



The Amoskeag Fishways Presents...

The Current

July - September 2017

Celebrate the Magic of the Merrimack!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...

The Amoskeag Fishways teaches people of all ages to notice the world around them. This world includes nature—the birds, fish, trees and insects that live near or in our rivers as well as the people we live with in our neighborhoods, schools and workplaces. Daily, we teach about the conservation and preservation of natural resources (water, air, soils, forests) without which we could not live. Through this learning and caring rises up in each of us a sense of kindness and compassion towards life, all of life. This basic tenet of kindness is where we will begin a center focus we are calling “The Kindness Curriculum”. Watch for programs offered with the bold letters **KIND** and join us in helping the world be a better place for everyone and all beings.



Special Events



River Bug Festival Saturday, September 16 11 am – 3 pm

Did you know the Merrimack River is home to many species of underwater insects? Observe these live bugs up close, and learn how to identify them using NH Audubon’s Creek Critters app. The day will include aquatic insect crafts, games, exploration and identification. Vote for your favorite river bug to win in the “Most Loved Bug” category of 2017!

Cost: \$3 per person or \$6 per family
No registration necessary

Saturday Nature Seekers

Saturdays 11 am - 12 pm

Do you and your kids wish for an opportunity to learn about nature but have trouble finding the time? Stop by our center most Saturdays at 11 am for “short and sweet” mini-programs and fun nature-based activities. Discover something new every month!

New Hampshire Turtles – July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Insect Investigation – August 5, 12, 19
Busy Bears – September 9

Donation of \$5 per family encouraged
No registration necessary

Fishways Family Adventures

Thursdays in July 9:30 am – Noon

Looking for summer outings for your family? Join Fishways staff to hike, stomp, dig, climb, splash, search for critters and more as we discover some of the local natural gems of the Merrimack River watershed. Put on your boots and explore with us! All Family Adventures will meet at the Fishways and caravan to the local destination of the week.

- Forest Explore** — July 6
- Ponding** — July 13
- Bog Adventure** — July 20
- River Fun** — July 27



Cost: \$10 per family per session
Advance registration with payment required

Visitor Center Hours

9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Saturday
Closed Sundays

Family Fun Nights

Fridays

6:30 - 8 pm

Family Fun Nights are for all ages and focus on Merrimack River ecology. Engaging facts and stories are followed by group activities and open crafts.

Cost: \$8 per family (unless otherwise noted)

Advance registration with payment required

Campfire Tales

August 11

The Penacook told stories by fire light and so will we. Participate in traditional Native American tales, play games and enjoy a campfire on the banks of the Merrimack River. Dress appropriately for weather and insects.

Beautiful Butterflies

September 8

We love to watch them, but what do we really know about NH butterflies? Take a closer look at these small creatures to discover some amazing adaptations beyond their colorful, fluttery charm and learn to identify a few you may have seen in your own backyard this summer.

Bird Migration

September 29

Why are we seeing fewer birds in our backyards? Where are they going? We'll become familiar with some species of birds that undergo an incredible annual migration and play games to help us understand how and why they do it. **KIND**



A community Cardboard Challenge in Baltimore, MD. Photo by Vincent Purcell

Special Programs

“Booked for Summer”

Story Hour

Saturday, July 29

10 - 11 am

Story books can be a wonderful window into the natural world. In association with the Manchester School District's summer reading

initiative, “Booked for Summer”, the Amoskeag Fishways presents a fun, relaxed hour of river related stories. Stop by with your children and learn about the fish, wildlife and people that use our local waterways. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite fish toy or share some of ours for some interactive play. **KIND**

FREE

Advance registration required



All the Water in the World

Saturday, August 26

10 am - 12 pm

Water is essential for all life to exist! All of us use water and it touches every part of our lives, every day. On this water focused morning, we will play H₂Olympics, learn the journey of a single drop of water and take home conservation tips that everyone can do, no matter where you live or what your age. We all can take thoughtful actions that will change the world. **KIND**

FREE

Advance registration required

Cardboard Challenge

Extravaganza

Saturday, September 30

10 am - 12 pm

The cardboard challenge is a global initiative organized by the Imagination Foundation to inspire creativity in

children of all ages through free play. We'll provide cardboard for building, all you have to bring is your imagination. From model fish ladders to arcade games to works of art, it's up to you to show the world what you can make from recycled materials. Let's have some fun!

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Advance registration required



2017 Fish Season Update

2017 has been another good year for river herring returns at the Amoskeag Fishways, with over 91,000 fish entering the Merrimack River to spawn as of June 5. The beginning of the season was somewhat delayed by waters that were higher and colder than usual. American eels are expected to continue their migration upriver throughout the summer via special “eel ways” constructed on both the east and west sides of the Amoskeag Dam.

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