



THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR

Hi Everyone,

There is excitement in beginning new things. This past year, many of us started new activities in our lives. Some of these included being outside more than we had in the past. Whether it was walking, biking, or running, casting a line into the water while fishing, or just sitting outside to watch the wildlife or enjoy the sunshine, we made use of Nature as a way to “get away”. My hope for this coming year is that you remember those pleasant times and continue to incorporate those activities into this new year.

Looking through this month’s newsletter, there are plenty of opportunities to be outside. Here are a few to investigate:

- **Fishing in Connecticut** section ... Ice Fishing online classes with on-the-ice outside practices (pending safe ice)
- **Night Sky Watching** section ... Quadrantids Meteor Shower, planet observations, and space station observing
- **Other Nature Events in Connecticut** section ...
 - o New Years Hike & Seek at Goodwin State Forest – January 1st to 3rd
<https://www.ctwoodlands.org/CFPA-events/new-years-hike-seek-goodwin-state-forest>
 - o Roaring Brook Nature Center
Scavenger Hunts <http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts>
Nature Hikes <http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html>
 - o Friends of American Legion & Peoples State Forests (FALPS)
Use this link for information about their forests and maps of the Forest Trails - <https://falps.org/our-forests/>
 - o Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area
Use this link https://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/wildlife/pdf_files/maps/maps_other/swtrail.pdf
 - o White Memorial Conservation Center
For a copy of their trail maps, visit: <https://whitememorialcc.org/trail-maps/>

For me, it is the start of new things in my life. I am transitioning from a full-time to a part-time employee at Winding Trails. I will still be here each month to do weekend nature programs with families. A new addition for this year will be a monthly adult program... Never Stop Learning on Sunday afternoon. Many have asked for this new programming, so I look forward to being outside with you and sharing how Nature works. Finally, I will continue to visit with you during the year through this monthly Nature newsletter.

Look forward to seeing you out and about!

Miss Judy

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- WINDING TRAILS NATURE EVENTS
- FISHING IN CONNECTICUT
- NIGHT SKY WATCHING
- OTHER NATURE EVENTS IN CONNECTICUT

WINDING TRAILS NATURE EVENTS

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

With the ever-changing environment around COVID-19, we are unsure at this time what programs will be able to safely run. We are hoping to be able to offer all of these programs in some form but will keep the website updated with changes as needed.

DATE/TIME

EVENT

- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH** **LITTLE KIDS EXPLORING NATURE WALK – WINTER IN JANUARY**
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Fee-based Program for Members ONLY**
This winter, young children six and under will join Miss Judy with their families for a fun Saturday morning of learning something new about the great outdoors. The program format is an introduction about the day's topic with a walk to try out some hands-on outdoor activities about what you learned. Our January program will have activities based on the weather and conditions that day... exploring ice, looking for animal tracks,
Dress for the weather in layers to be comfortable as we become active and wear appropriate winter boots. Based on the weather, you might want to bring along your snowshoes or ice skates in case we include them as part of the program.
Click on this link to register: <https://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=1123>
If You Sign Up For This Program And Cannot Attend,
Please Contact Kim At kim@windingtrails.org So She Can Free Up Your Space For Others.
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH** **FAMILIES EXPLORING NATURE WALK – WINTER IN JANUARY**
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Fee-based Program for Members ONLY**
This winter, families with older children will join Miss Judy for a fun Saturday afternoon of learning something new about the great outdoors. The program format is an introduction about the day's topic with some hands-on outdoor activities to try out what you have learned. Our January program will have activities based on the weather and conditions that day... exploring ice, snow fort building, hiking, etc.
Dress for the weather in layers to be comfortable as we become active and wear appropriate winter boots. Based on the weather, you might want to bring along your snowshoes or ice skates in case we include them as part of the program.
Click on this link to register: <https://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=1124>
If You Sign Up For This Program And Cannot Attend,
Please Contact Kim At kim@windingtrails.org So She Can Free Up Your Space For Others.
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH** **NEVER STOP LEARNING – WATER IN WINTER**
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Fee-based Program for Members ONLY**
This winter begins a new series of programs for adult life-learners that enjoy getting out and about in nature. Join Miss Judy for an interesting Sunday afternoon learning something new about the great outdoors. The program format changes based on the topic and includes exploring the trails and shorelines throughout the property. The January program will be exploring the many aspects that water takes in winter from ice to snow and all phases in between.
Dress for the weather in layers to be comfortable as we become active and wear appropriate winter boots. Based on the weather, you might want to bring along your snowshoes or ice skates in case we include them as part of the program.
Click on this link to register: <https://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=1126>
If You Sign Up For This Program And Cannot Attend,
Please Contact Kim At kim@windingtrails.org So She Can Free Up Your Space For Others.

