



# Roaring Brook Nature Center

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Nature Center Hours: Tuesday—Saturday 10 AM—5 PM; Sundays 1—5 PM

Trails through Werner's Woods are open daily until dusk

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## Weekend Events — Winter 2016-17

### Home for the Holidays Scavenger Hunt

Hike our trails in December and learn which animals have chosen to spend the upcoming holidays in Werner's Woods.

Outdoor scavenger hunt maps free with admission to the Nature Center.

### Warm Winter Tales

**Sunday, December 11 1 — 2 pm**

Join us on a cozy winter afternoon for a winter story time and short guided hike in the woods followed by hot cocoa.

Cost: \$4 children & adults; members half-price  
**Pre-registration required.**



### Under the 'Cold' Moon

#### SUPERMOON Family Night Hike

**Wednesday, December 14 7:30 – 8:45 pm**

Bundle up and join us for a guided woodland hike under the last 'supermoon' of 2016. The moon will be at its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. This month's moon is known by early Native American tribes as the Full Cold Moon because this is the time of year when the cold winter air settles in and the nights become long and dark. Dress for winter weather.

Cost: \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers  
**Pre-registration required.**

**Nature Center closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day - Trails open dawn to dusk**

### Frozen Family Fun

**Monday-Friday, December 26 – 30**

**10 am – 4 pm**

Make six-sided snowflakes, learn how animals survive winter cold, snow and ice, and hike the trails around the Nature Center to find frozen treasures. Go outside on a frozen scavenger hunt.

Activities, crafts, and outdoor scavenger hunt maps are free with admission to the Nature Center

### Breakfast & Story Time with Anna & Elsa

**Saturday, December 31**

Join Anna & Elsa on New Year's Eve fday or a light Continental Breakfast at 10:30 & Story Time at 11:30 followed by crafts & scavenger hunt

#### **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Cost: \$6 children & adults, children under 2 free

### Under the 'Wolf' Moon—Family Night Hike

**Thursday, January 12 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm**

The full moon this month was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Wolf Moon because this was the time of year when hungry wolf packs howled outside their camps. Join us for a guided hike through Werner's Woods. We won't hear any wolves but we may hear owls and other creatures of the night. Dress for winter weather.

Cost: \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers  
**Pre-registration is required.**



### Snow Much Fun!

**Monday, January 16 anytime 10 am — 4 pm**  
**Guided hikes at 11 am, 2 pm Crafts all day**

Looking for some fun winter activities? Visit the Nature Center for a guided hike through the woods. Weather permitting, we will look for tracks or other signs of animals who spend the winter in Werner's Woods. Make a winter animal craft.

Hike, crafts, and map free with admission to Nature Center. No need to preregister.

### Groundhog Day Hike

**Sunday, January 29 1:30 pm — 3 pm**

Walk gently through the forest to uncover the mysteries of wildlife habits in mid-winter. Take our groundhog day quiz. Watch a program on groundhogs.

Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children; members half-price .  
Pre-registration is not required.

### Guess When Spring Will Arrive

When you visit the Nature Center in February be sure to enter our contest to predict the first day of spring (which according to Nature Center staff is the first day when the wood frogs are heard calling at our vernal pool). The correct prediction will win a \$5 gift certificate to our store.

### Family Winter Survival

**Saturday, February 4 2 pm — 4 pm**

What do you do if you get lost in the woods in winter? Learn what basic supplies you may need to survive a night outdoors. Includes shelter construction, fire building (and S'Mores).

Dress for winter weather. Not geared for children under 9.

Cost: \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers; \$20/family (members), \$30/family (nonmembers). **Pre-registration required.**

### Wildlife Super Sunday

**Sunday, February 5 anytime 1 pm – 4 pm**

Bears vs Cardinals? Eagles vs Buffalos? Ravens vs Rams? Join us at the Nature Center to learn about the animal sports mascots and whom you would want to have on your dream team. What other animals would you want as mascots for your team? Turtle racing, games, and treats.

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center; members free.  
No need to pre-register.

### 'Snow Wading' Moon—Family Night Hike

**Friday, February 10 7:30 – 8:45 pm**

Join us for a guided hike through the snowy woods. This month's moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. If there is deep snow, bring your own snowshoes or borrow ours.

Cost: \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers  
**Pre-registration required.**

### And the Award Goes To...

**Sunday, February 26 2 – 3 pm**

Which animals deserve the award for Best Actor,Best Sound Effects, Best Costume, Best Special Effects? Attend our 'red carpet' animal demonstration and vote for your favorite to win the 2017 Animal Awards. Dress to impress.

