

The Amoskeag Fishways presents...

The Current

Celebrate the Magic of the Merrimack!

January - March 2012

Winter Vacation Series

Participants may register for one or all three programs. Children will learn about wildlife in winter and explore outdoors.

Cost: \$8 per one session/ \$20 for all three sessions

Snow Safari Series

Grades K-2 10 am-noon

Tuesday, Feb. 28: At Home in the Snow

Wednesday, Feb. 29: Winter Shelters

Thursday, March 1: Frosty Frolic

Outdoor Skills Series

Grades 3-6 1-3 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Tracks and Traces

Wednesday, Feb. 29: Signs and Secret Spots

Thursday, March 1: Firebuilding and Food

Seeking Adults from the Manchester Area!

Volunteer to Help Manchester's Wildlife

In January and February the Amoskeag Fishways will lead adult volunteers to monitor wildlife in Manchester. No experience is necessary, only a willingness to learn and walk outside in the snow for several hours. Take advantage of this GREAT opportunity to learn about our 4-legged neighbors. Call 626-FISH for more information and dates.

Predators of the Sky: Live Birds of Prey

Saturday, March 10

Two Presentations: Noon-1:30 pm or 2-3:30 pm

Tom Ricardi and his spectacular birds of prey will be our guests. A beautiful bald eagle will be on hand for close-up viewing! Learn about the great work done by Tom's organization, the Massachusetts Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Facility, which cares for injured birds and operates a successful captive breeding program.

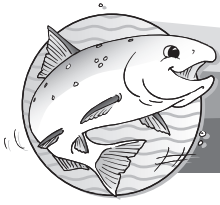
Cost: \$8 per person /\$20 per family. Advance registration with payment required.

**Location: PSNH 5 Rivers Auditorium, Energy Park
780 North Commercial St.
Manchester, NH 03101**



Advance registration with payment required for all programs.

Call 626-FISH (3474) to register.



Family Friday Nights

Programs are for all ages and focus on the Merrimack River and its watershed.

Pizza Party with the Painted Turtle

January 6, 6:30-8 pm

Eat pizza and meet animals! Come join us for a pizza party followed by a live animal presentation. We'll end with some free time to explore the Fishways exhibits after dark. Cost: \$15 per family includes pizza.

Whoo Loves Winter?

February 10, 7-8 pm

Owls swoop through the cold to catch mice. A mink jumps from the river to the snow-covered ice and back into the water to catch a fish. Winter is an active and exciting time for many critters. We'll play games and observe fur and feathers to find out which animals love winter and why. Cost: \$5 per family.



The Hunters and the Hunted

March 9, 7-8 pm

What is the difference between a predator and a prey animal? We'll investigate the adaptations animals use to find food and stay safe.

Finding their Way

March 30, 7-8 pm

Discover how migrating creatures find their way back to N.H. Compare their navigation skills to yours through games and activities.

Fishways Fundays

Fishways Fundays are for children ages four to five accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$5 per family.

Winter is For the Birds!

January 25, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

From the cardinal to the chickadee, lots of birds stay in NH during the cold winter. Find out who you might see in your backyard and make your very own bird feeder to take home.

Sense-Sational Nature

February 8, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

Wild animals must depend on their senses of smell, hearing, sight and touch in order to survive in the outdoors. We'll have fun using our senses as we play games and learn how river animals use these senses too!

It's Snow Fun!

February 22, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

Why is snow so much fun? We'll play games and experiment with snow to discover what makes snow special. We'll even build with snow and make ourselves snow "homes" like our wild friends do.

Snow Detectives

March 7, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

What secrets can we find in the snow? What stories does snow tell? We'll put on our detective caps, get out our hand lenses, and search for clues to reveal which animals are out and about in winter.

Beavers, Otters and Mink, Oh My!

March 28, 10-11 am or 1-2 pm

How do beavers build their lodges? How fast can river otters swim? Learn all about the adorable otters, beavers and mink who spend lots of time in the river and discover the special "tools" they have that help them live there.

