



## Wild and Cultivated Strawberries

Hi Everyone,

June is a full month of many varied natural events that you can actively participate in or passively observe...

So, let us begin with Trails Day Weekend, a two-day national event on the first weekend in June every year. It is a great time to pay tribute to all the wonderful trails and waterways our country has to offer. These outdoor spaces have become the places to escape to and enjoy when we need fresh air, a place to be inspired and to connect with our natural world and each other.

The **Connecticut Trails Days** are an offshoot of the national event that is occurring this coming weekend, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. For up-to-date information, visit <https://www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend>. There are 170+ events already scheduled throughout the state that range from self-guided tours to guided events. If attending a guided event, the group size is limited to 15 participants per group and pre-registration is required by 9:00 p.m. the day before the event. Sorry, no drop-ins are permitted.

Next, is a short hour and a quarter early morning sky event. The **Partial Annular Solar Eclipse** that will occur on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> between 5:15 and 6:32 a.m. The maximum coverage of the Sun will occur at 5:33 a.m. A partial annular solar eclipse occurs when the New Moon covers part of the Sun's center, leaving its outer edges to form a "ring of fire" or annulus. This event will occur in the north-northeast sky close to the horizon so look for a location with a clear view. Remember to protect your eyes from damage due to the intensity of the Sun's light. Additional Info at <https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/hartford>.

Later in the month, the **Northern Hemisphere Summer Solstice** will be occurring on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:32 p.m. EDT. This is considered the longest day of the year... at least for the greatest amount of daylight. Here in Connecticut, we will receive 15 hours, 12 minutes, and 36 seconds of daylight from 5:15 a.m. to 8:29 p.m. EDT. I plan to be outside for that time to enjoy every second.

The final event this month is a gastronomic experience with the strawberry. Whether eaten in a field or enjoyed as part of a recipe, there is nothing more enjoyable than fresh picked strawberries that are at their peak of ripeness. I grew up on wild strawberries picked in a nearby field. They were small and elusive yet I remember savoring each handful of sweetness. As I grew older, we would travel to places throughout the state to pick cultivated strawberries. Some were amazing giants in size compared to the wild variety. The two photographs of strawberries in hand shown above give a visual to their size difference.

The wild strawberry in North America, scientifically known as the Virginia strawberry, is a ground-hugging perennial plant that produces loose clusters of small, five-petaled flowers. Native wild solitary bees, hoverflies, and bumblebees, seen to the left of the native strawberries pictured above, are the original active pollinators of strawberries. In 1622, European settlers brought honeybee hives to Virginia. By 1639, colonies of honey bees were found in the woods of Massachusetts having escaped from the settlers there. Migrating swarms of honeybees established themselves in Connecticut by mid-1650. While honeybees are widely used for

agriculture, the wild solitary bees and bumblebees, are more efficient at pollinating crops native to North America because they have evolved along with the plants they pollinate.

The insects to the right of the native strawberries photograph are secondary pollinators that transfer pollen as they hunt for their prey. Pictured are a soldier beetle, a big-eyed bug, and a cucumber beetle. There are many others including butterflies that pollinate as they look for sources of nectar.

Next, one usually asks, how did our native strawberry become the cultivated varieties that we readily purchase? Well, here is an excerpt taken from an interesting article, **History of the Strawberry** written by Vern Grubinger, the Vegetable and Berry Specialist at the University of Vermont in 2012. If the following information piques your interest, check out the full article which contains additional references at <https://www.uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/factsheets/strawberryhistory.html>.

In the 1600's, the Virginia strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*) of North America reached Europe. The spread of this new relatively hardy species was very gradual and it remained little appreciated until the end of the 1700's and early 1800's when: it was popular in England. At that time, English gardeners worked to raise new varieties from seed and they increased the number of varieties from three to nearly thirty.

Meanwhile, a French spy brought the Chilean strawberry (*Fragaria chiloensis*) from Chile to France in 1714. This species of strawberry had a quality the others lacked: size. It had fewer but larger flowers and gave rise to larger fruit. However, the Chilean strawberry was not hardy and was difficult to grow inland, away from mild coastal climates.

