



January Nature Program Series

Tin Mountain Conservation Center, 1245 Bald Hill Road, Albany, NH 03818

Film Screening: *More Than Honey*

Monday, January 6, 7pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Narrated by John Hurt, this documentary tackles the vexing issue of why bees, worldwide, are facing extinction. This moving film raises questions of species survival in cosmic as well as apiary terms. Join Tin Mountain and the MWV Bee Keepers for a screening of the film and follow-up conversation.

EcoForum: 31 Years of Birds in the MVW

Thursday, January 9, 12-1pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Tin Mountain has been hosting the North Conway area Christmas Bird Count for 31 years. See what 3 decades of data can tell us about avian trends here.

Full Moon Walk

Friday, January 10, 7pm

Tin Mountain Field Station, Jackson

Join the staff on an evening snowshoe ramble through the beautiful fields and forests of Tin Mountain's Jackson property. Bring snowshoes or borrow ours. Call 447-6991 to reserve a pair of snowshoes.

Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature

Thursday, January 16, 7pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Biomimicry is an intentional practice of learning from, not just copying, well-adapted strategies and sustainable solutions used by living things to improve the design of products, processes, and systems. Come learn about strategies discovered by answering the question *what would nature do?*

Boreal Birds Field Program

Saturday, January 18, 8am-noon

Meet at Grant's parking lot in Glen

Join the Tin Mountain Bird Society for a winter birding adventure north of the notches. We will visit boreal birding hot spots off Trudeau Road outside Bethlehem and several other

locales to spot resident boreal songbirds, including boreal chickadees, black backed wood peckers, crossbills and other finches. Dress warm. Bring your own binoculars or borrow ours.

Youth Art Program: Wildlife Sketching

Saturday, January 18, 9:30-11:30am

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Junior nature artists we want you! Join Deb Ayers, local artist and longtime art teacher, for a morning of fun learning to draw the wonderful furry and feathery animals of our New Hampshire woodlands. Space is limited; please call 603-447-6991 to reserve a space. *\$5 program fee.*

Life Below the Ice

Thursday, January 23, 7pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

When the lakes and ponds in NH freeze over what happens? Do the animals and plants hibernate? OR is there a rich diverse world that we never see or hear about? Spend an evening with Chief Executive Fish Nerd, Clay Groves, Licensed Ice Fishing Guide and Podcast Host as he takes you on a surprisingly warm journey of Life Under the Ice!

Environmental Book Group: *The Wild Trees*

Thursday, January 30, 4pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Join us for the inaugural gathering of Tin Mountain's Environmental Book Group. We will be discussing *The Wild Trees: a Story of Passion and Daring* by Richard Preston. The book explores the remaining ancient trees in the redwood forests of northern California through the eyes of Steve Sillett, Marie Antoine, and the tiny group of daring botanists and amateur naturalists. What we find is a lost world above California, a world that is dangerous, hauntingly beautiful, and unexplored. Request a copy from your local library or purchase one from your local book seller. We hope you join us for the discussion.

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February Nature Program Series

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Patterns in the Snow: a Tracking Exploration

Classroom session: Thursday, February 6, 7pm

Field session: Saturday, February 8, 9-11am

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Have you ever wondered what animals move through your yard when you're not looking? Have you ever looked at the tracks in your yard and wondered who made them and what they were doing? Snow provides us a yearly opportunity to learn more about our animal neighbors. The track patterns left behind will be our window into figuring out: Who left those tracks? What were they doing? Were they in a hurry? Join local certified tracker Joe LaRue for a Thursday class and Saturday field session to explore these snowy riddles.

February EcoForum: Trout Stream Restoration

Thursday, February 13, 12-1pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Streams and riparian areas are dynamic, and change dramatically over decades and centuries. Research in the last thirty years has shed light on the interconnected nature of streams and riparian areas, documenting that riparian zones are indeed an integral part of stream ecosystems. Much of that research has demonstrated the importance of wood in streams to fish habitat and nutrient cycling, and emerging information on the role of light on the productivity of stream ecosystems. Come learn about research from New Hampshire and beyond on fish habitat and instream wood, and what we may expect in our streams in the coming decades as forests age. As well as several stream restoration projects that use our knowledge of stream and riparian processes to help stream ecosystems become healthy again.

New Hampshire's Declining Bird Population

Thursday, February 13, 7pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

In September a study was published in the journal *Science* that highlighted an alarming decline in bird populations throughout North America. Similar studies in Europe have found the same. The report indicates a net population

decline of 29% (about three billion birds) in North America since 1970. Yes that's billion, with a "b." Iain MacLeod, Executive Director of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, took a closer look at long term bird data in New Hampshire's north country and found similar declines. Join Iain for an evening of exploring and explaining these trends and what they mean for the future of New Hampshire's avian and greater wildlife populations.

Winter Tracks Family Snowshoe

Saturday, February 15, 10am-12pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Who's been here? Was it a fox, a bobcat, or even a fisher? Learn the four basic track patterns and enjoy the morning outside with your family during Tin Mountain's *Winter Tracks Family Snowshoe* program. Families of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tanzania: Birds, Big Game and Maasai Culture

Thursday, March 5, 7pm

Nature Learning Center, Albany

Based on a Feb. 2019 trip to Tanzania, TMCC member and volunteer Charlie Nims will share his birding safari adventure through the Northern Circuit of Tanzania including Tarangire NP, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti, finishing with a quick visit to Zanzibar. Although the focus will be on birds, there will be lots of big game, some insight into the Maasai culture and a feel for the varied habitats.

Coastal Birds Field Program

Saturday, March 7, 7:30am

Meet at Nature Learning Center, Albany

We're heading to the coast of Maine in search of harlequins, scoters, eiders, long-tailed ducks, and mergansers. Join us for an excursion to several great birding spots in southern Maine to look for various ducks and shorebirds. Make sure to bring warm layers, water, and a lunch. Bring your own binoculars or borrow ours.

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