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. Also, it provides a way to enjoy and develop a life skill as one socializes with family and friends.

LEARN TO FISH

The **CARE** program offers **FREE** introductory fishing classes...

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/CARE/COVID-19-Updates-CARE-Program>

LEARN TO ICE FISH – ZOOM classes

Ice fishing is a great way to get outside during the cold winter months and enjoy some fresh air, get some exercise, and maybe even catch a fresh fish dinner! The CT DEEP Fisheries Division - **Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education (CARE)** program is offering virtual **Learn to Ice Fish** classes via ZOOM. We will cover safety on the ice, how to dress for the cold, where to go, ice fishing equipment, baits, techniques, and tactics during the ZOOM class. Experts will be available to answer all your ice fishing questions.

ZOOM Dates (All classes start at 6:00 pm):

January 5th (Tuesday)

January 14th (Thursday)

January 20th (Wednesday)

January 26th (Tuesday)

February 1st (Monday)

February 10th (Wednesday)

February 16th (Tuesday)

To register, please complete this **REGISTRATION FORM** and you will be emailed the ZOOM meeting credentials from justin.wiggins@ct.gov a week prior to the class.

All participants will be invited to register for an instructor lead ice fishing trip (pending safe ice) following completion of the ZOOM class. Ice fishing trips are limited to the first 20 people who register. We will email you an invitation with dates and details after the ZOOM class!

The CARE Program is proud of our hands-on, student-centered approach to fishing instruction. We seek to give students of all backgrounds the skills, knowledge, and encouragement needed to become successful anglers. Fishing fosters a unique connection with nature, leading CARE students to appreciate and advocate for Connecticut's natural resources.

DIY FISHING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

- **LET'S GO FISHING VIDEO SERIES**

Since CT DEEP is offering limited C.A.R.E. Fishing programs during the COVID crisis, they developed a series to get you started. It includes all the basics: setting up your rod, what equipment to have, baits and lures, rules and regulations, and how to cast.

- This workbook has all the information... [Let's Go Fishing workbook](#).
- This link provides YouTube videos that correspond to the Let's Go Fishing workbook chapters.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3l-ZMBS6Y-w3Cew583XOEneQg5dwXL0>

- **ELECTRONIC CT FISHING GUIDE**

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Fishing-Guide>

- **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Inland fisheries <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Freshwater/Current-Inland-Fisheries-Regulations>

Marine fisheries <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Saltwater/Current-Recreational-Marine-Fisheries-Regulations>

- **EDUCATIONAL BROCHURES**

- Freshwater Fish in English or Spanish**

- https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/general_information/InlandEnglishBrochurepdf.pdf?la=en

- https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/general_information/MarineEnglishBrochurepdf.pdf?la=en

- Saltwater Fish in English or Spanish**

- https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/general_information/InlandSpanishBrochurepdf.pdf?la=en

- https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/general_information/MarineSpanishBrochurepdf.pdf?la=en

- **ACCESS ADDITIONAL CT DEEP DIY FISHING VIDEOS AT** <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/CARE/CARE-Videos>

- [Learn to Fish](#)

- Learn about the CT DEEP Learn to Fish program.