Cost: Admission to the Nature Center; members free.  
No need to pre-register.

# WINTER DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days, the Nature Center's enrichment series for children in pre-school and in grades K—3, continues through the winter season with a brand new series of programs. The cost of each four week session is \$40.00 for members, \$50.00 for nonmembers. Discounts are extended to families with multiple children attending during the same time period.

## EXPLORING TOGETHER

for 3 to 5 year olds and a parent

Meets Friday afternoons — 1:15—2:15 pm

This series introduces pre-school children to seasonal changes in the natural world and gives parent (or grandparent) and child an opportunity to learn together.

A younger sibling may attend for a \$10 discount.  
No charge for siblings under age 2.

### Winter Sessions

**Session I:** January 6, 13, 20, 27 (snow day Feb 3)

**Session II:** Feb 10, 17, 24, March 3 (snow day Mar 10)

### Spring Sessions

**Session I:** March 17, 24, 31; April 7

## EXPLORATIONS!

for Students GRADES K—2

Wednesday afternoons from 3:45—5 pm

### Winter Tails

How are the animals staying warm on these cold winter nights? Hike the frozen trails at Werner's Woods and find out.

Meets January 4, 11, 18, 25 (snow day February 1)

### Whooo's Out There?

Learn about the five species of Connecticut owls and discover which owls are living in Werner's Woods.

Meets February 8, 15, 22; March 1 (snow day March 8)

### The Eyes Have It

Animals have amazing eyes. How do they differ from ours? Let's find out who has the best eyes for distance, color, and movement.

Meets March 15, 22, 29; April 5

## Explorations Too!

for Students GRADES 3 – 5

Thursday afternoons from 3:45—5 pm

Pull the kids away from the screen & get them back into the "wild"!

This Nature Center program is designed to spark your child's natural curiosity and excitement for outdoor adventures .

**Winter Session I:** January 5, 12, 19, 26 (snow day Feb 2)

**Winter Session II:** Feb 9, 16, 23; Mar 2 (snow day Mar 9)

**Spring Session I:** March 16, 23, 30; April 6

For more information please visit our website.



## Scout Programs



Girl Scouts and Cub Scout packs will find that numerous badge requirements may be fulfilled by a visit to the Nature Center.

Visit our website to learn more or call 860.693.0263

## SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS

### Explorations....In Winter

Vacation Program for Grades 5–9

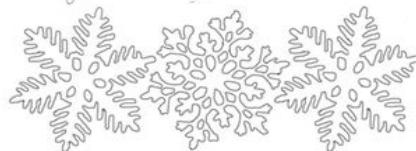
**December 27 & 28 — 9 am - Noon**

**December 29 & 30 — 9 am - 3:30 pm**

Students in grades 5–9 who have enjoyed our summer "Explorations" program will enjoy visiting some of these same localities during the winter season.

We'll look for bald eagles along the Connecticut River, explore the winter beach and look for seals at Hammonasset Beach State Park, and see what Simsbury's Great Pond looks like in winter...

**4-Day Class Cost: \$195 Members, \$225 Non-Members**  
**Pre-registration with payment required**



## It's Snow Wonder!

Vacation Program for Grades K – 5

**9 am - Noon**

**Monday & Tuesday February 20 & 21**

Fun with snow and ice, animal tracking and, depending upon weather conditions, snowshoeing or even maple sugaring will be part of this two-day vacation program.

Daily Rate: \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers.  
**Pre-registration with payment required**

Visit [www.roaringbrook.org](http://www.roaringbrook.org) for additional information or a registration form.

## SPRING FEVER!

Vacation Program for Grades K – 5

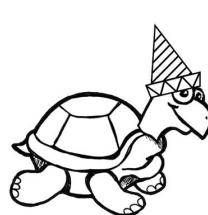
**9 am – Noon**

**Monday, April 10  
through  
Friday, April 14**

Join us for a week of morning fun & exploration in forest ,field, and pond looking for wildlife at Roaring Brook Nature Center.

Learn how animals know that spring has arrived.

Daily Rate: \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers  
Full Week: \$165 members, \$190 nonmembers  
**Pre-registration with payment is required**



## Birthday Parties

The Nature Center offers children's birthday parties on Saturday mornings & afternoons & selected weekday afternoons. **Visit our website to learn more!**