



## Is It A Groundhog Or A Woodchuck?

Hi Everyone,

So, have you ever wondered about groundhogs or woodchucks? The word “groundhog” has European origins which basically mean “ground pig”. The word “woodchuck” is believed to be a corruption by early New England colonists of the Algonquian word “ockqutchau”, which is their word for woodchuck. Both words can be used interchangeably for the same animal.

A groundhog is a type of rodent from the squirrel family. Yes, the squirrel family. There are three types of squirrels – a tree squirrel, a ground squirrel, and a flying squirrel. Groundhogs are the ground squirrel type.

Groundhogs are native to North America. Their life span in the wild is usually 3 to 6 years. They are excellent diggers and create wonderful burrow systems that can be basic or complex depending on the soil composition. Most of these burrows are 25 to 30 feet in length and 2 to 5 feet below the ground’s surface. There will be a sleeping chamber near the end of the main burrow, which is also used for raising their young. Being clean animals, there is a separate toilet chamber away from where they sleep. The main entrance is a distinctive mound, so they have a clear view of the surrounding area. Their “back door” is hard to find. Think about it, who wants unexpected visitors that might have you in mind for their evening meal? They have a summer burrow in an open area such as a field or maybe your backyard. In the winter, they move to another burrow that is deep enough to keep them from freezing which is usually in a woodland area.

They are considered true hibernators because they spend 4 to 5 months in the winter with a greatly reduced heart rate, respiration, and metabolism. Their food source during this time comes from their fat reserves. In Connecticut, they emerge from hibernation in early March. This is the time of their mating season. Their young are born in April or May; just under 4 inches in length. By the summer, the young are weaned, foraging on their own, and beginning to look for places to build their own burrows. Succulent plants, such as clover, dandelions, herbs, grasses, and things from your garden, are what they enjoy eating. As a child, I remember the woodchuck living in our backyard eating all the flowers off the dandelions in one afternoon. And, we had a lot of them that year.

The Famous Punxsutawney Phil is a groundhog noted for his predictive powers about the arrival of spring. He is said to have started his predictions in 1887. Though they would like us to believe that Phil is 132 years old this February 2<sup>nd</sup>, I think it’s an eleventh-generation grandchild giving us the prediction since a groundhog’s lifespan in captivity is usually limited to 9 to 14 years.

This descendent of the first Phil has quite a life compared to the groundhog found in our local fields or backyards. For Phil’s service, the Town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania provides a climate-controlled environment with man-made burrows located next to the Punxsutawney Public Library along with all the food he wants. What a life! Wonder if he can have friends over to visit?

Look forward to seeing you out and about!

*Miss Judy*

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## WINDING TRAILS NATURE EVENTS

*Registration is required 3 days prior to the event. If not enough people signup, the program is canceled.*

### DATE/TIME

- **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Click on this link to register:

- **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Click on this link to register:

### EVENT

#### **Nature's Secrets – Winter Explorations**

Activities for families with young children.  
Activities for families with older children and adults.  
Fee-based Program  
Open to the Public & Winding Trails' Members  
<http://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=895>

#### **Explore the Night Walk – Winter Explorations**

Fee-based Program  
Open to the Public and Winding Trails' Members  
<http://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=896>

## HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### WINTER FESTIVAL – PART OF THE GREAT PARK PURSUIT



*Winter Festival*

*In partnership with CARE and The City of Torrington*  
Saturday, February 2, 2019  
10 AM – 3 PM

Burr Pond State Park  
384 Burr Mountain Rd, Torrington, CT

**FREE!!**  
No registration required.  
Food will be available for sale

Ice-fishing, fish fry, ice safety, search & rescue dogs, bonfire,  
marshmallow roasting, snowshoeing, winter games, ice sculptures,  
winter hikes and more!!

For more information:  
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or visit  
[www.NoChildLeftInside.org](http://www.NoChildLeftInside.org)



- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> NATURE'S SECRETS – WINTER EXPLORATION**

**The LODGE Upstairs Conference Room at Winding Trails, 50 Winding Trails Drive, Farmington**

This winter join Miss Judy for a fun Saturday of learning something new about the great outdoors. The program format is an indoor introduction about the day's topic followed by a hands-on outdoor activity to try out what you learned.

The February program will have us exploring the winter landscape. The activities will be based on the weather -- checking out ice on the pond or building a snow fort or taking a hike. Either way, we will be having a great time exploring the outdoors.

- The morning session, which runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., will have activities for families with young children.
- The afternoon session, which runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., will have activities for families with older children and adults.

