

Discover the Power of Parks Programs

All About Alpine (evening program)

Meet Ranger Sarah at the campground amphitheater for an introduction to our park's unique alpine zone! Learn what makes the zone above tree-line so hard to live in and what species can still thrive.

Bear Aware (drop-in table)

Welcome to bear country! Find out what black bears are doing to prepare for cold weather ahead and learn how to stay safe when hiking and camping in their habitat.

Brilliant Butterflies and Busy Bees (drop-in table)

Find out why these pretty pollinators are important to our environment and how you can help them. Stick around to make a take-home craft!

Campfire Stories (evening program)

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

Falling for Foliage (drop-in table)

It's leaf-peeping season! Discover the awesome science behind the changing leaves and make your own autumnal leaf art to take home.

Franconia Fast Facts (drop-in table)

Are you a New Hampshire native or newcomer? Either way, there is always more to learn about this beautiful state! Stop by to quiz yourself on local and state symbols and history.

Fungus Among Us (drop-in table)

Mushrooms are fascinating forest dwellers, but they are often overlooked. Ranger Sarah will give you the low-down on the most fun guys she knows – Franconia's fungi!

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)

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)

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.

Hoppy Trails (drop-in table)

At this program, everyone is an amateur *herpetologist*—a scientist who studies amphibians and reptiles. You'll learn all about frogs, toads, salamanders, and more. Let's get hopping!

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.

New Hampshire Natives (drop-in table)

Before European settlers colonized what we now know as the state of New Hampshire, the Abenaki people inhabited these mountains. Learn about their history and traditions at this drop-in table.

Nocturnal Neighbors: Bats (evening program)

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

Nocturnal Neighbors: Owls (evening program)

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

Signs of the Season (drop-in table)

Autumn is underway and lots of changes are happening in the woods. In this program, you'll learn to read nature's signs and get a glimpse at how plants and animals are getting ready for winter.

Snakes of NH (drop-in table)

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



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