- [How to Fillet a Fish](#)

- Once you've caught your fish, learn how to fillet them for cooking.

- [CT Trout Park Tutorial](#)

- Join Justin Wiggins of the CT DEEP Fisheries Division and his son Quinn as they teach you the basics of trout fishing at Wharton Brook Pond - one of many trout parks located in Connecticut.

- [Panfish Primer](#)

- Learn all about how to catch panfish and cook them.

- [Ice Fishing Videos](#)

- Learn what ice fishing is about along with how to sound a hole and land fish on a tip-up.

Interactive Maps

- [Connecticut is Fishy](#)

- This interactive application will cover everything you need for fishing in Connecticut! From fish species you can catch, where to go, fishing license information, and more - Connecticut is Fishy has you covered!

- [Interactive Trout Stocking Map](#)

- This interactive map shows all trout stocking locations around Connecticut, access points for fishing, and days since each waterbody was last stocked

- [Saltwater Fishing Map](#)

- This interactive saltwater fishing application has it all – from places to fish, where to launch a boat, bait and tackle shops, party and charter fishing boats, coastal access, and more!

Where to Fish

- [Trout Parks](#)

- Designed to enhance trout fishing opportunities and success for young and novice anglers, Trout Parks are stocked frequently in spring and fall.

- [Community Fishing Waters](#)

- Established to promote natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities within Connecticut's major population centers and urban neighborhoods. Community Fishing Waters are stocked with [trout](#) and/or [channel catfish](#).

- [Enhanced Opportunity Shore Access](#)

- These designated saltwater shore fishing locations have great public access and reduced length limits for summer flounder and scup to increase the opportunity to bring dinner home!

- [Fishing Areas With Disabled Access](#)

- Enjoy fishing without having to stress about getting to the spot

Trout and Salmon

- [Trout Management Areas](#)

- Year-round trout fishing opportunities and high catch-rates can be found at our Trout Management Areas (TMAs)!

- [Wild Trout Management Areas](#)

- Your chance to catch one of Connecticut's most beautiful looking trout.

- [Trout Management Lakes](#)

- Scenic lakes offering some quality fishing for a potential large hold-over trout

- [Kokanee Salmon Lakes](#)

- Only two lakes east of the Mississippi have a Kokanee salmon fishery, both are here in CT!

- [Atlantic Salmon Management Areas](#)

Two sections of the river where you have the chance to catch the king of gamefish

Bass, Pike, Walleye, and Friends

- [Bass Management Lakes](#)
A variety of options for landing one of the most sought after gamefish in Connecticut
- [Northern Pike Management Waters](#)
Offer the chance to land one of the largest freshwater gamefish
- [Walleye Management Waters](#)
Your chance to land a delicious meal from one of the country's most popular gamefish
- [Channel Catfish Waters](#)
Quality and Quantity in these waters stocked with farm-raised channel catfish
- [Common Carp](#)
Trophy-sized at that!
- [Where to Fish](#)
Find additional maps and places to fish in the inland and coastal waters of Connecticut.

Records/Awards

- [Trophy Fish Award Program](#)
- [Freshwater State Records](#)
- [Saltwater State Records](#)
- [Youth and Women's Saltwater Trophy Fish Records](#)
- [Catch and Release Saltwater State Record Fish](#)
- [Marine Fish Trophy Award Brochure](#)
- [Bait and Tackle Shops](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

- [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
- **CT Fishin' Tips (monthly e-Newsletter)**
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/CT-Fishin-Tips>
- **Fishing Report (weekly e-Newsletter from January to January)**
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Weekly-Report/Weekly-Fishing-Report>

LICENSES

- **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 the activity, [Fishing Challenge](#), which encourages families to spend quality time fishing together.
- **Fisheries Licenses**
Here is the link for purchasing licenses based on your fishing preferences...
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Fisheries-Licenses-and-Permits>

Do you know that your Fishing fees fuels conservation!

