

# Roaring Brook Nature Center

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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# Events & Programs — Winter 2017-18

Nature Center will be closed December 24, 25 & January 1

# Please Pardon Our Mess!

Construction is underway for our new wildlife enclosures & building renovations. Watch for exciting changes! 🏑

## 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.

### Frozen Fun

### Tuesday - Saturday, 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.

Free with admission to the Nature Center

#### Tea Party & Story with 'Anna & Elsa' Saturday, December 30 1:30 pm

Join 'Anna and Elsa'" for a tea party and story on Saturday.

Cost: \$6 per person Pre-registration required

## Family Winter Survival Saturday, January 6 2 — 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 and fire building. Dress for winter weather. Not geared for children under 9.

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

### Stories in the Snow

### Friday, January 12 anytime 10 am — 4 pm Monday, January 15 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 and crafts free with admission to the Nature Center. No need to preregister.

### Groundhog Day Hike Sunday, January 28 1:30 — 3 pm

Will the Groundhog see his shadow and what does it really mean? 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: \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers: half-price children.

Pre-registration is not required.

#### Under the 'Snow 'Moon - Family Night Hike FULL MOON - SUPER MOON - BLUE MOON Wednesday, January 31 7 - 8:15 pm

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 snow shoes or borrow ours. 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. Find out why the February moon will be a BLACK moon.

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

## Superb Owl Sunday

### Saturday, February 3 anytime 10 am - 4 pm Sunday, February 4 anytime 1 – 4 pm

Before the Big Game this weekend, join us at the Nature Center to celebrate Superb Owl Sunday. Learn about our magnificent native owls and preview their new enclosures. Take part in our animal sports mascots scavenger hunt and discover which mascot would be the best for your dream team. Owl related crafts and games.

Free with admission to the Nature Center. No need to preregister.

# Under the Full 'Sap' Moon -Family Night Hike Thursday, March 1 7 — 8:15 pm

Join us for a guided walk under a full moon. This moon was known to Native Americans as the Full 'Sap' Moon, as it marks the time when maple sap begins to flow and the annual tapping of maple trees begins.

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

## Winter Tree ID Hike Sunday, March 4 2 – 3 pm

If you look closely, winter trees aren't bare at all. Their buds, twigs, bark, and general shape give plenty of clues as to their identity. Join us for a late winter hike to learn who's who in our woods

Free with admission to the Nature Center. No need to preregister.

# Maple Sugaring in Your Own Backyard

Sunday, March 11 2 — 3 pm Sunday, March 18 2 — 3 pm SNOW DATE

Our annual demonstration teaches you how to make maple syrup the easy way. We'll cover the entire process from identifying the tree to the best part – tasting the final product.

Cost: \$5 members; \$7 nonmembers. Pre-registration is not required.

#### March Madness Owl Prowl Friday, March 30 7:30 pm — 9:00 pm

Listen and look for barred owls and other nocturnal creatures along our trails. Not geared for very young children.

Cost: \$5 members; \$7 nonmembers.

Pre-registration required - space is limited.

# WINTER DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days, the Nature Center's enrichment series for children in pre-school and in grades Kcontinues 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 5, 12, 19, 26 (snow day Feb 2) Session II: Feb 9, 16, 23, March 2 (snow day Mar 9)

**Spring Sessions** 

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

## **EXPLORATIONS!**

for Students GRADES K-2

Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-5 pm

Enrichment programs for elementary school age youngsters

#### Winter Sessions

Session I: January 3, 10, 17, 24 (snow day Jan 31) **Session II:** Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 (snow day Mar 7)

**Spring Sessions** 

Session I: March 14, 21, 28; April 4

# Explorations Too!

for Students GRADES 3 - 5

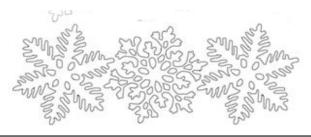
Thursday afternoons from 3:45-5 pm

Pull the kids away from the screen & get them outside!

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

Winter Session I: January 4, 11, 18, 25 (snow day Feb 1) Winter Session II: Feb 8, 15, 22; Mar 1 (snow day Mar 8) Spring Session I: March 15, 22, 29; April 5

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 r call 860.693.0263

# SCHOOL VACATION **PROGRAMS**

# Explorations....In Winter

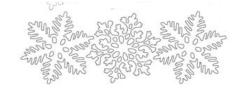
Vacation Program for Grades 5-9

December 27 — 9 am - Noon December 28 & 29 — 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

3-Day Class Cost: \$175 Members, \$200 Non-Members Pre-registration with payment required

wander through some of our local State forests.



## It's Snow Wonder!

Vacation Program for Grades K - 5

Monday & Tuesday February 19 & 20 9 am - Noon

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 for additional information or a registration form.

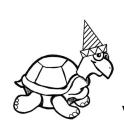
## SPRING FEVER!

Vacation Program for Grades K - 5

Monday, April 9 through Friday, April 13 9 am – Noon

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!