Dress in layers so you can be comfortable during the indoor introduction and warm enough for the outdoor activity.

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- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> EXPLORE THE NIGHT – WINTER EXPLORATION**

**Garmany Hall at Winding Trails, 50 Winding Trails Drive, Farmington**

Miss Judy invites you to bring your friends and family for a fun night of learning about the great outdoors. The general format includes an inside introduction to the evening program, an outside walk, a warm fire with S'mores or something baked in the fire, a short walk outside to check the night sky, and of course family socializing with other night explorers. Dress in layers for the weather conditions that day -- it can get very cold on these winter nights.

In February, we will take advantage of the bright gibbous moon to explore the night. Our activities will be based on the weather that day. If we have snow, we'll travel the snowshoe trails for animal tracks and other signs of night travelers. If we have safe ice, we'll wander the waterways to discover the thickness and kind of existing ice. If neither are available, we'll still get out to explore what February provides. The night sky viewing will look for the winter constellations.

Click on this link to register: <http://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=896>

## **COMING NEXT MONTH**

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> NATURE'S SECRETS – MAPLE SUGARING MAGIC**

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This winter join Miss Judy for a fun Saturday of learning something new about the great outdoors. The program format is an indoor introduction about the day's topic followed by a hands-on outdoor activity to try out what you learned.

The March program will have us exploring the history and process of maple sugaring. The inside introduction will cover the history of maple syrup and explain how the sap is collected and processed to make maple syrup. The outside portion will have us tapping some trees and trying our hand at using an evaporator to make the syrup.

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In March, we will take advantage of the just waxing gibbous moon to explore the night. Our activities will have us checking the sap buckets and trying our hand at the evaporator. We'll return inside to get warm by the fire and make pancakes with some maple syrup. A look at why maple sap runs this time of year and the history of syrup making in New England. If sky conditions are good, we'll do some night sky viewing to look for the winter constellations.

Click on this link to register: <http://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=896>

- **THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**                      **SPRING LUNCHEON – SNAKES OF CONNECTICUT**  
**Garmany Hall at Winding Trails, 50 Winding Trails Drive, Farmington**  
Winding Trails' members and their guests are invited to join us for an early spring luncheon to enjoy the company of their fellow members. We will begin the program with a presentation on the Snakes of Connecticut by Brian Kleinman of Riverside Reptiles. He will answer the proverbial question about local snakes through a PowerPoint about Connecticut's 14 species. It will be followed by us meeting 8 different snakes, including the infamous Northern Copperhead. A lunch will follow the presentation.  
Click on this link to register: <https://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=898>
  
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**                      **SNAKES! – A TRAILS FUND PROGRAM**  
**Garmany Hall at Winding Trails, 50 Winding Trails Drive, Farmington**  
We are pleased to have Riverside Reptiles returning to offer us a new program, SNAKES! Learn about these fascinating but often misunderstood reptiles. How do they locate prey? How do they eat? How big do they grow? Meet numerous species of snakes from a variety of locations. Learn about our native Connecticut species and what we can do to conserve their habitat and ensure their survival.  
  
This FREE program is open to the public and Winding Trails members.  
Click on this link to register: <https://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=885>

## FISHING IN CONNECTICUT

Fishing is a great activity that gets one outdoors and provides a way to see the many diverse areas of the state of Connecticut. In addition, it provides a way to enjoy and develop a life skill as one socializes with family and friends.

To help the public have greater access to enjoy the fishing experience, the State of Connecticut has developed a variety of ways to keep the public up-to-date on what is happening within the state. Here is how to access many of them:

- **New Mobile app**  
["Connecticut is Fishy!"](#)
- **Those that use social media will find these links helpful:**  
[Facebook](#) Connecticut Fish and Wildlife Facebook  
[Twitter](#) CT DEEP Fisheries Twitter  
[FishBrain](#) Social Fishing App to Track Your Catches, Socialize with Other Anglers, and Get Fishing Intel



- **Youth Fishing Passport**  
The [Youth Fishing Passport Program](#) is a free product available to youth who are age 15 or younger. The program has [sponsors](#) who offer free or discounted fishing items and has two activities; [Geo-Catching](#) and the [Fishing Challenge](#), which encourage families to spend quality time fishing together.
- **Angler's Guide**  
Electronic [Angler's Guide](#)
- **Current Regulations**  
Inland fisheries [current regulations](#)  
Marine fisheries [current regulations](#)  
Multi-lingual marine fisheries regulations as a [poster](#)
- **Educational brochures:**  
Freshwater Fish in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)  
Saltwater Fish in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)
- **Subscribe to E-Newsletters**  
CT Fishin' Tips (monthly)  
Fishing Report (weekly)

