

Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area - 2021

Good news! This summer's Wednesday Evening Programs will be offered via Zoom in June and mid-July, with in-person programs in the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road in Rumney) in late July and August. To protect the health and safety of our participants and visitors, we ask that those who have not been fully vaccinated wear masks; masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated and are fully protected. Programs in the Nature Center will be limited to 21 participants on a first come, first served basis. All programs will take place at 7:00 PM. Talks are free and open to the public, and are underwritten in part by the Ruth V. Fisher Memorial Fund.

The following Zoom link can be used for the presentations on June 9, June 23, and July 14. It is also posted with the description of each of the zoomed programs on our website (www.quincybog.org).

Topic: Quincy Bog Presentation: <https://plymouthstate.zoom.us/j/86005576657>

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June 9 – Ice Jams: From Freezeup to Breakup – Steve Daly – via Zoom

Ice jams create river floods when ice blocks the river channel, forcing water levels to rise rapidly. This frequently occurs on the Pemigewasset River in central New Hampshire during the winter and spring. Presenter **Steve Daly** describes the process of river freezeup, breakup, and ice jam formation through images and videos. Currently retired after working many years at the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) in Hanover, NH, Steve focused his research on river ice hydraulics, snow melt hydrology and other cold regions topics.

June 23 – Of Mallards and Men: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 – Kurk Dorsey – via Zoom

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act was signed in 1918 and has served as the basis for much of the protection of our wild birds for 100 years. Avid birder and UNH Professor of History **Kurk Dorsey** will present an illustrated talk about the surprising story of how the federal government found itself in the business of protecting migratory wildlife.

July 14 – Little Fen, Big Data: More Than 13,000 Years of Depositional Record at Quincy Bog – Lisa Doner – via Zoom

In 2013, a 30-foot-long sediment core was collected from Quincy Bog. Join PSU Associate Professor of Geology and Environmental Science **Lisa Doner** to learn about surprising discoveries buried deep beneath the beaver pond, revealing the area's post-glacial as well as its more recent history. Come learn about what lies beneath you as you hike the bog trails, paddle the Baker River, or bike along the rural streets.

July 28 – Insects in the Web of Life: Why They Matter and What We Can Do to Help Them – Kerry Yurewicz – at the Nature Center

Insects make up an extraordinary percentage of Earth's biodiversity, and they interact with other species (including us) in myriad ways. Join ecologist **Kerry Yurewicz** for an introduction to their wild, wonderful world. We will discuss the roles insects play in the web of life, scientific evidence related to recent news stories about an 'insect apocalypse,' and ways that we can all help conserve these fascinating and important animals.

August 11 – To Be Determined – at the Nature Center

Please see our website (www.quincybog.org) for more information as the summer progresses.

August 25 – Rumney's Pioneer: Investigating the Habits of a Northern Fern at its Southern Limit – Scott Bailey – at the Nature Center

Fragrant Cliff Fern is widespread in Arctic to Subarctic America and Asia, with populations as far south as the northern forest in ME, NH, VT and NY, where it is listed as a rare plant. A lead scientist at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in Woodstock, NH, **Scott Bailey** will highlight the geologic, climatic, and genetic reasons for this geographic distribution, including studies of the colony in Rumney, one of the southernmost colonies in the USA. Fragrant Cliff Fern may serve as a case study for how plants adapt to a changing environment.

Weekend Events, Nature Walks and Workshop at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2021

Walks are free and open to the public, and will be held (light) rain or shine, but may be cancelled in a severe storm. Cancellations will be posted on the kiosks at the Bog and on the Quincy Bog Facebook page. All walks leave from the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road, Rumney) unless otherwise noted. Wear comfortable walking shoes; bring drinking water and bug spray. To protect the health and safety of our participants and visitors, we ask that those who have not been vaccinated wear masks. For more information or to check for cancellation, contact Betty Jo Taffe (bjtaffe@gmail.com).

Sunday, May 30 – Spring Bird Walk (7:00 to 9:30 am)

If you missed this year's bird walk, we hope you'll check our website (www.quincybog.org), Facebook page, and kiosks next spring for events scheduled before the arrival of our Spring *Bog Notes* newsletter.

Saturday, June 12 – Fiddlehead Field Kids Orchestra (1:00 pm) – in front of the Nature Center

Directed by **Jessye Bartlett**, The Fiddlehead Field Kids' Orchestra is based out of Campton, NH, for kids ages 4 to 17 who meet four days a week throughout the year to play together in an ensemble. The program is free for all participants and all instruments are provided. Come let these young people inspire you with their music!

Saturday, June 19 (rain date June 20) – Early Summer Wildflower Walk (9:00 to 11:30 am)

Walk the Bog with wildflower enthusiast **George DeWolf** to observe flowering plants, with a focus on tools you can use for identification. George has spent much of his free time over the last 10 years walking the Bog and viewing it from a natural science perspective. Although he's interested in all aspects of nature, he finds flowers particularly appealing because they don't run or fly away and they invite close inspection.

Saturday, July 24 (rain date July 25) – Dragons & Damsels of Quincy Bog (11:00 am to 1:30 pm)

Join NH Audubon Avian Conservation Biologist **Pam Hunt** to search the edges of the Bog for local dragonflies and damselflies. Most of the time will probably be spent near the Nature Center and the outlet area. Wear shoes you can get wet if so desired! Bring field guides, a fine mesh net, 10x hand lens, and close focus binoculars if you have them, but none is required.

Saturday, August 7 (rain date August 8) – Quincy Bog Fern Walk (9:00 am to noon)

Join field botanist **Joann Hoy** to find and identify ferns around the Bog. Over the years, 19 fern species have been found there. We'll try to see as many of them as we can! Bring a fern field guide and 10X loupe, if you like, but they're not essential.

Saturday, August 14 (rain date August 15) – Photography Walk (7:30 to 9:30 am)

Meet at the Nature Center at 7:15 am; the walk will leave at 7:30 for two hours of photographing the wonders found at Quincy Bog. Photographer **Bob Fleck** will share his expertise and experience portraying this special place by means of the camera lens.

Saturday, September 11 – Kids' Program: Explore the World of Tiny Critters (9:30 to 11:30 am)

Kids of all ages, join **Jess Halm** to explore the world of tiny critters living in and alongside the Bog – macroinvertebrates from the water and microarthropods from the soil. You never know what you might find!

Sunday, September 19 – Fabulous Fungi of Quincy Bog Workshop (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

This short seminar led by **Rick Van de Poll** will introduce the intricate world of higher fungi in northern New England. A colorful introductory slide show will be followed by a short, easy hike around Quincy Bog in search of what is out and identifiable. Limited to 18 people. Pre-registration required, confirmed upon payment of \$20 fee. Visit our website (www.quincybog.org) for more information about the workshop and how to register.