



Roaring Brook Nature Center

70 Gracey Road, Canton CT www.roaringbrook.org 860.693.0263

Nature Center Hours: Tuesday—Saturday 10 AM—5 PM; Sundays 1—5 PM

Trails through Werner's Woods are open daily dawn until dusk

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Events & Programs — Late Winter—Spring 2020

Trails open dawn to dusk

Winter Tree ID Hike

Sunday, February 23 2 – 3 pm

If you look closely, the winter trees' buds, twigs, bark, and general shape give plenty of clues as to their identity. Join us for a late winter hike to learn who's who in our woods.

Cost: Members - \$5 each / \$18 family of four
Nonmembers - \$7 each / \$25 family of four

Maple Sugaring in Your Own Backyard

Sunday, March 8 2 — 3 pm

Sunday, March 15 2 — 3 pm WEATHER DATE

Our annual demonstration teaches you how to make maple syrup the easy way. We'll cover the entire process from identifying the tree to the best part – tasting the final product.

Cost: Members - \$5 each / \$18 family of four
Nonmembers - \$9 each / \$32 family of four

Under the 'Sap' SUPER Moon Night Hike

Monday, March 9 7:00 pm — 8:15 pm

Join us for a guided walk under a full moon. This moon was known to Native Americans as the Full 'Sap' Moon, as it marks the time when maple sap begins to flow and the annual tapping of maple trees begins. This is also the second of four supermoons for 2020. The Moon will be at its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

Dress for the weather & bring a flashlight.

Cost: Members - \$5 each / \$18 family of four
Nonmembers - \$9 each / \$32 family of four
Pre-registration required

The Frogs of Spring

Tuesday - Friday, March 10 - 13 10 am – 4 pm

Storytime at 11 am and 2 pm

The wood frogs will soon be waking up from their long winter's frozen nap and other amphibians follow as warmer weather arrives. Join us as we celebrate these remarkable creatures. Listen to stories about frogs and salamanders. Take a hike to our vernal pool to listen to their spring 'quacking' and make wood frog crafts. Free with admission to Nature Center.

Spring Equinox Day

Friday, March 20 10 - 4 pm

Story time at 11am and 2 pm

This year the Spring equinox occurs on Thursday March 19 at 11:50 pm. Join us to celebrate the beginning of astronomical spring. Look for signs of spring on our trails. Spring crafts available throughout the day.

Event free with admission to the Nature Center.

Spring Wildlife Trivia & Pizza Night

Friday, March 20 6 – 7:30 pm

Celebrate spring at the Nature Center and test your nature trivia knowledge. Pizza slices & sodas available for purchase. BYOB.

Pre-registration: \$5 per person / \$18 for family of four
At door: \$7 per person / \$25 for family of four

Visit our website to sign up on line.

March Madness Owl Prowl

Friday, March 27 7:30 pm — 9:00 pm

Listen and look for barred owls and other nocturnal creatures along our trails. Not geared for very young children.

Cost: \$5 members; \$9 nonmembers
Pre-registration required - space is limited.

Vernal Pool Walk / Amphibians Program

Thursday, April 2 7:00 — 8:30 pm

Join us for a program on the amphibians that inhabit vernal pools followed by a walk to local wetlands to view nocturnal wildlife. Not geared for very young children.

Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

Cost: Members - \$5 each / \$18 family of four
Nonmembers - \$9 each / \$32 family of four

Pre-registration required - space is limited.

RBNC Care Days

Thursday & Friday, April 2 & 3 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday, April 4 10 am to 6 pm

Every year, Roaring Brook Nature Center holds an event in the spring and fall to transition, repair, and clean up enclosures for the seasons ahead. To ensure the best care for our residents, we will need your help getting their homes into tip-top shape! Whether you are able to come for just an hour or the entire day, every hand helps!

No experience is necessary; there is job for everyone! Participants must be 18 years or older. Comfortable, weather appropriate attire (t shirt, jeans, sneakers/boots) is recommended. Expect to get your hands dirty!

Please RSVP by calling 860-693-0263 or emailing alanglois@thechildrensmuseumct.org

Eggs, Eggs, Eggs! Spring Scavenger Hunt

Friday, April 10 anytime 10 am — 4 pm

Saturday, April 11 anytime 10 — 4 pm

Sunday, April 12 anytime 1 — 4 pm

Spring is the season of eggs – bird eggs, frog eggs, turtle eggs, fish eggs! Learn about the animals that laid them and the nests they have built to hold them. Find the hidden "nests" around the Nature Center, then head out on the trails on a scavenger hunt to see where eggs will be laid this spring. Crafts all day.