These two New World species of strawberries were crossed in Europe, giving rise to the modern strawberry, *Fragaria ananassa*. It was the French who first accidentally pollinated the Chilean strawberry with the Virginia strawberry when pistillate Chilean plants were inter-planted with staminate Virginian plants and natural hybrids were made. The English did most of the early breeding work to develop the ancestors of the varieties we enjoy today. All modern strawberry varieties have descended from this crossing of Virginia and Chilean strawberries. The transition from these native species to modern varieties was a long process, involving the hybridization of the two species, then hybridization of their descendants, and back-crossing to the original parents and selection of plants with desirable traits for further breeding.

So, many of you don't have wild strawberries in your yard and are craving some fresh picked berries, which means you must check out this site for locally grown strawberry farms... <https://www.ctvisit.com/articles/pick-your-own-it%E2%80%99s-strawberry-season>. Please support our local farms since the typical yield is about six thousand pounds of cultivated strawberries an acre. The thought of all that just makes my mouth water thinking of a strawberry picked and savored in the field and later enjoying strawberry shortcake or strawberry and rhubarb pie. For the ambitious, you can make jelly, dehydrate, or freeze those extra berries that you've picked to enjoy later in the year for a taste of springtime.

Adults looking for something to do this month can check out the Birdwatching: Summer Breeding and Never Stop Learning programs listed in the WINDING TRAILS NATURE EVENTS section on page 3. 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 will keep the website updated with changes as needed.

### DATE/TIME

### EVENT

- **TUESDAY, JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
**NEVER STOP LEARNING – INTRODUCTION TO WILDFLOWER ID**  
**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 June program will be learning how to identify native wildflowers along with some that escaped from Colonial gardens centuries ago.  
**Dress for the weather in layers to be comfortable as we become active and wear appropriate footwear that works well around varied 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](mailto:kim@windingtrails.org) So She Can Free Up Your Space For Others.
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
**BIRDWATCHING: SUMMER BREEDING**  
**Program for those 13-years-old through Adults – 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. This early evening walk will look into the regional and migratory birds that breed and nest in Connecticut during the summer. Registration is required by three days prior to the start of the program.  
**Dress for the weather and wear a good pair of walking shoes. Meeting at Boathouse Pavilion by Dunning Lake.**  
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](mailto:kim@windingtrails.org) So She Can Free Up Your Space For Others.

### BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ARE FULL...

- **SATURDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
**LITTLE KIDS EXPLORING NATURE WALK – WILDFLOWERS & THEIR VISITORS**  
Meeting at Nature's Porch by Walton Pond
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>**  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
**FAMILIES EXPLORING NATURE WALK – WILDFLOWERS & THEIR VISITORS**  
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](mailto:kim@windingtrails.org) So She Can Free Up Your Space For Others On The Wait Lists.**

## **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?controllingSp=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/InlandEnglishBrochurepdf.pdf?la=en)

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/general\\_information/MarineEnglishBrochurepdf.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/InlandSpanishBrochurepdf.pdf?la=en)

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/fishing/general\\_information/MarineSpanishBrochurepdf.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 June to June)**  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Weekly-Report/Weekly-Fishing-Report>