Advance registration with payment required for all programs



Special Programs

Eagles Along the Merrimack

Saturday, February 4, 9am-noon

As Canadian waters freeze over, eagles fly south to find open water for fishing. With special guest, Rita Tulloh, we'll search for these awe inspiring birds along the banks of the Merrimack in Manchester. Bring binoculars if possible. Please dress warmly. Ages 10 and up.

Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family

Let's Go ICE Fishing

Friday, February 24, 6-8 pm

Saturday, February 25, 9am-Noon

Shake off the winter blues and learn how to ice fish with the staff and volunteers of New Hampshire Fish and Game. Ice fishing is a great way to spend the day outside with the entire family. This two-part program will start Friday evening by introducing ice safety, fish ecology, equipment and bait, and how to dress to beat the cold. Saturday we'll head out to a local pond to try out our new angling skills. Parents and participants over 16 do not need a fishing license during the organized field trip. Program is FREE but registration is required. All angling gear will be provided. Bring your own lunch. Proper outdoor clothing is a must. This program is appropriate for ages 10 and up.

Growing Up WILD Educator Workshop for Parents and Teachers of Young Children

Saturday, March 24, 9am - 1pm

The creators of Project WILD (a national Wildlife education program) have developed a new early childhood education curriculum. This workshop is an introduction to the Growing Up WILD units designed especially for young children, ages 3-7. Through direct exploration, play, and creative activities, teachers and parents will find new ways to get pre school aged children outdoors and excited about learning! Includes a copy of *Growing Up Wild: Exploring Nature with Young Children ages 3-7*.

Cost: \$40. Pre-registration required. Call 626-3474 for more information. www.amoskeagfishways.org



Mark your calendars for summer 2012 Teacher Workshops with MITS -

Explore, Investigate, Invent! How Science Inspires Engineering
July 9 - July 20, 2012 www.mits.org

Calendar at a Glance

January:

6th: *Pizza Party with the Painted Turtle*

25th: *Winter is for the Birds!*

February:

4th: *Eagles Along the Merrimack*

8th: *Sense-Sational Nature*

10th: *Who Loves Winter?*

22nd: *It's Snow Fun!*

24th: *Let's Go ICE Fishing*

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28th: *At Home in the Snow*

28th: *Tracks and Traces*

29th: *Winter Shelters*

29th: *Signs and Secrets Spots*

March:

1st: *Frosty Frolic*

1st: *Firebuilding and Food*

7th: *Snow Detectives*

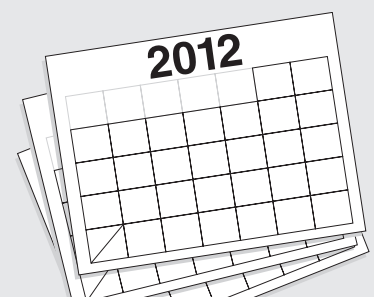
9th: *The Hunters and the Hunted*

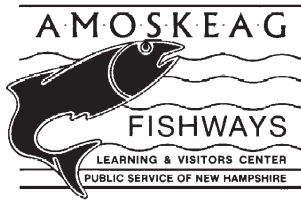
10th: *Predators of the Sky: Live Birds of Prey*

24th: *Growing Up WILD*

28th: *Beavers, Otters and Mink, Oh My!*

30th: *Finding their Way*





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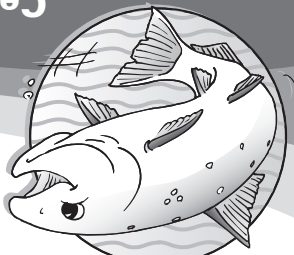
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WINTER HOURS:
 Mon. - Sat. 9:00am - 4:00pm

Directions:
 Take I 293 to Exit 6 in
 Manchester. We are directly
 behind the hotel.

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For program registration or information call
(603) 626-FISH
 or visit us online at www.AmoskeagFishways.org

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