

Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2025

Programs will take place at 7:00 PM at the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road in Rumney). All talks are free (donations are gratefully accepted) and open to the public. These lectures are underwritten in part by the Ruth V. Fisher Fund and NH Humanities. For more information, visit our website www.quincybog.org or email programs@quincybog.org. See also the Quincy Bog Natural Area Facebook page.

June 11 – Acoustic Performance by Pete Downing

Join local singer-songwriter **Pete Downing** for a live performance of bluegrass, outlaw country, soul, rock and blues. Pete's passion for music and engaging style will make his Quincy Bog debut an unforgettable experience!

June 25 – Last of the Granite State Rattlesnakes – Dan Billin

Historian and journalist **Dan Billin** tells the story of *Crotalus horridus*, New Hampshire's rarest native animal. So common in the colonial era that dozens of places were named for them, today in the Granite State only a handful of rattlesnakes are known to survive. Come learn how this feared and fascinating animal came to the very brink of extirpation in our state and hear what is and isn't being done today to conserve our rattlesnakes. Sponsored by **NH Humanities**.

July 9 – Pan American Trails Vision – Nat Scrimshaw

Nat Scrimshaw, Chair of the World Trails Network – Hub for the Americas, and an American Mountain Club "adopter" of the Franconia Ridge Trail, will discuss the vision of a continuous trail network from Alaska to Patagonia, connecting human communities and protected areas. Trails help restore the landscape, connect ecosystems, protect biodiversity and strengthen the bond between people and nature.

July 23 – Wildfire in New Hampshire – John Neely

Retired US Forest Service fire management specialist **John Neely** will talk about the history of wildfire in northern New England, explaining how fires start and burn and how they are suppressed. He will also discuss how to prepare for future fires under a changing climate.

August 13 – Bog, Fen or Swamp? An Introduction to Peatlands – Pam Hunt

Conservation biologist **Pam Hunt** will explore the geology and ecology of the wetlands classified as peatlands, often popularly known as "bogs." These fascinating habitats share a few common features, including low nutrient levels and reduced water circulation. They are often harsh environments, but still manage to support a wide variety of plants and animals that have adapted to their unique conditions.

August 27 – Resurgence of Bald Eagles in New Hampshire – Chris Martin

NH Audubon raptor biologist **Chris Martin** will examine the dramatic Bald Eagle population recovery in New Hampshire and describe management efforts and partnerships that have helped eagles. Working in close collaboration with NH Fish & Game, Chris recruits, trains and supervises an enthusiastic group of Audubon volunteer field observers who monitor endangered and threatened raptors all across the state.