

GROTON NATURE CENTER EVENTS.....JULY 28 - AUGUST 9, 2026

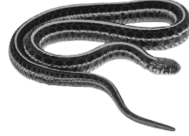
*KIDS UNDER 11 MUST BE WITH 18+ adult. Kids under 16 MUST be accompanied by 18+ adult for hikes, paddle tours and at Nature Center



WEDNESDAY 7/29
NATURE CENTER
OPEN 9:30am - 6pm
 Except
CLOSED MONDAYS

THURSDAY 7/30

10am Be Nice To Snakes!



FRIDAY 7/31

10am Hike Of The Day – see below



SATURDAY 8/1

11am Tracks, Skins & Skulls



2pm Mushrooms Demystified



SUNDAY 8/2

11am Mystery Program!

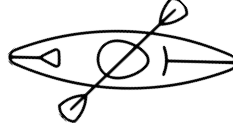
2pm Here Be Dragonflies



4pm MicroSafari



4pm Aquadventure
 FREE Paddle Tour of Ricker Pond



4-7pm Coexisting With Bears + Tracks, Skins & Skulls



4pm Beaver Scavenger Hunt New Discovery Osmore Pavilion



6:30pm Aquadventure
 FREE Paddle Tour of Lake Groton via Boulder Beach

4pm Art In The Park + Tracks, Skins & Skulls



ALL PROGRAMS MEET AT NATURE CENTER EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN

TUESDAY 8/4

10am Jr. Ranger Roundup

WEDNESDAY 8/5



11am MicroSafari



11am Climate Forward Forestry with State Lands Forester Paul Szwedo

2pm Mushrooms Demystified



4pm Beaver Scavenger Hunt New Discovery Pavilion



THURSDAY 8/6

10am Be Nice To Snakes!

11am Tracks, Skins & Skulls

2pm Stream Safari Stillwater Playground



4pm Aquadventure
 FREE Paddle Tour of Ricker Pond



FRIDAY 8/7

11am Smokey Bear Golf Cart Tour Stillwater

2pm Wildfire Prevention with Smokey Bear

Stillwater

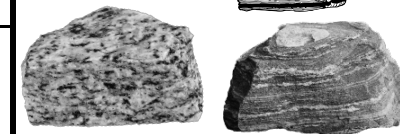


SATURDAY 8/8

10am Be Nice To Snakes!



11am Rockin' Groton Geology Tour



4pm Smokey Bear Golf Cart Tour of Ricker Pond

7pm Owl Prowl & Night Ghost Hike New Discovery

SUNDAY 8/9

11am Here Be Dragonflies



2pm Mystery Program

4pm Art In The Park + Tracks, Skins & Skulls

SEE BELOW FOR PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS, DURATIONS & INSTRUCTIONS!

- **ART IN THE PARK** - Animal track painting, games & more Groton-themed coloring sheets than you can finish in one camping trip! **1hr**
- **Aquadventure Paddle Tour** - Interpretive tours of Ricker Pond & Lake Groton's natural heritage. **1.5-2hrs, MUST RESERVE via park offices or Nature Center.** 1st-come/1st-serve for limited supply of park boats or bring yours. Steady rain or thunder at start time cancels.
- **Be Nice To Snakes** - Meet the famous GNC garter snakes & learn how they help our 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 Osmore Pond beaver lodge. **90min**
- **Coexisting With Bears** - All you need to know about Groton's active black bears and other furbearers. **Ongoing drop-in Timeslot**
- **Climate Forward Forestry** - How Groton State Forest is managed for sustainable timber products with State Lands Forester Paul Szwed. **1.5hrs, Meets at Nature Center + field trip (see flyer)**
- **Dinosaur Plants** - Discover the ancient secrets of ferns, princess pines and horsetails **NEW! 1hr**
- **Hike Of The Day** - Guided tour to a destination of your choice! All routes have shorter out & back options. **Duration: 1 - 4+ hrs**
- **Here Be Dragonflies** - Get a look at some of Groton's 60+ species & see if you catch up to 300 million years of evolution! **1hr**
- **Jr. Ranger** - How to earn an official Vermont State Park Junior Ranger badge. **Ages 4 and up, activities + 30-min. service project**
- **MicroSafari** - Use the Nature Center's microscopes and big-screen view to discover what's living just out of sight. **1hr**
- **Mushrooms Demystified** - Introducing some fabulous, fearsome and perhaps forageable fungi. **1hr min., option to extend to 2.5hrs**
- **Mystery Program** - Pick something from this list or let us try something new. 1st-come 1st serve **1hr**
- **Owl Prowl & Night Ghost Hike** - Become "crepuscular" on an evening tour of New Discovery's pond shore, forest & historical sites. Meets at Osmore Pond Pavilion. Approx. **2 miles/2hrs. **FLASHLIGHTS/STURDY FOOTWEAR REQUIRED; NO CROCS/FLIP-FLOPS!**
- **Rockin' Groton Geology Tour** - Discover the origin of these "Granite Hills" as told through rocks and landforms. **1.5hrs, incl. field trip.**
- **Tracks, Skins & Skulls** - Meet your furbearing forest friends while making and painting plaster-of-paris animal tracks to take home. **1hr**