Ice Fishing Classes and Events					
Pre-registration is required					
Class Dates	Town	Location/Details	Status	Class Times	Call to Register
Jan 31, 2019	Ansonia	Ansonia Armory/25 North Cliff St	Open	6:30pm to 8:30pm	(203) 231-0946
Feb 9, 2019	Bristol	Indian Rock Nature Preserve Classroom 10 AM-12 PM; On-ice Fishing Trip 12:30-2:30 PM (if Ice Conditions Permit)	Open	10:00am to 2:30pm	(860) 583-1234
Special Fishing Events					
Class Dates	Town	Location/Details	Status	Class Times	Call to Register
Feb 2, 2019	Torrington	Burr Pond State Park No Child Left Inside - Winter Festival	Open	10am to 3pm	

## NIGHT SKY WATCHING

### FULL MOON INFORMATION

The **Full Snow Moon** will occur on **February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:53 a.m. EST**. The moon's name comes from snow covering the ground.

### OTHER OBSERVATIONS THIS MONTH INCLUDES:

#### CELESTIAL EVENTS

- **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Groundhog Day – A Cross-Quarter Day**  
This day is the midpoint between the Winter Solstice on December 21<sup>st</sup> and Spring Equinox on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **February 4<sup>th</sup>**      Moon phase – New Moon  
**Micro Moon... The moon will be at apogee or the farthest distance from the Earth which causes the illuminated portion of the moon to appear 30% smaller.**
- **February 9<sup>th</sup>**      Moon phase – waxing crescent
- **February 12<sup>th</sup>**      Moon phase – first quarter
- **February 14<sup>th</sup>**      Moon phase – waxing gibbous
- **February 19<sup>th</sup>**      Moon phase – **Full Moon at 10:53 a.m. EST**
- **February 24<sup>th</sup>**      Moon phase – waning gibbous
- **February 26<sup>th</sup>**      Moon phase – last quarter

Sources:              Old Farmer's Almanac – Astronomy              <http://www.almanac.com/astronomy>  
                         Sky Watch 2019    Sky & Telescope Publishing  
                         A Year of the Night Sky Calendar 2019              Ziga Media

Visit this website to obtain **The Evening Sky Map (PDF)**; a 2-page monthly guide to the current month's night sky.  
<http://skymaps.com/downloads.html>

## AT WINDING TRAILS

Join Miss Judy on the evening of **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** at Winding Trails for the **Explore the Night Walk**. The sun will be setting at 5:25 p.m. EST and civil twilight will last till 5:54 p.m. EST. We will have the near full moon to help us during our walk, yet you should remember your flashlights to view details found along the trails during the walk. Hoping for a clear sky to observe the near full moon that will rise at 1:59 p.m. and look for some of the brighter winter constellations.

## AT WHITE MEMORIAL IN LITCHFIELD

On **Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the A.B. Ceder Room, the members of the Litchfield Hills Amateur Astronomy Club and the Mattatuck Astronomical Society will be doing an indoor program. Weather permitting that night, there will be star gazing after the program. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. You are invited to bring your own telescope or binoculars.

**Details about the indoor program can be found at:** <http://lhastro.org/event/star-party-2-22-19/>

Full details can be found on their website at <http://www.whitememorialcc.org/whats-happening/calendar/> to check out their calendar for more information or call *The Conservation Center for more details at 860-567-0857*.

## AT THE COPERNICAN OBSERVATORY AND PLANETARIUM IN NEW BRITAIN

The Copernican Observatory and Planetarium at the Central CT State University in New Britain has regularly scheduled programs listed in their calendar that are posted on their website. The planetarium and observatory offer free monthly programs that are open to the public.

### **Planetarium Shows and Events:**

On **Saturdays, February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.**, they will have their regularly scheduled free show in their planetarium.

For planetarium shows, seating is first come, first served. The planetarium is in Copernicus Hall. Convenient parking is in the Copernicus (South) garage (An interactive map is located at this link: <http://www2.ccsu.edu/campusMap/>).

## Observatory Events:

On **Saturdays, February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**, join them for a free observing session directly after the planetarium show (observing is weather permitting: they need a clear sky). The observatory is located on the roof of Copernicus Hall. Take the elevators to the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> floor and follow the signs.