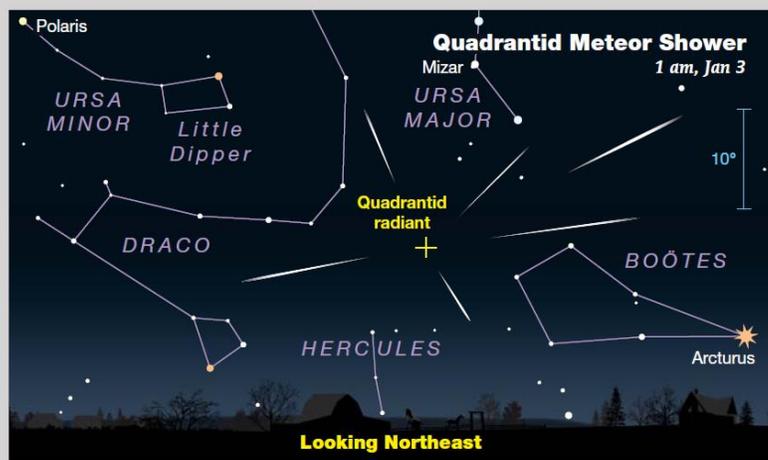
100% of your investment comes to the Bureau of Natural Resources to support DEEP's programs that feed your passion. Examples include; [trout rearing and stocking](#), purchase of [pike, walleye](#), and [channel catfish](#), land acquisition for conservation and fishing access, maintenance of [boat ramps](#), restoration of [migratory fish species](#), monitoring of resident fish populations ([marine](#) and [freshwater](#)), and [education](#) to share the many benefits fishing has to offer. Looking for more information visit this link- [Fishing fuels conservation](#).

NIGHT SKY WATCHING

FULL MOON INFORMATION

The **Full Wolf Moon** will occur on **January 28th at 2:16 p.m. EST** and gets its name from traditional Native American naming because wolf packs would howl outside villages amid the cold and deep snows of midwinter.

QUADRANTID METEOR SHOWER



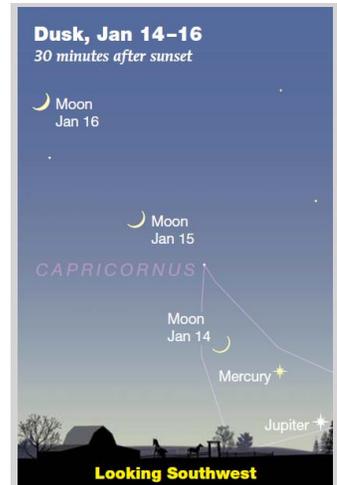
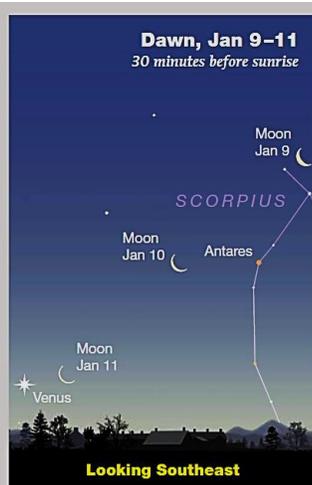
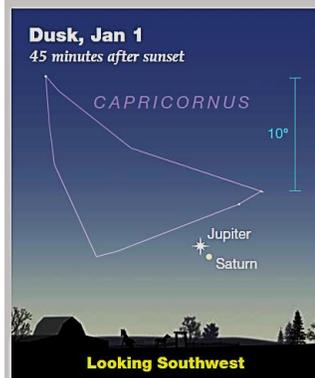
▲ This month's Quadrantid meteor shower will be hampered somewhat by light from a waning gibbous Moon, which rises in the early evening on January 2nd. Given the timing of the display's peak, the best time to look will be in the predawn hours of January 3rd.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS THIS MONTH INCLUDES:

PLANETS

- **Mercury** is visible at dusk after January 8th in the west-southwest near Jupiter and Saturn
- **Venus** is a pre-dawn planet seen in the southeast
- **Mars** is an evening star beginning the night overhead in the south
- **Jupiter and Saturn** are evening stars found in the southwest from January 1st to 8th about 45 minutes after sunset. As the month progresses, they shift to the west-southwest.

