



2017 MAINE WILDLIFE PARK Summer Wildlife Days

Sponsored by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park

All programs will run from 11am - 2pm unless otherwise noted.

www.mainewildlifepark.com



MAY

Saturday May 6 CREATURES OF THE NIGHT 10am-2pm This newest park exhibit is dark & unique! Nocturnal creatures are all around & beneath us, but we scarcely notice their existence! Learn the differences between a truly nocturnal vs. crepuscular existence; & why certain critters have adopted a dawn, dusk or completely night-time lifestyle. In addition, there will be a special display about Maine bats.

NEW!

Sat. May 13 ARCHERY & LASER RIFLES WITH BRYANT POND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS Certified archery instructors will have equipment & targets to try your hand at this great family sport. Ages 9 & up will have a chance to shoot a bow, learning basic safety & shooting skills from **10 am.-12 pm.** New for 2017, Bryant Pond's instructors will be offering a laser rifle range experience. They'll review shot placement using several 3-D targets & cover hunting ethics. Youngsters ages 6 & up will have a chance to learn basic gun handling & shooting skills while using our laser rifles from **12:30-2:30pm.** umaine.edu/bryantpond

Saturday May 20 MAINE FOREST SERVICE Join a local District Forest Ranger with a demonstration & display of the tools of their trade. Forest Rangers protect our forests from fires, insects, disease & misuse. There will be special photo opportunities for the kids when Smokey the Bear arrives to meet his fans. Bring your cameras! maine.gov/dacf/mfs

AND

MAINE NORDMENN DAY Scandinavian climate, wildlife & conservation practices are similar to Maine's. Learn about Scandinavian culture from folks in full native dress; see demonstrations of traditional activities like wood carving, rosemaling, weaving & Viking life. View a 15' long Viking ship reproduction! Sample delicious Scandinavian foods, enjoy Scandinavian music. Age appropriate activities for children; Scandinavian baked goods & crafts for sale. mainenordmenn.com

Sat.-Mon. May 27 - 29 FRIENDS OF THE MAINE WILDLIFE PARK ANNUAL PLANT SALE The Friends volunteer group helps out the wildlife park in so many ways; learn more about their ongoing projects & enjoy great bargains on spring plants with annual & perennial flowers, vegetables & floral baskets grown in their own greenhouse! Plants will be available Sat. & Sun. 8am-3pm in parking lot; Mon. & thereafter inside Park. wildlifeparkfriends.org

Saturday May 27 RED CROSS/RAYSUP BLOOD DRIVE 10:00AM - 4:00PM The American Red Cross plays a critical role in our nation's health care system, processing about 40 percent of the blood supply! Reveal your inner hero & donate life-saving blood at our annual park blood drive. Donors who pre-register for this event receive free admission to the park & a discount for family members on this day. **You can preregister at:** redcrossblood.org

JUNE

NEW!

Saturday June 3 MAINE WARDEN SERVICE DAY Join us for a day all about game wardens. Meet wardens & view the 'Wall of Shame' display. Several warden authors will also be on hand to autograph their books about warden service, including Roger Guay, "A Good Man with a Dog"; John Ford, illustrator & game warden adventures writer; Warden Svc Chaplain Kate Braestrup, author of several best sellers, & Daren Worcester, "Open Season: True Stories of the Maine Warden Service". Paul Doiron, well known for his warden Mike Bowditch crime novels set here in Maine, will also be on hand. maine.gov/ifw/warden_service

Sat. & Sun June 10/11 THE ANCIENT ONES This group of re-enactors, in full period dress, will set up a real Living History Camp from the late 1700s - 1800s. Demonstrations go on all day long, including fire starting, cooking, trading, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping, flintlock muskets, weaving & more. Come to see what day-to-day life really looked like 200 years ago! All day Saturday & Sunday morning 'til noon. theancientonesofmaine.com

Saturday June 17 MR. DREW & HIS ANIMALS TOO Join Mr. Drew in a truly unique educational display. With the animals he has rescued and/or rehabilitated, he brings a complete "hands on" experience! Stop by & have your photo taken with a large tegu, boa, monitor, macaw or tortoise; then feel free to ask questions about exotic pet ownership. facebook.com/mrdrewandhisanimalstoo

NEW!

Saturday June 24 INTERNATIONAL CRYPTOZOOLOGY MUSEUM Director Loren Coleman & ICM staff introduce Park visitors to an exciting world of the "study of hidden and unknown animals," like Bigfoot, Yetis & Lake Monsters. Through casts & evidence uncovered, plus a life-size replica of the four-ft-tall Sumatran Orang Pendek, the ICM shares info on new species recovered & others 'to-be-discovered'. cryptozoologymuseum.com

NEW!

JULY

Saturday July 1 BUGS - Then & Now Join Jon Wallace, retired science teacher, to explore the world of 'bugs'. Observe some live 'bugs' & their shed skins (exoskeletons); see fossils of 'bugs'/arthropods from 550 million years ago to the "Ice Age"; & finish by looking at a 'bugs' worst nightmare, insectivorous plants! Also, Dept. of Ag's **Maine Bug Watch** will have a display about the latest invasive pests that threaten our plant resources. facebook.com/Maine-Bug-Watch

Saturday July 8 6:30-9PM NIGHT VISIT WITH NORTHERN STARS PLANATARIUM The universe is traveling to the wildlife park! An inflatable star theater will be set up where a star projector, slides, video & special effects will introduce kids to astronomy & space science. About 50 people at a time will be able to participate; & 4 consecutive shows will run. Before or after the show, participate in other night sky activities. **Cancelled if raining!** Sponsored by Gray Physical Therapy & Us & Co. Computers northern-stars.com

NEW!

