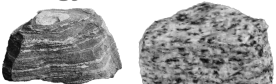
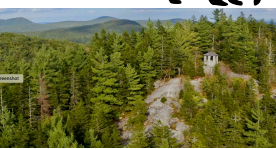


GROTON STATE PARKS' ACTIVITIES.....AUGUST 25th - SEPTEMBER 6th, 2026

Kids under 11 MUST be with 18+ adult. Kids under 16 MUST be with 18+ adult at the Nature Center and for hikes or paddle tours.

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10am Be Nice To Snakes New Discovery State Park Osmore Pavilion 	10am Dinosaur Plants Ricker Pond Pavilion  11am Here Be Dragonflies... Ricker Pond Pavilion 	**NATURE CENTER CLOSED MIDWEEK FOR PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION**		10am Be Nice To Snakes Nature Center 	10am Here Be Dragonflies... Nature Center 
2pm Morse Code Bingo Stillwater Pavilion  3pm ART IN THE PARK & Jr. Ranger Roundup Stillwater Playground	2pm Mushrooms Demystified Ricker Pond Pavilion  4pm Be Nice To Spiders! Boulder Beach Pavilion 	2pm Creature Crafts Stillwater Pavilion 3pm Dinosaur Plants Stillwater Pavilion 	2pm Be Nice To Spiders! New Discovery Osmore Pavilion  4pm Coexisting With Bears + Tracks, Skins & Skulls Stillwater Playground 	2pm Mushrooms Demystified Nature Center  11am Rockin' Groton Geology Tour Nature Center  4pm Beaver Scavenger Hunt  7pm Owl Prowl & Night Ghost Hike 8/29 Ricker Pond's Southern Parking Area 9/5 New Discovery at Osmore Pavilion 	11am Tracks, Skins & Skulls Nature Center  2pm Mystery Program Nature Center  4pm Magic of Bird Migration Nature Center 
 					

SEE BELOW FOR PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS, DURATIONS & INSTRUCTIONS!

- **Aquadventure** - Interpretive paddle tour of Ricker Pond's natural heritage and historical sites. **1.5-2+ hrs, 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****
- **ART IN THE PARK** - Animal track painting, games & more Groton-themed coloring sheets than you can finish in one camping trip! **1hr.**
- **Be Nice To Snakes** - Learn how snakes help around our properties while doing snake-related crafts. **1hr; available on-demand**
- **Be Nice To Spiders** - Find out how some of the most feared and fascinating forest creatures are essential for healthy ecosystems and helpful to humans. **1hr**
- **Beaver Scavenger Hunt** - Meet at the Nature Center for a presentation followed by a field trip to an active beaver lodge. **90min.**
- **Coexisting With Bears** - All you need to know about Groton's black bears & other furbearers that sometimes go 'bump' in the night. **Drop-in tabling until 6:30pm**
- **Creature Crafts** - Leave No Trace kid-creative homebuilding for the non-human residents of the forest. Hosted by Stillwater Staff, approx. 1hr. Runs concurrent with MicroSafari at Nature Ctr
- **Dinosaur Plants** - Discover the ancient secrets of ferns, clubmosses and horsetails when, upon a time, they were the forest. **1hr**
- **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 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.
- **Magic of Bird Migration** - How and why it is that birds can travel thousands of miles there & back again every year. Featuring 27 Audubon bird dolls, exhibits & interactive game. **1hr**
- **Morse Code Bingo** - Decode the Montpelier-Wells Railroad communication methods while playing Bingo! **1hr**
- **Mushrooms Demystified** - Introducing some fabulous, fearsome and perhaps deliciously forageable members of Kingdom Fungi. **Minimum 1hr, option to extend to 2.5hrs**
- **Mystery Program** - Your choice from this schedule (except for paddle tour & night hike). 1st-come/1st-serve chooses program. **Duration: up to 90min.**
- **Pond Probe** - Explore the secret life of the water's edge at Osmore Pond. Bring dip & frogging nets if you have them. **1 - 1.5hrs**
- **Rockin' Groton Geology Tour** - A story of molten rock & icy bulldozers as told through Groton's granite core, Vermont rocks and local landforms. **Meets at Nat.Ctr. + field trip. 90min**
- **Tracks, Skins & Skulls** - Meet your furbearing forest friends while making and painting plaster-of-paris animal tracks to take home. **1hr**