For additional information, visit this link: <http://web.ccsu.edu/astronomy/>

## **AT THE WESLEYAN VAN VLECK OBSERVATORY IN MIDDLETOWN**

The Wesleyan Van Vleck Observatory in Middletown offers Saturday night public observations and family programming.

### **Monthly Saturday Night Observing (runs all year long) at 8:00 p.m.**

**(February 16<sup>th</sup>)**

Organized and hosted by the **Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford (ASGH)**, this is a great opportunity to view the sky through our beautiful 20" refractor. Re-furbished in recent years in honor of Walter Scott "Scotty" Houston who used this instrument many nights, we can now share this telescope with the public on regular occasions. For parking, please note that we are NOT permitted to park at the observatory building on observatory hill. Please use Lot V on Vine Street and walk up the hill to the observatory.

**Link for additional information:** <http://asgh.org/public-observing/february-16-2019/>

**The session will be canceled should the weather not permit observings**, such as cloud cover, high wind, or threat of precipitation. Cancellation notices will be posted on their website by 6:00 p.m. the day of the observing event. **For up-to-date details**, please visit the <http://asgh.org/public-observing/>.

For parking, use Lot V on Vine Street and walk up the hill to the observatory. The campus map is available at this link: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/about/images/CamMap\\_0824\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.wesleyan.edu/about/images/CamMap_0824_WEB.pdf).

### **Kids' Nights for Observing**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Aimed at Elementary School Ages, Yet Open to Anyone**

**(February 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Kid-friendly space-related activities, led by our graduate and undergraduate students, which include observing with our telescopes when it's clear.

For parking, use Lot V on Vine Street and walk up the hill to the observatory. The campus map is available at this link: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/about/images/CamMap\\_0824\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.wesleyan.edu/about/images/CamMap_0824_WEB.pdf).

### **Space Night**

**Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.**

### **Aimed at Adults & High School Students, Yet Open to Anyone**

**(February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Each program begins with a half-hour interactive presentation by one of our astronomy majors or masters' students, on some topic of space news or recent discoveries in astronomy, followed by observing through the telescopes if the sky is clear. The program occurs at the Van Vleck Observatory at 96 Foss Hill in Middletown, CT.

For parking, use Lot V on Vine Street and walk up the hill to the observatory. The campus map is available at this link: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/about/images/CamMap\\_0824\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.wesleyan.edu/about/images/CamMap_0824_WEB.pdf).

### **Wesleyan Astronomy Night Mailing List**

To get on their mailing list for a once a week email to find out what events are happening, scroll to the bottom of the page at this link, <http://www.wesleyan.edu/astro/events/index.html>, and enter your email address.

## **SPACE STATION OBSERVING**

NASA's Spot the Station service gives you a list of upcoming sighting opportunities based on your zip code through an interactive map for thousands of locations worldwide and will let you sign up to receive notices of opportunities in your email inbox or on your cell phone. The space station looks like a fast-moving plane in the sky and is bright enough that it can even be seen from the middle of a city! It can traverse the entire sky in 3 to 7 minutes. The notice gives the date, time, duration of visibility, and direction of travel. Enter in the town closest to your viewing location. Do note that there can be a series of dates during the year that it is not visible over Connecticut. The link for further information is <http://spotthestation.nasa.gov>.

## OTHER NATURE EVENTS IN CONNECTICUT

### ANSONIA NATURE & RECREATION CENTER – Upcoming Events – Preregistration is Required!

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday Creature Feature
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Guided Hike
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Grumpy Groundhogs
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> It's All in the Bark: Winter Tree ID
- February 9<sup>th</sup> Sweet Treats for Valentines
- February 16<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser – Creature Parade
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Snowshoe Sunday: Getting Ready for Bluebirds
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Winter Break: Winter Wonderland Activities
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> The Art of Animal Tracking with Andy Dobos
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Nature Explorers for Ages 2 to 5

Visit their website for more details and additional events at this link during the month of February!