Saturday July 15 NEW ENGLAND MINERAL ASSOCIATION Learn about minerals & gemstones found in different localities in Maine; with hands on education stations & knowledgeable people to help answer questions. A great way to get started in this rewarding hobby. nemineducation.org

Saturday July 22 CHAINSAW WILDLIFE ARTISTS Join 4 local Maine chainsaw carvers Ron Carlson, Tim Pickett, Dan Burns & Andrew Logan as they use chainsaws to create eagles, bears & more. Watch a block of wood become a work of art. A variety of carvings will be on exhibit & for sale. Bring your cameras & your earplugs! woodyahbelieve.com chainsawcarverpolandmaine.weebly.com facebook.com/pages/Ron-Carlson

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) manages the Maine Wildlife Park & all of the state's wildlife resources. We ensure the health of Maine's fisheries, wildlife & habitats for the benefit & recreational enjoyment of all users. Maine Wildlife Park admission fees, nature store sales, donations, grants, thousands of volunteer hours & the funds raised by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park make the park essentially self-supporting. A variety of in-kind administrative, engineering, human resource & other services are provided by MDIFW. We thank you for your support!

Saturday July 29 WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS Conservation is no longer just a local issue - so bring the family to visit with "Global Cousins of our Native Maine Species"! Several live 'cousins' of our native Maine wildlife will be on hand to learn about and photograph. Their unique messaging focuses on sharing awareness concerning issues affecting Animals - People - Earth. wildlifeencountersnh.com

AUGUST

Saturday Aug. 5 LIFE OF THE HONEYBEE Learn about the industrious life of the honey bee, & the role of the beekeeper. Parts of the bee hive & beekeeping equipment will be on display; & experienced bee keepers will be available to answer your questions. A variety of delicious native Maine honey & other natural products from the hive will be on sale. mainebeekeepers.org

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 12 & 13 ATTEAN FAMILY POW WOW Tribal representatives from Maine, New England & around the country will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers & traditional food booths. This year, don't miss NEW activities, food, music & Grand Entry presented at noon each day. An exciting opportunity to learn more about Native American culture & heritage. (All day, rain or shine)

Saturday & Sunday Aug. 19 & 20 ENCHANTED FORESTS Fairy houses & gardens are incredibly popular with children today. Bring the kids to visit our fabulous human-sized fairy house, meet & have your photos taken with some 'real' fairies; then work with all natural materials to create your own miniature fairy habitats to take home with you. This is a great event for all kids, young & old!

Sat. Aug. 26 MAINE AUTHORS & STORYTELLERS Tamra Wight, author of the 'Cooper & Packrat' middle-grade mystery series, & Melissa Kim, author of the 'Wildlife on the Move' series of board books for early readers, will give presentations about wildlife, read from their books, & lead a variety of family-friendly activities and workshops. 10am-2pm islandportpress.com

NEW!

SEPTEMBER

Saturday Sept. 2 WILDLIFE ENRICHMENT DAY 'Enrichments' are items that provide mental & physical stimulation & exercise to captive wildlife to encourage natural behaviors, activity & play. Starting at 10am, then every hour on the hour to 3pm, watch a different species receive a new enrichment & enjoy the fun they'll have with it!

Saturday Sept. 9 RICK CHARETTE CONCERT! As a singer & songwriter, Rick Charette has been capturing the hearts & spirits of young & old alike with his delightful & inspiring children's songs. His performances blend original contemporary pop music & lyrics with imaginative activities that generate all kinds of audience participation. Many songs performed will be about Maine's wild animals and from his newest album! Rick will sign autographs & sell CDs after the show. **Concert Show Time is 11am-12noon; rain or shine.** rickcharette.com

Sunday Sept. 10 NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day, & was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Free admission for Grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren; regular entrance fees for all other family members.

Saturday Sept. 23 WILD ABOUT WHITETAILS Celebrate National Hunting & Fishing Day with MDIFW biologists & presenters to learn all about Maine White-tailed Deer. See how biologists collect deer data, meet Maine white-tail expert R.G. Bernier for a deer hunting Q & A; watch taxidermist Paul Reynolds mount a deer head, see the Warden Service 'Wall of Shame'; learn about fawn rehabilitation; & the kids can participate in a variety of deer-related activities. nhfd.org bigwhitetail.com wildwingstaxidermy.me

NEW!

OCTOBER

Saturday & Sunday Oct. 14 & 15 HARVEST-FEST Enjoy a variety of 'old-tyme' harvest games & activities for the whole family! Dodge giant spider legs without getting caught, or jump your pumpkin 20 feet into a pool of water. Shoot marshmallows at a villain or crawl through a giant snake! These are just some of the many activities you can enjoy with the family. The Park will feature many new games & displays for all ages, autumn snacks, & new ways to race & launch a pumpkin that you probably never thought of! Don't miss this new level of autumn fun! **10am-3pm each day.**

NEW!

NOVEMBER

Saturday Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY/CLOSING DAY FOR THE PARK Free admission for U.S. Military personnel, Veterans & their immediate family members on our last day of the season.



Our 4 picnic shelters & Outdoor Classroom can be reserved for birthday parties, special occasions, family gatherings & more! Special Wildlife programs & tours are available. Consider volunteering at the wildlife park. There are opportunities for gatehouse attendants, tour guides, gardeners & Snack Shack clerks. For more information, please call 207-657-4977 x 0; or go to mainewildlifepark.com

Please Note: The Maine Wildlife Park is **not** a part of the Department of Ag, Forestry & Conservation Maine State Park Pass system.