



White Mountains Interpretive Association

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The White Mountains Interpretive Association (WMIA) exists to encourage visitors to understand and appreciate our forest resources.

Summer Campground Activities sponsored by WMIA

The summer season is here, and the *White Mountains Interpretive Association* is happy to sponsor some exciting Saturday Night Programs throughout the White Mountain National Forest. Included below is a list of these activities and a short description of the event, location and time.

Please take advantage of these free educational activities if you are visiting the White Mountains National Forest.

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location & Contact</u>	<u>Topic</u>
August 5, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Dolly Copp Campground</u> Androscoggin Ranger District 603-466-2713	A Day in the Life of a Backcountry Ranger – Meet a Ranger who works on WMNF trails and learn about what they do in the backcountry. See their tools, backpacks, and great backcountry vistas from photos they take on a typical day.
August 12, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Dolly Copp Campground</u> Androscoggin Ranger District 603-466-2713	Timber! Meet our Forestry Team. Hear their field stories; see the tools they use to measure and manage the forest's timber sales to keep our forest healthy.
August 19, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Dolly Copp Campground</u> Androscoggin Ranger District 603-466-2713	Minerals of New Hampshire and Maine presented by Will O'Brien Learn about minerals found throughout northern NH and ME, places you can find these lovely gems, and understand rules/regulations about mineral collection in the WMNF forest.
August 26, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Dolly Copp Campground</u> Androscoggin Ranger District 603-466-2713	Wildlife in the WMNF – Meet our Wildlife Ranger and learn about animals in the forest.
September 30, 2023 8-10 PM	<u>Dolly Copp Campground</u> Androscoggin Ranger District 603-466-2713	Night Sky: Are We Alone? Dr. Douglas Arion, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy, and Executive Director of Mountains of Stars https:// www.mountainsofstars.org Dr Arion will present a night sky presentation followed by a constellation tour and telescope viewing.

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July 22, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Russell Pond Campground Amphitheater Opposite Pond</u> Pemigewasset Ranger District 603-536-6100	Mushrooms 101 – Fungi Expert Roz Lowen How much do you know about mushrooms and how they grow? Learn interesting facts about this curious biological kingdom with a specialist in the field and gain appreciation for their role in the ecosystem. You might even find out some beginner tips for identification.
July 29, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Russell Pond Campground Amphitheater Opposite Pond</u> Pemigewasset Ranger District 603-536-6100	Guided Nature Walk- Plant Enthusiast Ken Larson Using the five senses, take a tour of the forest floor with a naturalist, and discover how everything is connected in our ecosystems. This guided walk will surely leave you in awe of your natural surroundings.
August 5, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Russell Pond Campground Amphitheater Opposite Pond</u> Pemigewasset Ranger District 603-536-6100	A Day in the Life of a Firefighter- Forest Service Wildland Fire Crew Firefighters from the White Mountain National Forest will show off their fire engine and talk about what it's like to fight wild-fires. Hear the true story of Smokey Bear and how he became a national symbol for preventing forest fires.
August 12, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Russell Pond Campground Amphitheater Opposite Pond</u> Pemigewasset Ranger District 603-536-6100	Saving Loons – Loon Preservation Committee, Catherine Hughes The eerie call of the Loon has long been considered a symbol of the wild. Hear how projects by this organization have made a major impact on Loon preservation. Learn how you too can help save these fascinating creatures.
August 19, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Russell Pond Campground Amphitheater Opposite Pond</u> Pemigewasset Ranger District 603-536-6100	What Makes a Moose a Moose? Henry Jones, Moose Project Leader, Wildlife biologist New Hampshire State Fish & Game Department Did you know that moose weigh 750 – 1000 pounds and live off leaves and twigs? We will learn about the behavior and physiology of moose, and see how these relate to their status in New Hampshire.
August 26, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Russell Pond Campground Amphitheater Opposite Pond</u> Pemigewasset Ranger District 603-536-6100	Animals with Bad Reputations- Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Science Center live animal presentations are an annual favorite at our evening campground programs. Can you think of animals with which humans sometimes have “conflicts”? A Science Center naturalist will give you a personal introduction to some of these and help you to understand the “good side” of these wild animal neighbors
September 2, 2023 7-8 PM	<u>Russell Pond Campground Amphitheater Opposite Pond</u> Pemigewasset Ranger District 603-536-6100	Darkness in Daytime: The Total Solar Eclipse and Our Place in the Universe. Dr. Douglas Arion Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy, and Executive Director of Mountains of Stars https://www.mountainsofstars.org This coming April the Sun will be covered by the Moon...a Total Solar Eclipse, and it will be visible here in New Hampshire. What have eclipses meant to us over time, and how can we experience this amazing phenomenon? After the presentation, weather permitting, telescope observing will be available.

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