▼► These scenes are drawn for near the middle of North America (latitude 40° north, longitude 90° west); European observers should move each Moon symbol a quarter of the way toward the one for the previous date.



CELESTIAL EVENTS

- **January 1st** The planets Jupiter and Saturn will be seen together in the southwest about 45 minutes after sunset below the constellation Copernicus.
- **January 2nd & 3rd**
Quadrantids Meteor Shower Peaks at 1:00 a.m. on the 3rd. Look northeast the evening of the 2nd and the morning of the 3rd ... display will be hindered by the waning gibbous moon.
- **January 4th** Moon phase – waning gibbous
- **January 6th** Moon phase – last quarter at 4:37 a.m. EST
- **January 8th** Moon phase – waning crescent
- **January 9th** At dusk, looking west-southwest, find the planets Jupiter, Saturn, and Mercury just above the horizon.
- **January 9th to 11th**
Watch the waning crescent moon move across the southeastern sky just before dawn.
- **January 13th** Moon phase – new moon at 12:00 a.m. EST
- **January 14th to 16th**
Around 45 minutes after sunset, look in the southwest for the waxing crescent moon as it moves from the horizon into the sky as the days progress.
- **January 17th** Moon phase – waxing crescent
- **January 20th** Moon phase – first quarter at 4:01 p.m. EST
- **January 23rd** Moon phase – waxing gibbous
- **January 28th** Moon phase – **Full Moon at 2:16 p.m. EST**

Sources: Old Farmer's Almanac – Astronomy
<http://www.almanac.com/astronomy>
Sky & Telescope January 2021
AAS Sky Publishing, LLC
A Year of the Night Sky Calendar 2021
Ziga Media

To obtain a two-page star map of the night sky, go to this link... <http://skymaps.com/downloads.html>. Scroll down the page to find **The Evening Sky Map – Northern Hemisphere Edition** and click on the download for the current month,

AT THE COPERNICAN OBSERVATORY AND PLANETARIUM IN NEW BRITAIN

PUBLIC EVENTS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Until further notice, all planetarium shows and observing sessions are canceled due to the COVID-19 campus shutdown. Continue to check the website for further information as we move forward through this health crisis. We are looking forward to meeting you all under the stars once again. Be safe and stay healthy!

Astronomy Outreach @ CCSU

While the campus is currently closed (including the Copernican Planetarium and Observatory), the astronomy staff at CCSU is still committed to engaging with the citizens of Connecticut and helping you learn about and enjoy the universe!

- Learn about the constellations through fun micro-videos posted one per day!
 - 88 Constellations in 88 Words Over 88 Days can be found [here](#).
- Short YouTube videos about Harry Potter related astronomy activities...
 - Making a Sky Wheel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kODmcRM1SI>
 - Galaxy Model <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-H82bM0uNQ>
 - Centaurs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bf1GkXhpYMw>
 - Exploring Jupiter's Moons <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRy9f1vaUIw&t=42s>

AT THE WESLEYAN VAN VLECK OBSERVATORY IN MIDDLETOWN

PUBLIC EVENTS CANCELED FOR WINTER 2021

All public events at or sponsored by the astronomy department have been canceled. Thanks for your understanding.

"Ask An Astronomer" Project for Winter 2021 semester

If you'd like to submit a space question, please fill out this form – <https://forms.gle/BDKpvTapqWe2tDBo6>

The Wesleyan students will make an ~5-min video responding to the questions that will post on our Facebook page.

