



Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2026

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. For more information, visit our website www.quincybog.org or email programs@quincybog.org. See also the Quincy Bog Natural Area Facebook page.

June 10 – Audrey Drake in Concert at Quincy Bog

Join local vocalist-songwriter **Audrey Drake** whose warm, soulful tone creates an immediate sense of connection. Her artistry is rooted in years of classical training, hard work and lived experience. Haunting melodies and honest, reflective lyrics draw listeners into a world where it's just the music, the moment and the emotional journey unfolding.

June 24 – Out in the Wild: One Man's Journey from the Closet to the Summit – Mike Boisvert

Outdoor enthusiast and conservation advocate **Mike Boisvert** traces his journey from a closeted youth to a confident, out gay man, shaped in large part by time spent outdoors. From formative lessons learned hiking the Appalachian Trail to moments of quiet self-discovery in the mountains, the natural world becomes both a refuge and a teacher. The presentation celebrates the power of chosen family and community found through outdoor clubs and shared adventure, leaving the audience inspired, affirmed and ready to keep moving forward, on and off the trail.

July 8 – Eavesdropping on the Environmental Biologists: A Poetry Reading and Conversation – Liz Ahl

Liz Ahl will share original, highly accessible poems inspired by the natural world. Expect to encounter plants, birds, landscapes, weather, geology, insects, bodies of water, and one human fumbling through it all, making and mixing metaphors, experiencing and trying to articulate wonder, sadness, curiosity, humor, fear and hope.

July 22 – Mid-Summer Forest Health Update – Kyle Lombard

Longtime NH Forest Health Program Manager **Kyle Lombard** will give updates and assessment of current forest health issues such as beech leaf disease, emerald ash borer, spruce budworm, red pine scale and other active forest health problems relevant in 2026.

August 19 – Brewing in New Hampshire: An Informal History of Beer in the Granite State

Glenn Knoblock explores the fascinating history of New Hampshire's beer and ale brewing industry from Colonial days, when it was home- and tavern-based, to today's modern breweries and brew pubs. Unusual and rare photos and advertisements document this changing industry and the state's earliest brewers, including the renowned Frank Jones. A number of lesser-known brewers and breweries that operated in the state are also discussed, including the only brewery owned and operated by a woman before the modern era. Illustrations present evidence of society's changing attitudes towards beer and alcohol consumption over the years. Whether you're a beer connoisseur or a "tea-totaler", this lecture will be enjoyed by adults of all ages. This event is made possible by a grant from **New Hampshire Humanities**.

August 26 – Invasive Upland Plant Species of New Hampshire– Doug Cygan

Invasive Species Coordinator for the NH Department of Agriculture **Doug Cygan** will provide an in-depth look at upland invasive plant species, including Japanese Knotweed, Burning Bush, Oriental Bittersweet, Norway Maple, Japanese Barberry and Purple Loosestrife. Attendees will learn the identifying features, characteristics, control measures and New Hampshire rules and regulations of some of the most aggressive non-native plants here in the Granite State.

Nature Walks at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2026

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 16 (rain date April 17) – Quincy Bog Beaver Walk (6:30 – 8:00 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 3– Spring Bird Walk (7:00 to 9:30 AM)

May marks the peak of spring migration, presenting bursts of color and song as birds return to New Hampshire's woods, meadows and wetlands to set up nests or rest before continuing further north to Canada. **Lena Moser's** beginner-focused bird walk is a relaxing way to enjoy the unique habitat of Quincy Bog while learning first-hand from an experienced birder and naturalist.

Saturday, May 30 (rain date May 31) – 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, from upland forest to swampland to the pond edge. The walk is timed to see some of the shrubs in bloom.

Saturday, August 22 (rain date August 23) – Late Summer Wildflower Walk (9:00 – 11:30 AM/Noon)

Whether you're simply interested in observing the late summer 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.

Wednesday, September 2 (rain date September 9) – Binocular Highlights of the September Night Sky –

Brad Moser (8:00 to 9:30 PM) Binoculars are a surprisingly satisfying way to view the night sky. Professor **Brad Moser** will present a brief indoor orientation to the night sky before moving outside to view constellations, double stars, globular clusters and other wonders of the late summer night sky, weather permitting. A limited number of binoculars are available, but bring your own if you have them. It would also be helpful to bring a flashlight for walking back to the parking area in the dark.

Saturday, September 4 (rain date September 5) – Edible Mushrooms of Quincy Bog – Thomas Stoughton (9:00 – 11:30 AM)

Join evolutionary biologist **Thomas Stoughton** for a walk around Quincy Bog where we will encounter fungi and discuss their ecological and/or economic significance. The focus of the walk will be to confer tips and tricks for how to go about identifying mushrooms, including common edible species found in New Hampshire.

Date To Be Determined – Kids Nature Walk – Sarah Dunham

For kids ages 4 to 12 and their caregivers. Walk around the Quincy Bog trail with nature lover and educator **Sarah Dunham** to 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.

