

Exhibits, Hikes, And Workshops At The Fells In Newbury

The Fells press release

The following are events at The Fells in the coming weeks. The Fells is at 456 Route 103A in Newbury. For more information, call 763-4789 x3 or visit TheFells.org.

Valley Quest Season Kick-off Party: Saturday, May 1, 10 AM to noon. Learn about Valley Quests – treasure hunts that celebrate community, natural history, cultural sites, stories and special places. Join us at The Fells to complete the garden and woodland-based Fells Quest and learn about other exciting quests throughout the Upper Valley. Fun for the whole family. Free.

Discovering Vernal Pools – A Walk for Families: Saturday, May 1, 1 to 2:30 PM. The peep-peep-peep of Spring Peepers and the quacking of Wood Frogs can be heard in vernal pools when the woods awake in the spring. Bring the whole family for a learning adventure at one of The Fells vernal pools and discover who lives there and why these temporary habitats are so important. Waterproof footwear recommended. Fells and LSPA members free, non-members \$6, families \$15 for two adults and two children. Rain or shine.

Annual Heather Pruning: Sunday, May 2, 10:30 AM to noon. (Rain date, Saturday, May 8.) Learn how to garden with hardy and beautiful heather as you tend The Fells Heather Bed with members of the Northeast Heather Society. Bring lightweight hedge trimmers, if you have them. Members free, non-members \$6.

Art in Nature Preschooler Series – Honey: Bees and Bears! Tuesday, May 11, 10 to 11 AM. Preschoolers learn about the connection between flowers, honey, and bears, and create sculpture from beeswax. Dress appropriately for indoor and outdoor activity. Member child \$2, non-member child \$5, caregiver free. Call for reservations.

New England Hooked Rugs as Art – 1850-1920: Exhibit Opening: May 28, 5 to 7 PM. Gallery talk by owner, curator, and rug historian Jeff Good at 6 PM. Exhibit continues through June 20. Celebrating decades of New England

handcrafted hooked rugs.

The Fells historic estate and gardens on Lake Sunapee will be open for the season on Saturdays, Sundays, and Monday holidays from 10 AM to 4 PM, May 29 through June 20. Take a historic guided tour of the 22 room Colonial Revival Main House, learn about the Hays and get a glimpse into 19th century life on a New Hampshire summer estate. Tour the expansive gardens, visit the children's Fairy Village or go for an easy hike on the John Hay Ecology Trail. Members visit free, non-members \$8. There are discounts for seniors, students, and families.

Trail-walk – Wildflowers: Tuesday, June 1, 1 to 2:30 PM. Explore The Fells with trail guides Lynn Johnson and Emma Crane in search of wildflowers – both common and uncommon. Learn to identify shrubs, trees, and ferns along the new Wildflower Loop. Sturdy shoes and insect repellent recommended. Members free, non-members \$6. Rain or shine.

Trail-walk – Birding: Wednesday, June 2, 8 to 10 AM. Learn about new electronic bird identification tools. Wear sturdy shoes and bring insect repellent and binoculars. Members free, non-members \$6. Rain or shine.

Elementary Photography: Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, 10 AM to noon. This introductory-level class teaches focusing, framing, lighting and metering, and understanding your camera. To register call Portrait Design Photography at 622-1001. Members \$40, non-members \$50.

Scenery Photography: Saturday, June 5, 1 to 3 PM. An intermediate-level workshop with focus on macro photography, framing and photographing fauna, lighting conditions and settings, proper focusing, and composition. To register call Portrait Design Photography at 622-1001. Members \$25, non-members \$35.

Portrait Photography: Sunday, June 6, 1 to 3 PM. An intermediate-level workshop that teaches camera techniques and settings, framing the picture, establishing a goal, direct and indirect lighting, and using nature. To register call Portrait Design Photography at 622-1001. Members \$35, non-members \$45.



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Kayak Country Offers Clinics And Tours

Kayak Country press release

Kayak Country, at the corner of Route 11 and Kearsarge Valley Road in Wilmot Flat, announces the following events for the season:

- Saturday, May 8: On-Water Demo Day. Women's "I Want To Try Kayaking" Clinic, 11 AM to 1 PM. \$29 includes use of kayaks and instruction.
- Saturday, May 15: Efficient Car Topping Clinic. Racks and gadgets to get your kayak secure on the top of your car without any serious cursing! 11 AM to 12 PM. Free.
- Saturday, May 29: "I Want To Try

"Kayaking" Clinic (men and women), 11 AM to 1 PM. \$29 includes use of kayaks and instruction.

- Saturday, June 5: Stand-Up Paddleboard Clinic. 11 AM to 1 PM. Free introduction to the fitness and excitement around paddleboards.
- Saturday, June 19: Annual Consignment Sale. Bring in your used kayaks, canoes, or small sailboats.
- Saturday, July 24: Moonlight Paddle Tour, Tannery Pond, Wilmot Flat. 8:15 PM. \$20 to rent a kayak; free to other paddlers. Reservations a must.

Call 381-8685 for more information or to sign up for any clinic or tour.

ASLPT Holds Its Annual Easement Monitoring Workshop

ASLPT press release

More easement monitors are needed! We are holding a workshop to train anyone interested in becoming an easement monitor on Wednesday, June 9, starting at 2 PM. Contact the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) office to register: 526-6555 and ask to speak with Sue Andrews. There will be one hour of classroom work and then you'll be outside for the remainder of the workshop. Wear hiking boots, bring a compass (if you have one), and be prepared for bugs.

Our business is land protection. We do this by helping private landowners or towns draft legal contracts that protect their land from future development. For every property ASLPT protects, we take on the monitoring obligation forever.

We fulfill our stewardship responsibility to guard against violations of the conservation easement by yearly property inspections. This is called monitoring and is accomplished by volunteers whom we train to make accurate and detailed reports of their yearly property inspections. Many of our volunteer monitors inspect two or three properties a year. It takes about half a day to complete the onsite inspection and an additional two hours for the paperwork.

Our monitors are critical to our legal responsibility to assure that the easement donor's gift of this open space is protected – now and forever!

THE 15TH!!!!!!

Please have everything to the Beacon by the 15th of each month!

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