## NIGHT SKY WATCHING

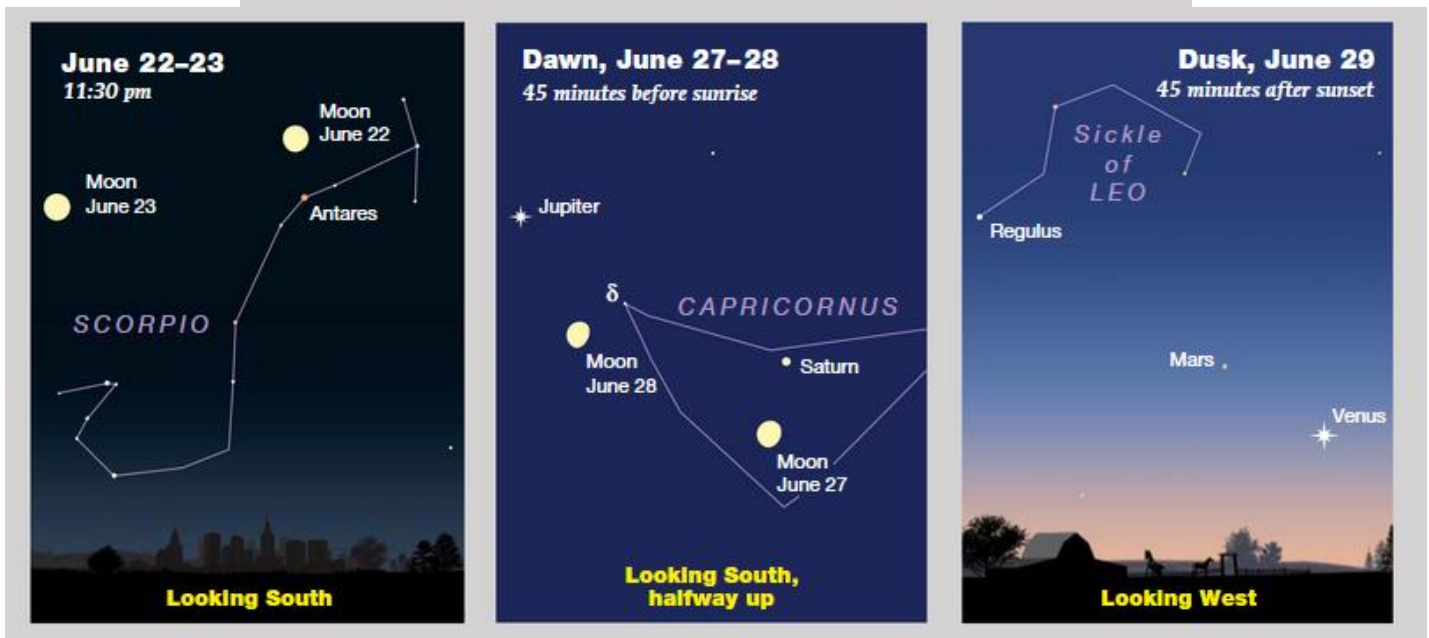
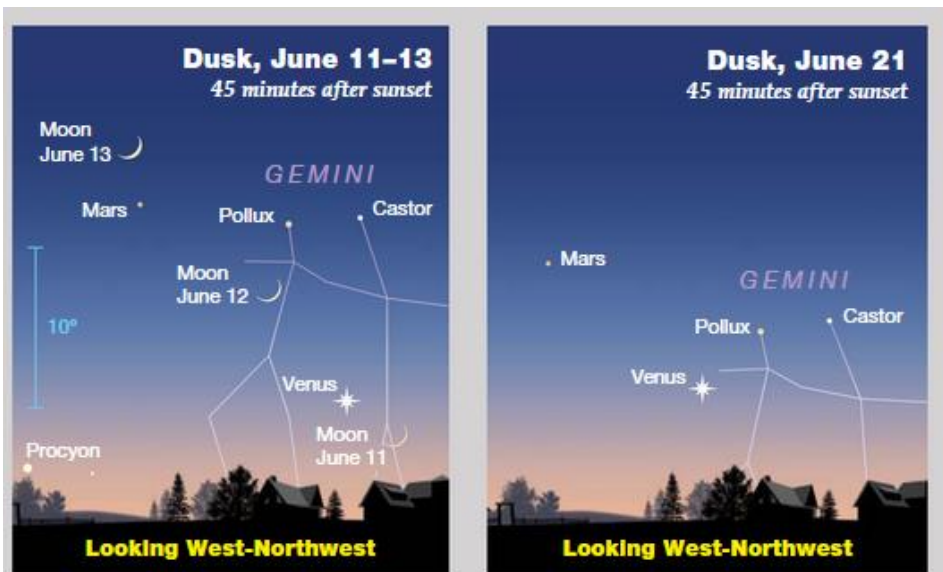
### FULL MOON INFORMATION

The **Full Strawberry Moon** will occur on **June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:40 p.m. EDT**. June's **Strawberry Moon** name is used by the Algonquin, Ojibwe, Dakota, and Lakota peoples because ripe wild strawberries were ready to gather at this time.

### OTHER OBSERVATIONS THIS MONTH INCLUDES:

#### PLANETS

- **Mercury** is visible in the evening until June 11<sup>th</sup>. Reemerges in the morning sky but the Sun's glare keeps it hidden.
- **Venus** is a bright evening planet visible in the west-northwest for 90 minutes after sunset.
- **Mars** is visible at dusk in the west-northwest moving to the west as the month progresses. It sets in the late evening.
- **Jupiter** is a bright morning planet, rising around midnight, .
- **Saturn** is a morning planet, rising around midnight, is found in the constellation Capricornus.