<http://ansonianaturecenter.org/programs-events/calendar-of-events/>

### CT DEEP Events in CT – Upcoming Events – Preregistration is Required!

TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION, HOVER OVER PROGRAM TITLE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS:

Event	Date	Time	Location
<a href="#">Come Walk Among the Stars</a>	2/1/2019	7:00pm-9:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">Game of Logging Certified Training: Chainsaw Training for the Amateur LEVEL II</a>	2/2/2019	8:00am-4:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">Saturday, Long Distance Hike</a>	2/2/2019	11:00am-2:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">No Child Left Inside® Winter Festival!</a>	2/2/2019	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Burr Pond State Park Torrington
<a href="#">Air Quality: The Overlooked Resource</a>	2/5/2019	4:00 pm	At your computer
<a href="#">Senior Walks</a>	2/6/2019	11:00am-1:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">Forest Owners and Gypsy Moths</a>	2/6/2019	7pm - 9pm	Windham County Extension Center Brooklyn
<a href="#">Cross Country Skiing</a>	2/9/2019	1:00pm-3:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">Ice and Snow</a>	2/9/2019	10:00am-12:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">SIPRAC</a>	2/14/2019	9:00am	DEEP Headquarters Hartford
<a href="#">Merit Badge Day - Environmental Science</a>	2/16/2019	9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Kellogg Environmental Center Derby
<a href="#">Winter Birds</a>	2/16/2019	10:00am-12:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">Nature Macro Photography</a>	2/16/2019	2:00pm-4:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">Animal Track and Sign</a>	2/17/2019	1:00pm-3:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">BYO Bag Upcycling Workshop</a>	2/18/2019	10:00 am – 1:30 pm	Kellogg Environmental Center Derby
<a href="#">Full Moon Night Hike and Campfire</a>	2/19/2019	6:00pm-8:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">Global Grocery Bag</a>	2/20/2019	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Kellogg Environmental Center Derby
<a href="#">Senior Walks</a>	2/21/2019	1:00-3:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">Predator Series: Birds of Prey</a>	2/23/2019	11:00am-1:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">Snowshoe Hike</a>	2/23/2019	2:00 pm-3:30 pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center
<a href="#">The Apiary Series: Starting your Hive</a>	2/24/2019	1:00pm-3:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center

<a href="#">Felted Wool Class</a>	2/24/2019	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Kellogg Environmental Center Derby
<a href="#">Environmental Literacy K-12</a>	2/27/2019	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Kellogg Environmental Center Derby

## CT Forest & Park Association – Upcoming Events

TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION, HOVER OVER PROGRAM TITLE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS:

Date ▲	Event	Town	Audience
February 7, 2019	<a href="#">CFPA Ramble: Timberland Preserve Hike</a>	Guilford	Adults
February 12, 2019	<a href="#">CFPA Ramble: Women of the Woods at Wadsworth Falls State Park</a>	Middlefield	Adults
February 12, 2019	<a href="#">February Senior Walk at CFPA</a>	Middlefield	Adults, Seniors
February 16, 2019	<a href="#">Winter Trails Workshop</a>	Middlefield	CFPA Volunteers

Visit their website for more details and additional events at this link!

<http://www.ctwoodlands.org/CFPA-events>

## CT River Watershed Council – Upcoming Events

- February 7<sup>th</sup> Trash Talk CT  
At CT Valley Brewing Company, 765 Sullivan Ave, South Windsor, CT

Visit their website to check out their calendar at this link <https://www.ctriver.org/news-events/>.

## CT State Museum of Natural History & Archaeology Center at UConn – Upcoming Events

No Events Posted at Time of Publication

Visit their website to check out for calendar updates at this link: <http://www.cac.uconn.edu/mnhcurrentcalendar.html>  
If you would like to be added to their mailing list to receive a printed copy of their programs, call 860-486-4460.

## Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut – Upcoming Events

- February 9<sup>th</sup> Introduction to Ice Fishing  
<http://elcct.org/event/introduction-to-ice-fishing-free/>
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Valentine Crafting  
<http://elcct.org/event/valentine-crafting/>
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Event: Artist Reception & Printmaking Demonstration – “Frolic” by Elizabeth Ann McNally  
<http://elcct.org/event/free-artist-reception-frolic-by-elizabeth-ann-mcnally/>
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
<http://elcct.org/event/annual-pancake-breakfast-fundraiser/>

Visit their website to check out their calendar at this link <http://elcct.org/>.

## Farmington River Watershed Association – Upcoming Events

No Events Posted at Time of Publication

Visit their website to check out their calendar at this link <http://frwa.org/programs-and-events/>.

## Friends of American Legion & Peoples State Forests (FALPS) – Upcoming Events

Use this link for a map of the Forest Trails - <http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/stateparks/maps/peoples.pdf>

Visit their website at <https://falps.org/> for more information about upcoming events and how to volunteer.

