

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Opens on May 1

Redesigned "Celebrate Birds" building opens

Press release

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is preparing for opening day of the 2022 trail season which begins Sunday, May 1. The ¾-mile live animal exhibit trail features coyote, fisher, red and gray fox, bobcats, black bear, river otters, white-tailed deer, various owls and raptors, and more. Plan at least two and a half hours to walk the animal exhibit trail, which meanders through open meadows, mature forests, and marsh boardwalks on a packed gravel path.

Regular hours are 9:30 AM to 5 PM, with the last trail admission at 3:30 PM. Trail admission rates are \$22 for adults; \$20 for seniors age 65+; \$16 for youth ages three to 15; and free for children age two and under and for members.

Squam Lake Cruises begin in mid-May and run through mid-October. Visit NHnature.org for more information.

This season the Science Center is hosting *Giant Insects* from July 1 through September 30. These giant animatronic insects will help visitors learn about the importance of insects in our natural world through educational interpretation, movement, sound, and even spray!

Five giant insects, including bombardier beetle, blue-eyed damper, devil's flower mantis, grasshopper, and stag beetle, will provide a dynamic larger-than-life experience for visitors to the Science Center. *Giant Insects* are included in regular trail admission and free for members.

The Science Center is also opening the completely redesigned Celebrate Birds building, which includes live Bittern, Black-crowned Night-Heron, and Broad-winged Hawk in addition to new interpretation and interactive exhibits. This complements the new Raptor Exhibit, which opened in 2021.

The Gordon Children's Center will

re-open for the 2022 season, which has been closed since 2020. Visitors will enjoy crawling through tunnels, on spider webs, and experiencing nature through sight, sound, and touch.

Kirkwood Gardens continues to add to the huge variety of plants with identification plaques identifying the



Great Horned Owl

plants and their benefits for the natural world.

Special Events

New Hampshire Day: Saturday, May 7. New Hampshire residents may visit the live animal exhibit trail for \$5 admission with proof of residency thanks to generous sponsors Dead River Company and New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation.

Visitors will enjoy *Up Close to Animals* presentations at the Amphitheater at 11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM. Advance tickets are required and available at NHnature.org.

Virtual Science Pub: *The Gulf of Maine – Changing Climate and Changing Fisheries*, Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Squam Lakes Association, and Squam Lakes Conservation Society partner to bring Science Pubs to a virtual audience.

This virtual discussion about climate change will look at impacts on local animal populations. Graham Sherwood from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute will talk about a changing climate and changing fisheries. There is no charge to attend, but advance registration is required at NHnature.org.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health Becomes Dartmouth Health

New Hampshire's only academic health system

Press release

Nearly three years ago, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health initiated a strategic effort to update its brand identity, and today one of the nation's premier academic health systems announces its new brand and name: Dartmouth Health.

"Our new Dartmouth Health brand was created to reflect and celebrate the high-quality care we provide across the region, bolstered by world-class teaching and research that combine to make our academic health system one of the nation's best," said Joanne M. Conroy, MD, CEO and president of Dartmouth Health.

"At its core, the Dartmouth Health brand represents and celebrates the clinical excellence and spirit of innovation that has been the hallmark of our organization's tireless, passionate drive to provide the highest-quality care to the people across our region every single day. With, hopefully, the darkest days of the pandemic behind us, we see this as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the incredible work our colleagues have done, and continue to do, in collaboration across our system, for the benefit of the people and the communities we serve."

The new brand is part of Dartmouth Health's strategic plan to strengthen its relationships with the patients it serves in communities throughout northern New England. It will also serve to increase awareness of the academic health system; to affirm its position as the healthcare provider and employer of choice in the region; to elevate the system's reputation nationally; and to better articulate the strengths and benefits of the growing and increasingly integrated system in a dynamic and competitive healthcare environment.

The new brand also respects and reflects its work in local communities and will mutually benefit and further reinforce the historically strong relationship among the health system, the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, and the Dartmouth community.

"Spring is the season of rebirth and renewal, and is an ideal time to introduce Dartmouth Health," said Jennifer E. Gilkie, Dartmouth Health System Vice President of Communications and Marketing. "This evolution is long overdue, and it positions our system for the future. We are grateful for our creative partners and our communications colleagues across Dartmouth Health for their committed and collaborative efforts on this dynamic rebranding initiative over the past nearly three years."

Dartmouth Health will phase-in its new brand identity over the next two to three years, beginning with its website, collateral materials, digital assets, and other publicly visible elements such as facility signage and employee badges. The majority of branded assets will be updated or replaced during the normal replacement cycle or when inventory levels are low and reordering is necessary – a "deplete and replace" approach that reduces costs and minimizes waste.

Dartmouth Health is based at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the center of the academic health system in Lebanon, and includes Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon; Cheshire Medical Center in Keene; New London Hospital in New London; Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor, Vermont; and Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, serving patients in both states.

Dartmouth Health also comprises more than 24 locations of Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinics around the region; Dartmouth Cancer Center (formerly Dartmouth's and Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Norris Cotton Cancer Center); and Dartmouth Health Children's (which includes Children's Hospital at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, or "CHaD").

While the Dartmouth Cancer Center and Dartmouth Health Children's are new names under the rebrand, both remain keystones of the Dartmouth Health system and continue their missions of providing high-quality, innovative care to patients across the region.

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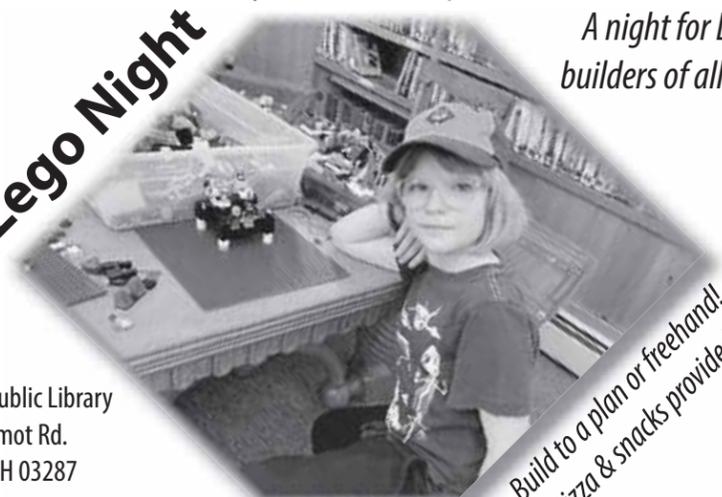
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