

Baby Spring Animals Are Arriving

Hi Everyone,

During the coming two months, the outdoors will be filled with nature activity. Many of the nests, burrows, and dens will be occupied with baby birds and young mammals. It is a time to enjoy the wonder of these new lives and be patient observers. At Winding Trails and many other environmental organizations, it is a common time to receive calls from anxious people finding “abandoned” or “lost” babies in their yards, at work, or during a walk in the forest. Most of these babies are hiding where a parent left them or are searching for food with their parents close by. Animal parents put lots of energy into raising their young and will not abandon them so resist the temptation to “rescue” these foundlings.

If you are truly concerned about an animal, try to safely determine the kind of animal you are watching and observe the surrounding situation. Next, pull out your Smartphone, tablet, or laptop. Go to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) link – http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2723&q=326228&deepNav_GID=1655. This link connects you to the “Dealing with Distressed Wildlife” webpage. Read through this webpage and click on the link at the bottom of the page pertaining to your found animal. Read the question(s) to help you decide if the animal truly needs your help. If you decide that it does need help, contact an animal rehabilitator shown in the list. You will be talking with a trained volunteer that is offering their personal time to answer your questions. Trust their advice, they do know their stuff. Occasionally, they will come out to survey the situation.

The other common calls received during late spring involve a female turtle doing one of the following actions:

- **A turtle is crossing the road on their way to lay eggs.**

Go to the CT DEEP website “Turtles and Roads Are A Deadly Combination” to read the information at this link – <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/News-Releases/News-Releases---2018/May/Turtles-and-Roads-Are-a-Deadly-Combination>

- **A turtle is laying eggs in my yard.**

Use this information from the National Wildlife Federations:

Place a wire basket over top of the nest area and weighted it down with a heavy rock. This basket cage should keep foraging mammals, like raccoons, skunks, and opossums, from being able to dig into the nest and protects the babies as they emerge.

The wire basket bars should be wide enough apart that tiny hatchling turtles will easily be able to fit between them. After that, they are on their own, just as they would be in nature.

Female turtles do not care for their young, which are fully equipped to hunt and forage for themselves.



For adults looking for something to do this month, check out the Never Stop Learning and Birdwatching: Spring Migration programs listed in the WINDING TRAILS NATURE EVENTS section on page 2. These programs are open to members and the public.

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.

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

• TUESDAY, APRIL 13th

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

NEVER STOP LEARNING – HOW DO VERNAL POOLS FUNCTION?

Fee-based Program for ADULTS ONLY – Members & Public Are Welcome

This spring continues a new series of programs for adult life-learners that enjoy getting out and about in nature. Join Miss Judy for an interesting Tuesday morning of 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 April program will be learning about the vernal pools that exist in the surrounding woodlands and wetland areas. Discover the animals that make use of these pools as an important part of their life cycles.

Dress for the weather in layers to be comfortable as we become active and wear appropriate footwear that works well around wetland areas. We meet at the Roosen Roost Pavilion by Dunning Lake.

Click on this link to register: <https://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=1196>

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.

BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ARE FULL...

• SATURDAY, APRIL 17th

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

LITTLE KIDS EXPLORING NATURE WALK – SPRING HAS ARRIVED

Meeting at Nature's Porch by Walton Pond

• SATURDAY, APRIL 17th

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

FAMILIES EXPLORING NATURE WALK – SPRING HAS ARRIVED

Meeting at Nature's Porch by Walton Pond

If You Signed Up For These Exploring Nature Walk Programs And Cannot Attend,

Please Contact Kim At kim@windingtrails.org So She Can Free Up Your Space For Others.

• SUNDAY, APRIL 18th

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

BIRDWATCHING – SPRING MIGRATION

Fee-based Program for 13 years and up – Members & Public Are Welcome

Join Blair Wlochowski, Winding Trails' bird volunteer, as we explore the Winding Trails' property to discover what birds are found here during the changing seasons. Learn tips on how to enhance your birding skills and work on your Bird Life List. The walks will travel through many habitat areas, so a good variety of birds are expected to be seen.

