

Nature Walks & Kids Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2025

Walks are free and open to the public and will be held (light) rain or shine, but may be cancelled in the event of 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. For more information, visit the Bog website www.quincybog.org or email programs@quincybog.org. See also the Quincy Bog Natural Area Facebook page.

Thursday, April 17 (rain date April 18) – Quincy Bog Beaver Walk (7:00 – 8:30 PM)

Bog Host and avid beaver observer **Steve Anglea** will share his experiences watching spring beaver activity at the Bog. Meet at the Nature Center for a brief slide presentation, then go outside to look for beavers along the Bog trail.

Sunday, May 4 – Spring Bird Walk (7:00 to 9:30 AM)

Join SLNSC Executive Director and NH Bird Records editor **John MacLeod** for a beginning birding program that will help you identify the huge variety of birds in the woods, meadows and wetlands each spring. Please note that the program is on Sunday, May 4, not Saturday the 3rd as listed in the Winter Bog Notes.

Rescheduled for Sunday, May 18.

Saturday, May 10 – Spiral Songs Kids: Singing with the Seasons (12:00 noon – 1:00 PM)

Join Claire and Molly McCahan for a musical program aimed to inspire curiosity and care for the natural world through fun songs, sing-alongs and stories. All ages are welcome to join and engage in learning about the self and the seasons through music. The program will be inside the Nature Center; no need to preregister!

Saturday, May 17 (rain date May 18) – Spring Wildflower Walk (9:00 – 11:30 AM/Noon)

Whether you're simply interested in observing the early flowering plants of the Bog, eager to learn fascinating facts about the Bog's plant life, or looking for tools to assist you on your journey of discovering more about plants, come join amateur naturalist **George DeWolf** to see what's blooming at Quincy Bog.

Saturday, June 21 – Shrub and Tree Identification Walk (9:00 to 11:30 AM)

Grafton County Forester **Jim Frohn** will lead a walk to identify common (and some not so common) shrubs and trees in the variety of habitats found at Quincy Bog. The walk is timed to see some of the shrubs in bloom.

Saturday, June 28 (rain date June 29) – Kids Nature Walk & Scavenger Hunt – (9:00 to 11:00 AM)

For kids ages 4 to 12 and their caregivers. Walk around the Quincy Bog trail with nature lover and educator **Jess Halm** to go on a scavenger hunt and explore the forest and aquatic ecosystems at the Bog. The focus of the walk will depend on the interests of the participants. You never know what you will find! Participants are encouraged to wear "playshoes" or muck/rain boots, bring water and a snack, and a net if you have one.

Saturday, July 12 – Hiking with Dogs (9:00 to 11:30 AM)

Rumney Veterinarian **Sue Sepenoski** will give a short slide presentation on tips and preparedness for hiking with dogs, addressing first aid, gear, and general wellness recommendations. Then we'll go outside for demonstrations with live dogs to discuss considerations for hiking responsibly with and around dogs, including dog "meet-and-greets", passing by, encountering unfriendly dogs or people.

Saturday, August 2 (rain date August 3) – A Butterfly Adventure: An Introduction to the Butterflies of Grafton County (9:00 to 11:30 AM)

Join Baker Ponds Butterfly Count Coordinator **George DeWolf** for a fascinating introduction to the butterflies of our area. You'll learn about their incredible diversity, how to identify and study them, ways to attract them to your yard, and how to contribute valuable observations to the scientific community. After a short slide presentation, we'll take a guided walk at Quincy Bog and surrounding properties in search of these winged wonders.

Saturday, August 16 (rain date August 17) – Quincy Bog Mushroom Walk – Thomas Stoughton (9:00 – 11:30 AM)

Evolutionary biologist **Thomas Stoughton** will conduct a brief presentation regarding how to identify some common mushrooms in New Hampshire, including edible species. This will be followed by a walk around Quincy Bog where we will encounter fungi and discuss their ecological and/or economic significance.

DATE TBA – Night Sky Observation – Brad Moser (8:00 to 9:30 PM, rain or shine)

Plymouth State University assistant professor and planetarium director **Brad Moser** will present a brief indoor orientation to the night sky before moving outside to view double stars, globular clusters and other wonders of the late summer night sky, weather permitting. A limited number of binoculars are available.