## CELESTIAL EVENTS

- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Moon phase – last quarter at 3:26 a.m. EDT
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Last quarter moon and planet Jupiter will be visible in the dawn sky above the southeastern horizon, rising at 1:06 EDT and fading from view around 4:57 a.m. EDT
- **June 6<sup>th</sup>** Moon phase – waning crescent
- **June 10<sup>th</sup>** Moon phase – new moon at 6:54 a.m. EDT
- **June 10<sup>th</sup>** **Partial Annular Solar Eclipse – Maximum coverage at 5:33 a.m. low in northeastern sky**  
**Remember To Protect Your Eyes From Damage!**

### Summary of the event:

Begins: Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 5:15 am  
Maximum: Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 5:33 am 0.802 Magnitude  
Ends: Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 6:32 am  
Duration: 1 hour, 16 minutes



Additional Info at <https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/hartford>

- **June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** Evening planets Venus and Mars are near the Moon and the constellation Gemini, The Twins, in the west-northwestern sky.
- **June 12<sup>th</sup>** Waxing crescent moon and planet Venus are visible above the northwestern horizon around 8:48 pm EDT and will set 1 hour and 29 minutes after the Sun.
- **June 16<sup>th</sup>** Moon phase – waxing gibbous
- **June 17<sup>th</sup>** Moon phase – first quarter at 11:54 p.m. EDT
- **June 20<sup>th</sup>** Jupiter will enter retrograde motion, halting its usual eastward movement through the constellations, and turning to move westwards instead. This reversal of direction is a phenomenon that all the solar system's outer planets periodically undergo.  
For more information about this phenomenon, visit [https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20210620\\_12\\_100](https://in-the-sky.org/news.php?id=20210620_12_100).
- **June 21<sup>st</sup>** **Summer Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere at 11:32 p.m. EDT**
- **June 24<sup>th</sup>** Moon phase – Full Moon at 2:40 p.m. EDT
- **June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** The Moon, Jupiter, and Saturn will be visible in the morning sky above the southeastern horizon around 11:24 p.m. EDT and will disappear from view due to the dawn twilight above the southern horizon.
- **June 30<sup>th</sup>** Moon phase – waning gibbous

### Sources:

Old Farmer's Almanac – Astronomy  
<http://www.almanac.com/astronomy>  
Sky & Telescope June 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](#)



- June 5<sup>th</sup> CT TRAILS DAY at 9 a.m. (Rain or Shine)**  
 Join Nature Center Director Alison Rubelmann and Ranger Evelyn Kubik for this morning walk. Discover the beauty of the Nature Center’s typical New England woodland. We might get lucky and find a lady slipper or two. This hike will be an educational and entertaining hike to identify nature along the way while we explore Raptor Woods trail and beyond. Dress for hiking: sturdy shoes, water and small snack recommended. Please register in advance as space will be limited. FREE [Click here to register](#)
  - June 13<sup>th</sup> Butterflies in the Park at 1 p.m.**  
 Take a relaxing walk through a meadow and look for butterflies (and moths!) with Ranger Evelyn. We’ll hope for warm and sunny weather- the kind when butterflies are most active and varied. Learn ways you can help our native pollinators and support biodiversity. Space is limited; to register, email us at [ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org](mailto:ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org). Dress for the weather; masks are required. Ages 5 and up.
  - June 19<sup>th</sup> Feeder Chats: Virtual Zoom Program at 9 a.m.**  
 You’re invited to join the conversation! Back by popular demand, Feeder Chats returns on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting in May. This virtual program invites you to be a part of a community, sharing bird-feeding observations and knowledge. Learn about Community Science opportunities, discuss ways to create suitable habitats, and more! To receive the Zoom link, email [ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org](mailto:ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org)
  - June 26<sup>th</sup> Third Annual Fairy Houses & Tea Party at 1:00 p.m.**  
 The Third Annual Fairy Houses and Tea Party! Ranger Amie will show little visitors how to make three styles of Fairy Houses in our shady woodland near the visitor center. Mint tea will be provided, and some tiny cookies, as well as tiny cups! Please bring your preferred snacks and beverages! Space is limited; to register, email us at [ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org](mailto:ansnaturectr@ansoniac.org).
- Note: Please, no glitter, plastic, or balloons. Our little friends are all-natural 😊



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](mailto:dawnsotir@gmail.com).