Dress for the weather and wear a good pair of walking shoes.

Click on this link to register: <https://www.windingtrails.org/register/?id=1164>

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/Introduction-to-Fishing-Courses>

The **CARE** program offers FREE fishing trips...

<https://he.aspirafocus.com/huntersafety/Account/Register?controllingSpC=9>

Locate Upcoming Courses and fill in the Filter by Event Type: Choose "Fishing Field Trip"

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**.

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=PL3I-ZMBS6Y-w3Cew583XOEnieQg5dwXL0>

- **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.

- **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

- **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>

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 April to April)**
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Weekly-Report/Weekly-Fishing-Report>

NIGHT SKY WATCHING

FULL MOON INFORMATION



The **Full Pink Moon** will occur on **April 26th at 11:33 p.m. EDT**. April's **Pink Moon** often corresponded with the early springtime blooms of a certain wildflower native to eastern North America: *Phlox subulata*—commonly called creeping phlox or moss phlox—which also went by the name “moss pink.”

Super Pink Moon: The First Supermoon of the Year

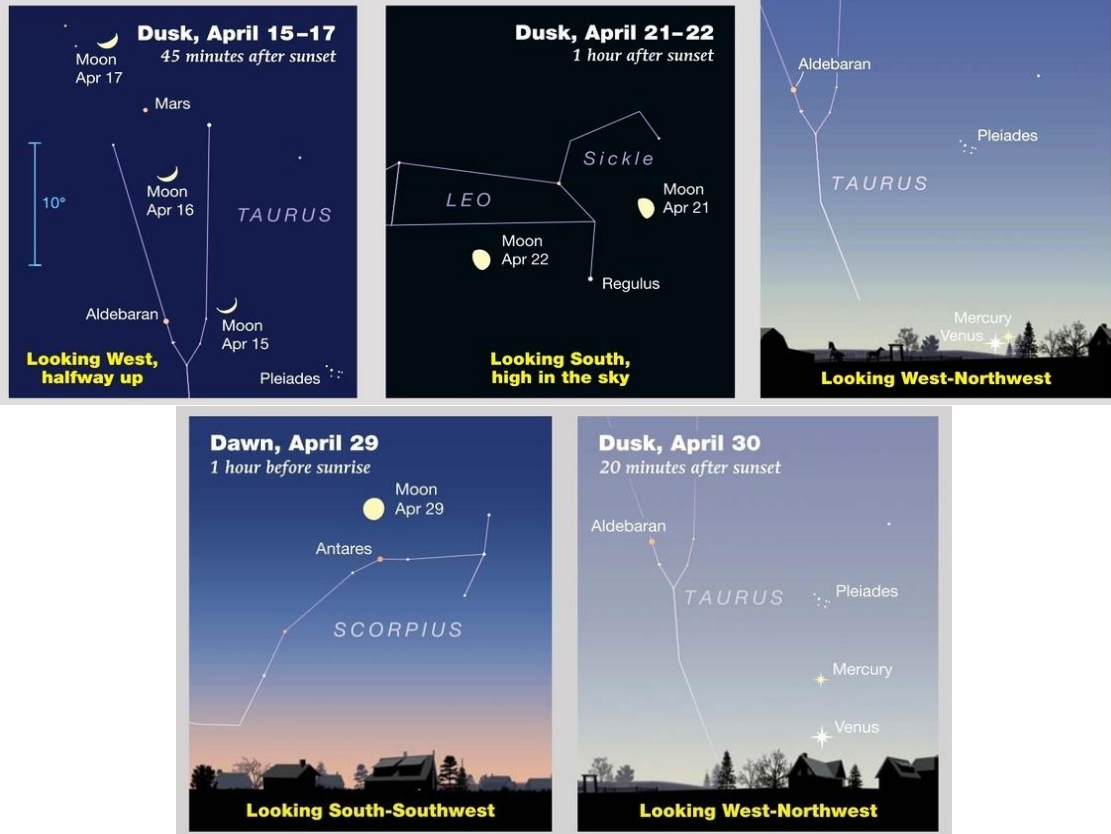
This year, we'll be treated to two supermoons, with the first occurring on April 26 and the second on May 26. Supermoons are said to appear bigger and brighter than your average full Moon.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS THIS MONTH INCLUDES:

PLANETS

- **Mercury** is visible by the horizon in the west-northwestern night sky after sunset
- **Venus** is will reappear as an evening planet on April 18th in the west-northwest very close to the horizon
- **Mars** is visible halfway up in the western night sky after sunset.
- **Jupiter and Saturn** are morning planets in the eastern sky just before dawn's twilight.

▶ 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; in the Far East, move the Moon halfway. The blue 10° scale bar is about the width of your fist at arm's length. For clarity, the Moon is shown three times its actual apparent size.



CELESTIAL EVENTS

- **April 1st** Moon phase – waning gibbous
- **April 4th** Moon phase – last quarter at 6:04 a.m. EDT
- **April 5th & 7th**
Watch the waning crescent Moon pass by Jupiter and Saturn in the morning, just before dawn's twilight becomes too bright. Both of the gas giants are now higher up and thus easier to see in the southeast.
- **April 6th** Moon phase – waning crescent
- **April 11th** Moon phase – new moon at 10:32 p.m. EDT
- **April 15th** In the western evening sky, use the Moon to find the orange star Aldebaran; the young waxing crescent hovers to the right of this very bright star which is known as the "Eye of Taurus."
- **April 16th** Look for orange planet Mars in the west above the waxing crescent Moon; then Mars is below the Moon on the 17th. Interestingly, Mars isn't half as bright as Aldebaran.
- **April 17th** Moon phase – waxing crescent
- **April 20th** Moon phase – first quarter at 3:00 a.m. EDT
- **April 21st to 22nd**
Look south, high in the sky about 1 hour after sunset, to watch the moon pass by the constellation, Leo the Lion.
- **April 21st to 22nd Lyrids Meteor Shower**
The Lyrids reach their peak on the night of April 21–22, 2021, when you can expect to see an average of 10 meteors per hour in dark, clear skies between midnight and dawn. Rarely, the Lyrids produce surges of up to 100 meteors per hour.

This meteor shower is visible from both the Northern and Southern Hemisphere, but is much more active in the Northern Hemisphere, where the meteors' radiant is high in the sky. This year, the Moon will be in a waxing gibbous phase during the Lyrids' peak, so the best viewing will be between 3:57 a.m. EDT and dawn on April 22.
- **April 22nd** Moon phase – waxing gibbous
- **April 26th** Moon phase – **Full Pink Moon at 11:33 p.m. EDT**
- **April 27th** This evening, Mercury can be seen about 55 minutes prior to sunset. It should be readily visible in binoculars about 12° to the southwest of (below) the Pleiades constellation.

Sources: Old Farmer's Almanac – Astronomy
<http://www.almanac.com/astronomy>
Sky & Telescope April 2021 by AAS Sky Publishing, LLC
Lunar Calendar 2021 Published by Universe Publishing
A Year of the Night Sky Calendar 2021 Text by Richard Talcott & Sky Charts by Charles Nix
Ecological Calendar 2021 by Chris Hardman

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 CANCELLED 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 CANCELLED FOR SPRING 2021

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

"Ask An Astronomer" Project for Spring 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](#)

