

Winter Calendar

JAN + FEB + MAR

2026

Registration required for some events.
Please call **(315) 482-2479** to RSVP.
*Denotes registration requirements.



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calendar of events
on our website.

All programs meet at the Nature Center and are free unless otherwise stated.
Our calendar of events can also be found on our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

EVENT SERIES *Recurring programs with multiple date options*

SOCIAL SUNDAYS

Sundays, January–March // 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

All are welcome – come hang out, make friends, and enjoy the cozy fire!

Craft Café Calling all makers! Let the Nature Center serve as your workshop. Bring your artform and practice in community or casually learn something new! Coffee and tea available.

Feathered Friends Get up close with our feeder birds! The quiet, mindful activity of feeding birds by hand (or by head!) will leave you inspired. Birdseed provided. Great for all ages.

FULL MOON HIKES*

Friday, January 2 // 3:15 p.m. Wolf Moon: RSVP by 12/31

Sunday, February 1 // 4:45 p.m. Snow Moon: RSVP by 1/30

Tuesday, March 3 // 6:00 p.m. Worm Moon: RSVP by 3/1

Join us on the trails for our monthly full-moon hikes! Please wear sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing for warmth, and bring your own headlamp and/or flashlight. We'll leave the Nature Center promptly to catch a view of the moonrise. Following the hike, we'll host a campfire! Program subject to weather. Limited space, please RSVP no later than 2 days prior to event.

PACK BASKET WORKSHOPS*

Saturday, January 17 // 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (approx. duration 7 hours) Full-size Pack Basket

Saturday, February 28 // 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (approx. duration 5 hours) Mini Pack Basket

Come learn how to weave a traditional pack basket out of reeds! This heritage craft of the Thousand Islands and Adirondack regions can be learned in a day – we provide the materials and instruction for the class. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Full-size basket workshops are \$100. Mini pack basket workshops are \$50. Payment is due at event. Bring a lunch and water bottle and prepare for a fun day! *Class size is limited, please RSVP early.*

KIDS' WEEK!

Wednesday, February 18 – Saturday, February 21 // 10:00 a.m.–Noon

School's out! This winter break, stop by the Nature Center for some winter fun! We will have programs daily. Please see individual descriptions on page 3.



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JANUARY

FIRST DAY HIKE

Thursday, January 1 // 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (Drop-in) // 10:00 a.m. (Guided hike)

Kick off the New Year in nature! Join us for this annual event held across New York State. Hikes are self-guided all day on over 9 miles of nature trails. Choose your own adventure or join us on our guided hike at 10:00 a.m. Please dress for the weather. Snowshoes will be provided if conditions allow (7 inches of snow minimum). Stop in the Nature Center for free giveaways!

FULL MOON HIKE*

Friday, January 2 // 3:15 p.m. Wolf Moon: RSVP by 12/31

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WILDERNESS SKILLS: TRACKING 101 *with outdoorsman Patrick Dove*

Saturday, January 3 // 11:00 a.m.

Have you ever walked a trail, or even your land, saw tracks, and wished you could identify who or what visited, and roughly how many? Join outdoorsman Patrick Dove on the trail to improve your tracking skills. Before we head out, we'll discuss what we may see. Afterward, we'll chat and learn more while we enjoy a cup of hot cocoa by the fire.

NIGHT SKY: JUPITER VIEWING *with amateur astronomer Tim Abel*

Saturday, January 10 // 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Join us for a rare opportunity to see Jupiter! Amateur astronomer Tim Abel will help us to see deep into the night sky and observe Jupiter with its beautiful red spot and many moons in addition to other prominent night sky features. Please dress for the weather and bring a blanket if you like. Please RSVP by 1/08; event subject to clear skies.

PACK BASKET WORKSHOP*

Saturday, January 17 // 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (approx. duration 7 hours) Full-size Pack Basket

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GUIDED WINTER WILDLIFE HIKE

Saturday, January 24 // 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a guided hike! Take in all the winter wonder Wellesley Island has to offer. We'll be looking for tracks, birds, and any other signs of active winter wildlife. Be sure to bring your warmest winter gear. Snowshoes will be provided if conditions allow (7+ inches of snow).

SNOWSHOEING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, January 31 // 1:00 p.m.

Join us to experience one of our favorite winter sports! We will be offering a guided snowshoe hike, weather permitting. In the absence of snow, we will have a presentation on the history of snowshoeing. Remember to dress warm!