Event free with admission to the Nature Center.

April Animal Baby Shower

**Sunday, April 19
anytime 1 — 4 pm**

Join us on Sunday for a baby shower to benefit the orphaned wildlife that come to the Roaring Brook Nature Center for rehabilitation.

Enjoy an animal demonstration with "Roger" the baby box turtle, hear a 30-minute presentation at 2 pm about what to do when you encounter wildlife babies, and play games inspired by our wild friends!

Bring in a baby shower gift donation from our Amazon wishlist or a monetary donation to enter for a chance to attend a rehabbed animal release. Drawing is at 3:45pm.

Event free with admission to the Nature Center.

Flatbread Pizza Night Fundraiser

Tuesday, April 21 5 — 8:30 pm

Bring your friends, bring your family for dinner at Flatbread's at The Shoppes at the Farmington Valley. A percentage of the pizza sales supports the Nature Center.

Weekend Bird Walks

Saturdays, April 25, May 2, May 16 7 — 9 am

An early morning walk through Werner's Woods provides welcome sights and sounds for beginning birders as well as those with more experience in the field. Bird walks are not geared for younger children. Bring binoculars and dress for wet ground underfoot.

Cost: \$5 members, \$9 nonmembers

Turtle Derby: A Run for the Strawberries

Sunday, May 3 1 — 4 pm

Join us for an afternoon of turtle races as we celebrate the opening of our new turtle ponds. Will the winner be Tobey, the ornate box turtle; Juliette, the eastern box turtle; or Timber, the wood turtle. Turtle crafts.

Event free with admission to the Nature Center.

Mother's Day Pollinator Pathway Program

MOTHER'S DAY, Sunday, May 10

Talk 1 pm—2 pm

Walk 2 pm—2:30 pm

Your yard can be a vital ecological waystation for our native pollinators. Learn about our local pollinators, gardening dos and don'ts, and what you can plant in your garden for these important creatures. Take a guided tour of our native plant garden after the talk.

Cost: \$5 members; \$9 nonmembers

Moms admitted free

Pre-registration required

Summer Wildlife Trivia & Pizza Night

Friday, June 19 6 — 7:30 pm

Celebrate the start of summer at the Nature Center and test your nature trivia knowledge. Pizza slices & sodas available for purchase. BYOB.

Pre-registration: \$5 per person / \$18 for family of four

At door: \$9 per person / \$32 for family of four

Visit our website to sign up on line.

June Bugs

Thursday, June 25 1:30 — 3 pm

The June bugs have arrived! Join us as we celebrate these crazy nocturnal bugs who buzz and bump against our window screens creating the sound of early summer and tasty meals for other wildlife. Crafts and stories.

Free with admission to the Nature Center.

Upcoming Animal Demonstrations

Wednesday, July 1 — Frog & Toad

Wednesday July 15 — Snakes Alive!
(World Snake Day)

Wednesday, July 29 — Turtles BIG & small

Thursday, August 23 — Ancient Reptiles



Birthday Parties

The Nature Center offers children's birthday parties on Saturday mornings & afternoons & selected weekday afternoons.

Visit our website to learn more!

SPRING DISCOVERY DAYS

HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS

(for ages 2 - 10)

Join us for the Exploring Together Homeschool Program for students up to 10 years old. This class gives parent and child the opportunity to learn about the natural world together. Class will include hikes, crafts, and explorations!

The cost of each four-week session is \$50.00 for members, \$60.00 for nonmembers. A \$10 discount is extended to families with a second child attending during the same session. No charge for siblings under 2.

Meets Friday afternoons 1:15 - 2:15 pm

Spring Session I: March 13, 20, 27; April 3 (SD:4/10)

Spring Session II: April 24, May 1, 8, 15

SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAM

Visit www.roaringbrook.org for additional information, a registration form, or to register online.

SPRING FEVER!

Vacation Program for Grades K - 5

Monday— Friday April 13 - April 17
9 am — Noon

Join us for a week of morning fun & exploration in forest, field, and pond looking for wildlife at Roaring Brook Nature Center. Learn how animals know that spring has arrived.

Daily Rate: \$35 members, \$45 nonmembers

Full Week: \$160 members, \$195 nonmembers

Pre-registration with payment is required



SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMS

Give your kids a breath of fresh air with summer programs at the Nature Center!

Visit roaringbrook.org to view our summer programs

Scout Programs



Girl & Cub Scout troops will find that numerous badge requirements may be fulfilled by a visit to the Nature Center.

Visit our website to learn more or call 860.693.0263