- NO PROGRAMS SCHEDULED AT PUBLICATION TIME

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
Dinosaur State Park Virtual Programming	1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021	Per your Schedule	Online
Spring Ephemerals	3/30/2021	5:00-6:00pm	Online
Webinar: Wildlife and Pesticides	4/5/2021	5:00-6:00pm	Online
LOCATION CHANGE	4/8/2021 -	3:00 - 6:00 pm	Online
Project Learning Tree Facilitator Training	4/15/2021		
How Trees Communicate	4/17/2021	10:00am - 11:30am	Online Facebook Live & Zoom
Webinar: Creating a Pollinator Garden	4/19/2021	5:00-6:00pm	Online
Backyard Beekeeping (Part 4 of 4)	4/25/2021	1:00-2:30pm	Online

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	Audience
March 30, 2021	Webinar: Spring Ephemerals	All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
April 5, 2021	Webinar: Wildlife and Pesticides	All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
April 8, 2021	Project Learning Tree Facilitator Training	Adults, Educators, Spanish Speaking Community
April 13, 2021	Webinar: Vernal Pools!	All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
April 19, 2021	Webinar: Creating a Pollinator Garden	All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
April 25, 2021	Webinar: Backyard Beekeeping with Dave Gilbert (Part 4 of 4)	All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
April 26, 2021	Webinar: Creating a Wildlife Shade Garden	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 Conservancy (Formerly the 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...

- **April 6th** NH/VT Hydropower Happy Hour from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
<https://www.ctriver.org/event/nh-vt-hydropower-happy-hour/>
- **April 14th** Hydropower Coffee Hour: Critters from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
<https://www.ctriver.org/event/hydropower-coffee-hour-critters/>
- **April 28th** River Connections for Healthy Communities and Healthy Rivers from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
<https://www.ctriver.org/event/river-connections-for-healthy-communities-and-healthy-rivers/>

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 Programs Scheduled 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...

- **Tuesdays and Thursdays in April at 10 AM**
Follow our [Facebook page](#) to get direct access to our programs!
- **April 2nd** Drive Through Easter Egg Hunt
<https://elcct.org/event/drive-thru-easter-egg-hunt/>
- **April 3rd** Signs of Spring Trail Walk
<https://elcct.org/event/signs-of-spring-trail-walk/>

- April 5th through 9th Indian Rock April Vacation Camp
<https://elcct.org/event/indian-rocks-april-vacation-camp/>
- April 13th Bear Necessities: An Introduction to Bear Awareness and Safety
<https://elcct.org/event/bear-necessities-an-introduction-to-bea-awareness-and-safety/>
- April 23rd ASOLA (After School Outdoor Learning Adventures) – A Virtual Program
<https://elcct.org/event/asola-after-school-outdoor-learning-adventures-9/>
- April 29th Yellowstone: A Ranger's Perspective
<https://elcct.org/event/yellowstone-a-rangers-perspective/>
- April 30th ASOLA (After School Outdoor Learning Adventures) – A Virtual Program
<https://elcct.org/event/asola-after-school-outdoor-learning-adventures-10/>

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

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

Farmington River Watershed Association – Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- April 1st Beaver Talk with Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist at 7:00 PM
<https://frwa.org/newsroom-blog/beaver-talk-with-ginny-apple-4-1-21/>
- April 8th A Rift, not the River, made the Farmington Valley: The Geology of Route 44 in Western Connecticut
Presented by Howard Wright, Renbrook School Science Department Head at 7:00 PM
Partner Event with Avon Historical Society, Avon Free Public Library & Avon Senior Center
Via Zoom through a link from the Library... Sign up at: www.avonctlibrary.info

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!

April 1st through 30th

Come join FALPS for a multi-level *Hike & Seek Scavenger Hunt* in American Legion and Peoples State Forests. You can [download our Seek Lists](#), which include everything from historical spots in our forests, to types of trees, overlooks and much, much more, on our website and Facebook page. We will also e-mail the lists. There are different lists for different age levels and fun for all!

We encourage you to take pictures of your finds, then send the completed lists to ctfalps@gmail.com. Fun prizes will be awarded!