FEBRUARY

FULL MOON HIKE*

Sunday, February 1 // 4:45 p.m. Snow Moon: RSVP by 1/30

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6TH ANNUAL ICE FISHING CLINIC at Dewolf Point State Park

Saturday, February 7 // 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (drop-in)

Join the Nature Center and outdoorsman Patrick Dove at our annual ice fishing clinic. Learn about ice augers, setting and baiting tip-ups, ice conditions, and more! Fishing license required for ages 16 and up if fishing (available at Thousand Islands Bait Store). No restrooms on-site, so please plan accordingly. Grilled hotdog lunch provided. Dress warmly, bring ice cleats, face-coverings, and extra gloves for the kids!

BARN QUILT WORKSHOP: TRADITIONAL PATTERN*

Saturday, February 14 // 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

This barn workshop will help you chill those winter blues! Today, we'll be creating a 1'x1' traditional barn quilt that you will be able to display throughout the year. \$25 fee, and please bring a lunch and water bottle. RSVP by 2/10. Recommended for ages 12+.

KIDS' WEEK: FAIRY HOUSES

Wednesday, February 18 // 10:00 a.m.–Noon

To celebrate the start of Kids' Week we will build fairy houses! Gather materials with us outside and get creative! We'll be outside, so remember to bring warm clothes and gloves. Recommended for ages 5+.

KIDS' WEEK: NATURE CRAFTS

Thursday, February 19 // 10:00 a.m.–Noon

Join us for a morning of crafts and environmental education! We will have a range of nature-related crafts set up. Come rain or shine we will have stamps, coloring, and crafting. Recommended for ages 5+.

KIDS' WEEK: TRAIL TREKKING SURVIVAL CAMP

Friday, February 20 // 10:00 a.m.–Noon

Cap off Kids' Week with a memorable adventure! Join us and test your shelter-building skills. We will learn about basic tools, skills, and what preparation is needed to survive in the wild. Good shoes and gloves are suggested! We will provide snowshoes if conditions allow. Recommended for ages 8+.

KIDS' WEEK: FROZEN RIVER EXPLORATION

Saturday, February 21 // 10:00 a.m.–Noon

Let's explore the frozen river! We'll be getting out on the Eel Bay ice and looking for signs of critters: fish, bald eagles, or animal tracks! Dress warmly, bring ice cleats, face-coverings, and extra gloves for the kids. Safe ice conditions and weather permitting. Recommended for ages 5+.

PACK BASKET WORKSHOP*

Saturday, February 28 // 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (approx. duration 5 hours) Mini Pack Basket

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MARCH

FULL MOON HIKE*

Tuesday, March 3 // 6:00 p.m. Worm Moon: RSVP by 3/1

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NATURALIST SKILLS: HOW TO USE FIELD GUIDES

Saturday, March 7 // 10:00 a.m.

Let's demystify field guides! This workshop on using field guides involves learning to identify species by observing key features, using a guide's organization (like range maps and keys), and becoming familiar with a guide's terminology and structure. We'll get hands-on, practicing our identification skills before going into the field to compare observations. Our goal is to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and amateur exploration by learning practical identification techniques.

OUTDOOR SKILLS: ANIMAL SIGNS & THE ART OF SEEING

Saturday, March 14 // 2:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why porcupines eat bark? Join us to deepen your outdoor awareness by learning how to identify tracks and deciphering signs made by local wildlife. Dress for a hike (weather permitting), but the program will happen regardless. Please RSVP by 3/8. Recommended for ages 8+.

MAPLE SUGARING DAY *with local sugarmaker David Neuroth and bushcrafter Jack Downing*
Saturday, March 21 // 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

In recognition of our beloved sugaring season in the North Country, join us for all things sugaring! Seventh-generation sugarmaker David Neuroth will be with us to demonstrate tapping and to discuss heritage methods for transforming sap into syrup. Also joining us will be bushcrafter Jack Downing to demonstrate primitive sugaring over an open fire! Please dress for the weather.

CONNECTING WITH NATIVE HERITAGE *with local archeologist Ken Knapp*

Saturday, March 28 // 1:00 p.m.

The Region's native heritage is present everywhere we are today, but it's a hidden past, a forever-lost heritage in many ways. We do know today, some of this heritage, and to a certain degree, it can still be understood and seen through the eyes of our Region's New York State Parks; nearly every single Regional Park location is related to a focused, Native-used natural resource, like Eel Bay, or at the best access to one, or simple a beautiful place that all humans are intuitively attracted to. Some are also related to Pathways or Native travel routes, or a variety of other Native activities. Come join us to learn about this fascinating hidden heritage of the Thousand Islands.



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