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

The Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center, the building, and the playground are closed to the public until further notice. All exterior parts of the property are open. Click here for a copy of our [TRAIL MAP](#)

Virtual Programming is available: [Check our Facebook page for updates on Events and Programs.](#)

Fiber Arts Group – Tuesdays, 6 pm via zoom

Get together with others to work on your fiber arts projects! Bring any kind of fiber work—knitting, felting, crocheting, etc. A great way to dedicate time to your handiwork and socialize too. FREE.

If you are interested in Fiber Arts, please send Dawn Sotir an email dawnsotir@gmail.com.

CT DEEP Events in CT – Upcoming Events

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

Event	Date	Time	Location
Feeder Chat Series	11/14/2020 - 2/27/2021	9:00am - 11:00am	At a computer
Feeder Chat	11/14/2020 - 3/27/2021	9:00 am	At a computer
Osborne Homestead Museum Holiday Reflections	12/15/2020 - 2/12/2021	Every day throughout the day	At a computer
Webinar: Wildlife in Winter: Birds	12/29/2020	5:00-6:00pm	At your computer
New Years Hike & Seek at Goodwin State Forest	1/1/2021 - 1/3/2021	Fri., Jan. 1, 2021 - 8:00am - Sun., Jan. 3, 2021 - 8:00pm	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
Aquarion Water Co. of CT - Public Info Hearing	1/6/2021	3:00 PM	Zoom
Exams for Supervising Forest Products Harvester and Forest Products Harvester	1/6/2021	9 am	Online
Hearing - UConn Storrs	1/7/2021	3:00 PM	Zoom
Napinar: Compose a Forest Concert	1/8/2021	1:30pm-2:00pm	At a computer Hampton
Bald Eagles	1/10/2021	1:00pm	At a computer
Webinar: Forests and Climate Change with Frank Cervo	1/11/2021	5:00pm-6:30pm	At a computer
Status Conference - NRG Middletown	1/13/2021	1:00 PM	Zoom
Hearing - Norwalk NPDES Permit	1/14/2021	3:00 PM	Zoom
Napinar: What's in the Mystery Box?	1/15/2021	1:30pm-2:00pm	At a computer
DATE CHANGE	1/20/2021	1:00 PM	Zoom
Status Conference - Murphy Road Recycling, LLC	1/22/2021	1:30pm-2:00pm	At a computer
Napinar: Winter Treats for Wildlife	1/26/2021	1:00 PM	ZOOM virtual meeting
Status Conference - Connecticut Port Authority (State Pier)	1/27/2021	12:00pm- 12:45pm	At a computer
Webinar: Using Fossils to Rebuild CT's Past with Dinosaur State Park (KIDS)	1/28/2021	6:00 pm	On line
Eastern Coyote, Webinar	1/28/2021	6:00 pm	On line
Napinar: Adopt a Tree	1/29/2021	1:30pm-2:00pm	

CT Forest & Park Association – Upcoming Events

- **HIKE THE BLUE-BLAZED TRAILS OF CONNECTICUT**

Statewide Locations

The CT Forest & Parks Association would like to remind you that the Blue-Blazed Trails in Connecticut are **STILL OPEN** to benefit your physical and mental health... having a natural and no-cost way to reduce stress, anxiety, and stir craziness is **IMPORTANT** to you and your family!

Follow This Link to Learn More: <https://www.ctwoodlands.org/public-policy/stuck-indoors-get-outside>

Date ▲	Event	Town	Audience
January 1, 2021	New Years Hike & Seek at Goodwin State Forest	Hampton	All are welcome, Adults, Children, Families, Teenagers
January 5, 2021	Webinar: Wildlife in Winter: REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS		All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
January 8, 2021	Napinar: Compose a Forest Concert		All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
January 11, 2021	Webinar: Forests and Climate Change with Frank Cervo		All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
January 15, 2021	Napinar: What's in the Mystery Box?		All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
January 19, 2021	Webinar: Wildlife in Winter: MAMMALS		All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
January 22, 2021	Napinar: Winter Treats for Wildlife		All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
January 27, 2021	Webinar: Using Fossils to Rebuild CT's Past with Dinosaur State Park (KIDS)		All are welcome, Adults, Children, Families, Teenagers
January 29, 2021	Napinar: Adopt a Tree		All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers

CT Public – Available Resources

Connecticut Public has collected a multimedia treasure trove of educational (and entertaining!) learn-at-home resources for students, families, and educators. This includes tips, tools, and advice on how to keep our minds, our bodies, and our curiosity healthy during these challenging times. Link for the site: <https://ctpublic.org/learn-at-home/>

Learning Snacks for Students

This whole not-going-to-school-and-staying-home-all-day is tough, we get it. Our goal is to help you take learning from home one day at a time. We have found the best way to get through it is with snacks of all kinds. [Click here](#) to find some learning snacks that take just a few minutes to do, rrrrrridiculous but related content, recipes for real-life snacks, and a little something extra for the most studious among us. [Go now »](#)

Fridays ... Science Friday Live on CT Public Radio at 2:00 p.m. w/ Ira Flatow

Explore science-related topics on [Science Friday](#) -- from subatomic particles and the human genome to the Internet and earthquakes. Listen to an in-depth discussion with scientists and others from all walks of life whose work influences our daily lives.

Cannot Do A Friday so Listen Any Day ... Science Friday Podcasts at <https://www.sciencefriday.com/science-friday-podcasts/>

Science Friday Educate Projects

Science Friday partners with educators and scientists to create free STEM activities, lessons, and resources for all learners. Check out the projects at <https://www.sciencefriday.com/educate/>.

Signup to Receive Weekly Learn At Home Updates

Each week we will pack up some fresh Learn at Home ideas and send them along with a schedule of our TV programming built just for students, and links to helpful resources. **SIGN UP NOW »**

CT River Watershed Council – Upcoming Events

Due to the current health risks inherent with large gatherings, and in accordance with state and local mandates, we have postponed our current events until further notice. Please join us virtually for the following...

January 13th Hydropower in NH & VT (Virtual Event)
- <https://www.ctriver.org/event/hydropower-in-nh-vt/>

January 27th Hydropower in MA (Virtual Event)
- <https://www.ctriver.org/event/hydropower-in-ma/>

GO WITH THE FLOW – Resources for Things to Do From Your Home

- <https://www.ctriver.org/river-resources-for-trying-times/>

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

- No Events 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

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- No Events Posted at Publication Time

Virtual Learning at <https://elcct.org/virtual-learning/>

Nature Videos at <https://elcct.org/videos/>

Farmington River Watershed Association – Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- No Events Posted at Publication Time

To check for updates, go to <https://frwa.org/events-2/>

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

THE TRAILS AT BOTH STATE FORESTS ARE OPEN AS OF THIS PUBLICATION... GO TAKE A WALK!

- We are in hunting season so remember to wear ORANGE when enjoying the forests.

UPCOMING EVENTS... For Details, visit <https://falps.org/events/#upcoming>

Use this link for information about their forests and maps of the Forest Trails - <https://falps.org/our-forests/>

Roaring Brook Nature Center – Upcoming Events

THE NATURE CENTER IS NOW OPEN!!! Our trails are also open to walkers. Remember Your Masks!

- January 1st to 5th Home for the Holidays Scavenger Hunt
<http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts>
- January 2nd & 3rd 'Frilufsliv' Winter Nature Hikes
To register for these hikes, call the Nature Center at 860.693.0263.
- January 3rd Winter Wonders (Virtual Program)
[Click here](#) to participate at 2 pm on January 3.
- January 6th to 19th Winter Birds Scavenger Hunt
<http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts>
- January 16th Family Winter Survival
To register for this program, go to this page <http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html> for the link.
- January 15th to 18th Stories in the Snow Hike

- To register for this program, go to this page <http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html> for the link.
- January 21st Critters in the Garden (Virtual Program)
To register for this program, go to this page <http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html> for the link.
- January 20th to February 5th Groundhog's Day Scavenger Hunt
<http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts>
- January 23rd Coldest Days Family Hike
To register for this program, go to this page <http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html> for the link.
- January 28th Under the "Wolf" Moon Night Walk
To register for this program, go to this page <http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html> for the link.
- January 31st Early Groundhog Day Hike
To register for this program, go to this page <http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html> for the link.

