

Discover the Power of Parks Programs

All About Alpine (guided hike)

Meet Ranger Sarah at the top of Cannon Mountain's Aerial Tramway for a short ½ mile walk introducing you to our park's unique alpine zone!

Bear Aware (drop-in table)

Welcome to bear country! Get the facts on the beautiful native black bear and learn how to stay safe when hiking and camping in their habitat.

Birding in the Notch (drop-in table)

Wonder which birds you're seeing or hearing on the trails? Come learn how to identify some of New Hampshire's native birds.

Brilliant Butterflies (drop-in table)

These pretty pollinators are a delight to see all summer long! Let's see which ones we can identify right here in the park.

Campfire 101 (evening talk)

Head over to the Amphitheater to practice some techniques for building a safe and cozy campfire, whether you're in Lafayette Place or the backcountry.

Campfire Stories (evening talk)

Come to the campground amphitheater to end your day with some local legends around a cozy campfire!

Explore the Park After Dark (guided hike)

Join Ranger Eilis for this family-friendly night hike. We'll discover how nocturnal animals make their way through the dark woods and see how our senses compare.

Furbearers, Our Fuzzy Friends! (drop-in table)

New Hampshire is home to a host of furry animals! Come by our table to learn about some of our state's fur-bearing residents and get a chance to check out pelts, tracks, and more.

Glaciers: Movers and Shapers (drop-in table or evening talk)

Did you know that this whole valley was once covered in an ice sheet higher than Mt. Washington? Join Ranger Sarah to discover the role that glaciers played in creating Franconia's landscape that we know and love today.

Hike Safe, Hike Smart (drop-in table or evening program talk)

New Hampshire State Parks wants you to hike safe. Test your knowledge, learn some tips, and hear stories about Search and Rescue in the White Mountains at this program with Ranger Sarah.

Leave No Trace (drop-in table)

As visitors in Franconia Notch, we all want to enjoy the area's beauty. Come learn the principles of Leave No Trace and discover how you can protect our beloved park and its inhabitants.

Map Masters (drop-in table)

Can't read a map to save your life? Never fear! Ranger Sarah can teach you how to tell North from South, what topographic lines are, and more!

Nocturnal Neighbors: Bats (evening talk)

Are bats really blind? How many insects can they eat in a night? Ranger Eilis will answer these questions and more in this fun family program at the Amphitheater.

Nocturnal Neighbors: Owls (evening talk)

Whooo's that flying through the night? Ranger Eilis will let you in on the secret nocturnal world of owls.

Rain or Shine (drop-in table)

Want to know what the weather will be like this weekend? Put your smartphone in your pocket and look to the sky, where we'll try to read the clouds for signs.

Recycle Right (drop-in table)

Wondering what to do with those cans and containers from your camping trip? Stop by the Campground Store to make sure you recycle effectively and keep our environment clean.

Snakes of NH (drop-in table)

Learn about New Hampshire's slithery locals including our lone venomous snake – the endangered Timber Rattlesnake!

Tree Detective Academy (drop-in table)

The identity of every tree in the forest is a mystery and YOU are the detective who can solve it! At this program, investigators of all ages will learn how to identify local trees quickly and confidently.

Wicked Cool Water (drop-in table)

Franconia's gorgeous water features are more than meets the eye. Drop by to investigate the power and mystery of water.

Wildflower Watch (drop-in table)

Find out what's blooming right now at your feet! Ranger Eilis will keep you up to date on which beauties to look for as you walk through the woods.



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