### CT DEEP Events in CT – Upcoming Events

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

Event	Date	Location
<a href="#">School and Outreach Programs Offered by Kellogg Environmental Center</a>	6/1/2021 - 11/30/2021	Online
<a href="#">Dinosaur State Park Virtual Programming</a>	6/1/2021 - 6/30/2021	Online
<a href="#">Dinosaur Track Casting</a>	6/1/2021 - 10/31/2021	Dinosaur State Park Rocky Hill
<a href="#">Ranger Russ on Facebook Live</a>	6/1/2021 - 6/30/2021	Online
<a href="#">Trails Day: Garden Tour with Lynne Warren</a>	6/5/2021	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton

<a href="#">Trails Day: Night Hike and Campfire</a>	6/5/2021	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">Celebrate Connecticut Trails Day at Osbornedale State Park</a>	6/5/2021	Osbornedale State Park
<a href="#">Trails Day: Birding Hike with Aaron Bourque June 6th, 2021</a>	6/6/2021	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">Trails Day: Rainbow Garden Scavenger Hunt for Kids</a>	6/6/2021	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">Meet the Opossum!</a>	6/12/2021	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">Connecticut Open House Day</a>	6/12/2021	Osborne Homestead Museum Derby
<a href="#">Animal Architects</a>	6/12/2021	Kellogg Environmental Center Derby
<a href="#">Summer Birds- Our Neotropical Residents</a>	6/17/2021	Online
<a href="#">Photography Hike</a>	6/17/2021	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">Summer Wild Edible Plant Hike with Liz Sangree</a>	6/19/2021	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">Oriental Rugs and Natures' Symbols</a>	6/19/2021	Kellogg Environmental Center Derby
<a href="#">My Neighborhood is Killing Me: An Introduction to the Environmental Justice Movement</a>	6/22/2021	Online
<a href="#">Full Moon Hike</a>	6/25/2021	James L. Goodwin Conservation Center Hampton
<a href="#">Pond Exploration</a>	6/26/2021	Kellogg Environmental Center Derby
<a href="#">Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day</a>	6/27/2021	

## 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>

<a href="#">Date</a> ▲	<a href="#">Event</a>	<a href="#">Audience</a>
June 5, 2021	<a href="#">Trails Day: Garden Tour with Lynne Warren</a>	All are welcome
June 5, 2021	<a href="#">Trails Day: Night Hike and Campfire</a>	All are welcome
June 6, 2021	<a href="#">Trails Day: Birding Hike with Aaron Bourque</a>	All are welcome
June 6, 2021	<a href="#">Trails Day: Rainbow Garden Scavenger Hunt for Kids</a>	All are welcome, Children, Families

<u>Date</u> ▲	<u>Event</u>	<u>Audience</u>
June 12, 2021	<a href="#">Meet the Opossum!</a>	All are welcome, Adults, Children, Families, Teenagers
June 17, 2021	<a href="#">Photography Hike</a>	All are welcome, Adults, Families, Teenagers
June 19, 2021	<a href="#">Summer Wild Edible Plant Hike with Liz Sangree</a>	All are welcome
June 22, 2021	<a href="#">Webinar: My Neighborhood is Killing Me: An Introduction to the Environmental Justice Movement</a>	All are welcome, Adults, Educators, Teenagers
June 25, 2021	<a href="#">Full Moon Hike</a>	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...

- June 5<sup>th</sup> Pull Together – Water Chestnut Removal**  
<https://www.ctriver.org/event/pull-together-water-chestnut-removal-in-middletown-ct/2021-06-05/>  
 There are additional events throughout the month of June. If you'd like to join one of them, browse the following link:  
<https://www.ctriver.org/upcoming-events/>
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Trails Day Paddle – Glastonbury, CT**  
<https://www.ctriver.org/event/trails-day-paddle-glastonbury-ct/>
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Trails Day Paddle – Wethersfield, CT**  
<https://www.ctriver.org/event/trails-day-paddle-wethersfield-ct/>
- June 8<sup>th</sup> HydroPower Coffee Hour: Migratory Fish Passage @ 9:30 am – 10:30 am**  
**REGISTER HERE: <https://hydropower-migratory-fish.eventbrite.com> <https://www.ctriver.org/event/hydropower-coffee-hour-migratory-fish-passage/>**

- **June 16<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Relationships with Water @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**  
Explore how some Indigenous/Native American tribal nations have incorporated understandings of biodiversity and conservation into their cultural worldview, traditional and non-traditional practices. Consider your relationship to the environment, how rivers and water impact your thinking and actions, and how to see water as an extension of yourself rather than 'other'. The conversation will be led by Justin Beatty, a cultural educator of Ojibwe, Saponi, and African American descent who holds B.A. from UMass-Amherst with a concentration in Indigenous Policy, Culture, and Art. Justin is also a visual artist and well-known powwow emcee in New England.  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