Watch their Facebook page at this link: [https://www.facebook.com/ctfalps/events?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/ctfalps/events?ref=page_internal)

(RSVP not required, but appreciated at [ctfalps@gmail.com](mailto:ctfalps@gmail.com) or call/text 860-882-9632)

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> FALPS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pre-Superbowl Group Hike with Ralph Scarpino... approximately 2.5 mile loop  
 Location: Matthies Grove Picnic Area, East River Road, Pleasant Valley, CT  
 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Winter Tree Identification with Master Naturalist, Lynn Kochiss  
 Location: Barkhamsted Highway Garage Community Room, 33 New Hartford Road (Rt. 44), Barkhamsted, CT  
 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Native Vegetation Plantings for Wildlife with DEEP Wildlife Biologist Peter Picone  
[https://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/wildlife/pdf\\_files/habitat/ntvtree.pdf](https://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/wildlife/pdf_files/habitat/ntvtree.pdf)  
 Location: Barkhamsted Highway Garage Community Room, 33 New Hartford Road (Rt. 44), Barkhamsted, CT  
 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Roaring Brook Nature Center – Upcoming Events

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Groundhog Day Hike
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> Superb Owl Sunday
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Darwin Day – Meet Mr. Darwin and Celebrate His Contributions to Science
- February 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>  
Love Our Animals – Valentines Week
- February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
It's Snow Wonder – Vacation Program for Grades K to 5<sup>th</sup>
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Under the Full "Snow" SUPER Moon Family Night Walk
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Winter Tree ID Scavenger Hunt

Visit their website to check out their calendar at this link for more information!

<http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html>

## Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area in Burlington, CT – Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
<a href="#">Wildlife Tracking</a>	2/23/2019	1:30PM -3:30PM	Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Burlington

For additional information about a program, click on the link or call their office at 860-424-3011.

Visit their website to obtain their trail map:

[http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/wildlife/pdf\\_files/maps/maps\\_other/swtrail.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/wildlife/pdf_files/maps/maps_other/swtrail.pdf)

## Sharon Audubon Center in Sharon, CT – Upcoming Events

No Events Posted at Time of Publication

Visit their website for other events at this link: <http://sharon.audubon.org/events>.

Or call the Audubon Center for information at (860) 364-0520

For a copy of their trail maps, visit: <http://sharon.audubon.org/trail-maps>

## White Memorial Conservation Center – Upcoming Events

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Live Concert and Contra Dance with Robert Messoré's Wry Bred!  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/live-concert-and-contra-dance-with-robert-messores-wry-bred/?instance\\_id=21](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/live-concert-and-contra-dance-with-robert-messores-wry-bred/?instance_id=21)
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Nature's Nursery for 3- to 6-year-olds

[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/natures-nursery/?instance\\_id=48](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/natures-nursery/?instance_id=48)

- February 9<sup>th</sup> Winter Wildlife Tracking with Andy Dobos: The Forest Wolf

[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/winter-wildlife-tracking-with-andy-dobos-the-forest-wolf-2/?instance\\_id=23](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/winter-wildlife-tracking-with-andy-dobos-the-forest-wolf-2/?instance_id=23)

- February 9<sup>th</sup> Cut It Out: The Local History and Practice of Ice Harvesting

[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/cut-it-out-the-local-history-and-practice-of-ice-harvesting/?instance\\_id=24](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/cut-it-out-the-local-history-and-practice-of-ice-harvesting/?instance_id=24)

- February 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Museum Children Free Week

[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/museum-children-free-week-3/?instance\\_id=25](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/museum-children-free-week-3/?instance_id=25)

- February 16<sup>th</sup> Artic Blast

[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/arctic-blast/?instance\\_id=26](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/arctic-blast/?instance_id=26)

- February 18<sup>th</sup> President's Day – Museum Closed ... Trails Open

[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/presidents-day/?instance\\_id=27](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/presidents-day/?instance_id=27)

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> STAR PARTY!

[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/star-party/?instance\\_id=28](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/star-party/?instance_id=28)

Night's Topic: <http://lhastro.org/event/star-party-2-22-19/>

- February 23<sup>rd</sup> An Evening with Abe: 1862 ~ Lincoln's Remarkable Year

[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/an-evening-with-abe-1863-lincolns-remarkable-year/?instance\\_id=29](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/an-evening-with-abe-1863-lincolns-remarkable-year/?instance_id=29)

Visit their website to check out their calendar and register at this link for more information!

<https://whitememorialcc.org/calendar/>

Or call The Conservation Center for more details at 860-567-0857.

For a copy of their trail maps, visit: <http://www.whitememorialcc.org/plan-visit/trail-maps-2/>

Look forward to seeing you out and about!

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