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!

- April 1st to 15th Eggs, Eggs, Eggs Scavenger Hunt
<http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts>
- April 11th Gardening w/ Frog & Toad – A Virtual Program
[Click here](#) at 2 pm on April 11 to attend.
- April 12th to 16th Spring Fever --- Vacation Program for Grades K to 5th
[Click here to register.](#)
- April 16th to 30th Bird Nests Scavenger Hunt
<http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts>
- April 20th Flatbread Pizza Night Fundraiser for the Nature Center
Support your local Flatbreads and Roaring Brook Nature Center with your TAKE OUT purchase of a pizza or two (or more) pizza from Flatbread's at The Shoppes at the Farmington Valley. A percentage of the pizza sales supports the Nature Center.

- **April 22nd** **Seeing Red: Why Friends Don't Let Friends Plant Burning Bush – A Virtual Program**
[Click here](#) at 7pm on April 22 to attend program.
- **April 24th** **Weekend Bird Walk at 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.**
[Click here](#) for April 24
- **April 25th** **World Frog Day Hike**
To register for this hike, [click here](#)

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

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.

- **April 2nd** **First Friday Nature Walk**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/first-friday-nature-walk>
- **April 3rd** **Community Bird Walk**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/community-bird-walk-2>
- **April 8th** **Chimney Swifts: The Mystery and Magic Revealed**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/chimney-swifts-mystery-and-magic-revealed-0>
- **April 10th** **Community Bird Walk**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/community-bird-walk>
- **April 15th** **Baby Season: Coming Soon To A Backyard Near You**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/baby-season-coming-soon-backyard-near-you>
- **April 17th** **Community Bird Walk**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/community-bird-walk-0>
- **April 23rd** **Bird Trivia Event – A Virtual Event**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/birds-trivia-night>
- **April 24th** **Community Bird Walk**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/community-bird-walk-1>
- **April 30th** **2021 Raptors and Riesling – A Virtual Event**
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/2021-virtual-raptors-and-riesling>

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.

- April 1st to May 14th Litchfield Land Trust & The White Memorial Native Plants for Pollinators Sale
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/native-plants-for-pollinators-sale/?instance_id=801
- April 1st Virtual Nature's Nursery Series
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/virtual-natures-nursery-series-jan-apr-2021/?instance_id=749
- April 2nd Virtual Star Party!
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/virtual-star-party-april2/?instance_id=782
- April 3rd Pandemic Pantry: Chocolate --- It's Not Just For Dessert, Folks!
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/the-pandemic-pantry-chocolate/?instance_id=783
- April 6th Contemplative Yoga w/ Judith Ehrman-Shapiro via ZOOM
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/contemplative-yoga-april6/?instance_id=784
- April 10th Otterly Fascinating! A Look into the Lives of Otters with Nicole Morin
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/otterly-fascinating/?instance_id=785
- April 13th to 16th Spring Nature Camp for Grades 1st to 3rd @ 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/spring-nature-camp-grades-1-3/?instance_id=826
- April 13th to 16th Spring Nature Camp for Grades 4th to 6th @ 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/spring-nature-camp-grades-4-6/?instance_id=835
- April 13th Contemplative Yoga w/ Judith Ehrman-Shapiro via ZOOM
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/contemplative-yoga-april13/?instance_id=787
- April 17th Orkney and the Ness of Brodgar: A 5,000 Year Old Enigma
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/orkney/?instance_id=788
- April 20th Contemplative Yoga w/ Judith Ehrman-Shapiro via ZOOM
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/contemplative-yoga-april20/?instance_id=790
- April 24th Poetry for a Greener World
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/poetry-for-a-greener-world/?instance_id=791
- April 27th Contemplative Yoga w/ Judith Ehrman-Shapiro via ZOOM
https://whitememorialcc.org/event/contemplative-yoga-april27/?instance_id=792

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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