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

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

ALL PROGRAMS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

All public programs at Sessions Woods WMA are canceled until further notice and the Conservation Education Center is temporarily closed to the public due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements. The trails are open for solitary recreation only and all visitors should be following social distancing guidelines.

If the parking lot is full when you arrive, please come back at another time to help reduce crowding on the trails.

Visit their website to obtain their trail map:

https://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/wildlife/pdf_files/maps/maps_other/swtrail.pdf

Sharon Audubon Center in Sharon, CT – Upcoming Events

DUE TO THE COVID-19, THE AUDUBON CENTER WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Trails are open every day from dawn until dusk.

VIRTUAL LEARNING WITH THE COMMUNITY NATURALIST – <https://sharon.audubon.org/events>

- Ask the Naturalist for saved videos... <https://www.facebook.com/watch/SharonAudubonCenter/388011318781914/>
- Ask the Rehabber for saved videos... <https://www.facebook.com/watch/SharonAudubonCenter/1569153303253932/>
- Nature Tidbits for saved videos... <https://www.facebook.com/watch/SharonAudubonCenter/349681876006791/>

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

Like many of you, we have been closely monitoring the rapidly evolving situation regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Our number one priority will always be the health and safety of our visitors and staff.

VIRTUAL LEARNING on FACEBOOK LIVE or ZOOM: <https://whitememorialcc.org/calendar/>

- Click on a Calendar Event to get the link or register for the event.

- January 1st New Year's Day – Offices Closed ... Trails Open
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/new-years-day-2-2/?instance_id=703
- January 2nd Famous Animals in History w/ Gerri Griswold
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/famous-animals/?instance_id=704
- January 5th Contemplative Yoga
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/contemplative-yoga-january-5/?instance_id=705
- January 7th Virtual Nature's Nursery Series
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/virtual-natures-nursery-series-jan-apr-2021/?instance_id=746

- January 9th Pandemic Pantry w/ Gerri Griswold – Homage to the Apple
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/pandemic-pantry-apples/?instance_id=706
- January 9th Stories that Snowflakes Tell w/ Tom Alena
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/stories-that-snowflakes-tell/?instance_id=707
- January 12th Contemplative Yoga
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/contemplative-yoga-january-12/?instance_id=708
- January 16th Animals in Medicine and Magic in Ancient Egypt w/ Dr. Sofia Aziz
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/animals-in-medicine-and-magic/?instance_id=709
- January 18th Reverend Martin Luther King Day – Offices Closed ... Trails Open
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/reverend-martin-luther-king/?instance_id=710
- January 19th Contemplative Yoga
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/contemplative-yoga-january-19/?instance_id=711
- January 21st Nature's Not So Cuddly w/ Education Director Carrie Szwed
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/natures-not-so-cuddly/?instance_id=712
- January 23rd Beautiful, Beneficial, Blameless Bats w/ Maureen Heidtmann
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/beautiful-beneficial-blameless/?instance_id=713
- January 26th Contemplative Yoga
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/contemplative-yoga-january-26/?instance_id=714
- January 30th In Search of Lost Frogs w/ Twan Leenders, Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/in-search-of-lost-frogs/?instance_id=715

SPECIAL EVENTS & VIRTUAL VAULT: <https://whitememorialcc.org/special-events/>
<https://whitememorialcc.org/virtual-vault/>

For a copy of their trail maps, visit: <https://whitememorialcc.org/trail-maps/>

While enjoying White Memorial, please be respectful and courteous to others and follow social distancing etiquette.

Look forward to seeing you out and about!

Miss Judy

Judy Witzke, Park Naturalist

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