill Rd., Tamworth, NH 03814. Phone: 603-323-7591

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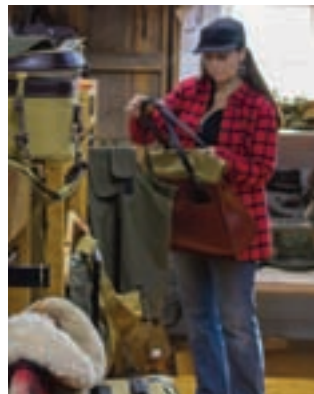
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