## **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...**

- **June 4<sup>th</sup> ASOLA (After School Outdoor Learning Adventures)**  
<https://elcct.org/event/asola-after-school-outdoor-learning-adventures-14/>
- **June 7<sup>th</sup> Webinar: Leave No Trace**  
<https://elcct.org/event/leave-no-trace-free-webinar-2/>
- **June 20<sup>th</sup> Happy Father's Day at Barnes Nature Center**  
<https://elcct.org/event/happy-fathers-day-at-bnc/>

Indian Rock Preserve Summer Nature Camp

<https://elcct.org/programs/summercamp/>

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

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

## **Farmington River Watershed Association – Upcoming Events**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

- None Posted at Time of Publishing

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

## **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!**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

- None Posted at Time of Publishing

To check for updates, go to

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!**

- **June 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> The Bear Facts Scavenger Hunt**  
<http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts>

- June 5<sup>th</sup> Black Bear Hike  
Phone: 860-693-0263 [rbnc@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:rbnc@thechildrensmuseumct.org)
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Early Summer Solstice Hike  
Phone: 860-693-0263 [rbnc@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:rbnc@thechildrensmuseumct.org)
- June 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> What's That Buzz? Scavenger Hunt  
<http://www.roaringbrook.org/events/events.html#Scavengerhunts>
- June 21<sup>st</sup> Beyond Flower Gardens: Trees & Shrubs for Pollinators – A Virtual Program  
[Click here](#) to participate on June 21 at 7 pm
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Insect Safari  
Phone: 860-693-0263 [rbnc@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:rbnc@thechildrensmuseumct.org)

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](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.

- June 5<sup>th</sup> Community Bird Tour  
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/community-bird-tour>
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Community Bird Tour: Lets Go Birding Together  
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/community-bird-tour-lets-go-birding-together>
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Community Bird Tour  
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/community-bird-tour-1>
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Community Bird Walk  
<https://sharon.audubon.org/events/community-bird-tour-0>

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

THE NATURE MUSEUM OPENS JUNE 22, 2021! Our new temporary hours will be Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Yoga In The Garden  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june2/?instance\\_id=882](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june2/?instance_id=882)
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtual Nature's Nursery Series  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/virtual-natures-nursery-series-may-aug-2021/?instance\\_id=872](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/virtual-natures-nursery-series-may-aug-2021/?instance_id=872)
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Virtual Star Party!  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/virtual-star-party-june4/?instance\\_id=809](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/virtual-star-party-june4/?instance_id=809)
- June 5<sup>th</sup> The Pandemic Pantry – In Praise of the Sweet Potato  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/pandemic-pantry-sweet-potato/?instance\\_id=811](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/pandemic-pantry-sweet-potato/?instance_id=811)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Yoga In The Garden  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june9/?instance\\_id=881](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june9/?instance_id=881)
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Reptiles & Amphibians: Myths, Legends, and Folklore w/ Terilyn LaChance of Riverside Reptiles  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/reptiles/?instance\\_id=813](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/reptiles/?instance_id=813)
- June 12<sup>th</sup> A Cozy Virtual Concert w/ Icelandic Recording Artist, Lay Low  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/lay-low/?instance\\_id=814](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/lay-low/?instance_id=814)
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Yoga In The Garden  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june16/?instance\\_id=880](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june16/?instance_id=880)
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Weird and Wonderful: The Lives of Bats w/ Master Wildlife Conservationist Maureen Heidtmann  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/weird-and-wondrous/?instance\\_id=816](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/weird-and-wondrous/?instance_id=816)
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> Yoga in the Garden  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june23/?instance\\_id=879](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june23/?instance_id=879)
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Rock Around the Ring Road w/ Tom Alena and Gerri Griswold  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/rock-around-the-ring-road/?instance\\_id=818](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/rock-around-the-ring-road/?instance_id=818)
- June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> Museum Children Free Week  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/museum-children-free-week-june-29/?instance\\_id=883](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/museum-children-free-week-june-29/?instance_id=883)
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Yoga in the Garden  
[https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june30/?instance\\_id=878](https://whitememorialcc.org/event/yoga-june30/?instance_id=878)

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*

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