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***Kids under 11 MUST be accompanied by 18+ adult. Kids under 16 MUST be accompanied by 18+ adult for hikes and paddle tours.**

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10am Jr. Ranger Roundup 	10am Birds By Ear 7/4 Nature Center 7/18 New Discovery Pavilion 	10am Jr. Ranger Roundup 	10am Jr. Ranger Roundup 	10am Be Nice To Snakes! 	10am Birds By Ear 
11am Be Nice To Snakes! 	11am Here Be Dragonflies.... 	11am Rockin' Groton Geology Tour 	11am Kettle Pond Walk Meets at Kettle Day Use Parking	11am Boreal Forest Hike 	11am Here Be Dragonflies.... 
12pm Morse Code Bingo 		12pm Morse Code Bingo 	12pm Mushrooms Demystified 	2pm Beaver Scavenger Hunt 	2pm Mystery Program 
4pm ART IN THE PARK 	4pm Kettle Pond Walk Meets at Kettle Day Use Parking 5pm Jr. Ranger Roundup 	7pm Rotating Programs <i>*See Below*</i> 		4pm Tracks, Skins & Skulls  5pm Jr. Ranger Roundup 7pm Sunset Aquadventure Paddle Tour of Lake Groton <i>*Must Reserve via Boulder Beach</i>	4pm ART IN THE PARK 

ALL EVENTS MEET AT NATURE CENTER EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN

- **Aquadventure Paddle Tours** - Naturalist-guided paddle tours of Ricker Pond & Lake Groton. **1.5-2hrs**, **MUST RESERVE** via Boulder Beach State Park (802) 584-3823 or Nature Center (802) 584-3827. **1st-come/1st-serve** for limited supply of park boats, please bring your own if you have one. **Steady rain or thunder at start time rain cancels program.**
- **ART IN THE PARK** - More Groton-themed coloring sheets than you can complete during one camping trip + animal track painting, games & other activities. **1hr**
- **Be Nice To Snakes** - Meet the famous Groton Nature Center garter snakes! Learn how helpful snakes are for your garden and property while doing snake-related crafts. **1hr**
- **Beaver Scavenger Hunt** - Meet at the Nature Center for a presentation followed by a field trip to the Kettle Pond beaver lodge. **90min.**
- **Birds By Ear** - An introduction to some of the 100+ bird species dwelling in Groton State Forest and what they tell us about where they live. **1hr**
- **Boreal Forest Hike** - Guided tour with a naturalist through a slice of the "Great North Woods." **Up to 2.5hrs**, customized to ability. **Sturdy shoes REQUIRED (No crocs/flip-flops!).**
- **Coexisting With Bears** - All you need to know about what our local black bears are up to and other Groton furbearers that sometimes 'go bump in the night.' Stop by any time during time.
- **Here Be Dragonflies** - Groton is a dragonfly paradise with over 60 species found so far. Get a look at what's flying today and see if you catch up to 300 million years of evolution! **1hr**
- **Jr. Ranger Roundup** - How to start or finish working on earning an official Vermont State Park Junior Ranger badge. Ages 4 and up, includes activities + half-hour service project.
- **Kettle Pond Walk** - Join a fully immersive slow nature walk along the Kettle Pond Trail's ADA access to boat launch. **1hr, option for longer walk.**
- **Morse Code Bingo** - Decipher the Montpelier-Wells River Railroad's communications while playing Bingo. **1hr**
- **Mushrooms Demystified** - Introducing some fabulous, fearsome and *perhaps* deliciously forageable members of Kingdom Fungi. **1hr, option to extend to 2.5hrs**
- **Rockin' Groton Geology Tour** - Step into the geological basement of time to discover the origin of these "Granite Hills" as told through rocks and landforms. **1.5hrs**, includes field trip.
- **Rotating Programs** - **6/25 Evening Birds By Ear**--Meets at Nature Center. **7/2 Ricker Pond Owl Prowl & Twilight Ghost Hike**--Meets at Southern Parking Area. **7/9 Owl's Head Sunset Walk**--Meets at summit parking area. **7/16 Kettle Pond Walk**--Meets at Kettle Pond Day Use Parking **7/23 New Discovery Owl Prowl & Twilight Ghost Hike**--Meets at Osmore Pavilion.
- **Tracks, Skins & Skulls** - Meet your furbearing friends of Groton State Forest while making and painting plaster-of-paris animal tracks to take home. **1hr**