



The Amoskeag Fishways Presents...

The Current

April - June 2017

celebrate the Magic of the Merrimack!

Fish Season 2017

The 2017 Fish Season will run from May 1 – June 17. During this time, visitors may view migrating fish through our underwater windows. Our center will be open daily from 9 am – 5 pm. Walk-in visitors are always welcome and guided fish season tours are offered to groups of 10 - 30 participants. For more information about fish season or to schedule a tour, call 626-FISH.

Special Events

2017 Fish Festival

Featuring Dash and Splash

Thursday, April 27

10 am – 3 pm

Line up and cheer on biologists when they deliver fish to stock our fish passage at 10 am. Our fish ladder is open but the wild anadromous species have yet to swim up the Merrimack River. While we wait, the stocked fish will be here for up close underwater viewing. Fish crafts, fish hats, fish games and fishy fun throughout the day!

Cost: \$3 per person and \$6 per family

(fee does not cover extended family)

No registration required

International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD)

Saturday, May 13

11 am – 3 pm

This special day focuses attention on one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird -- its journey between its summer and winter homes. The tree swallow, yellow warbler, Baltimore oriole, and osprey all winter in Central and South America and return to NH each spring to nest and raise their young. And there are many others! We will play games, make music, create masks and teach kid centered conservation actions that everyone can do to make every day "Bird Day".

Cost: FREE

No registration required



Sea Lamprey Appreciation Day

Saturday, May 27

11 am - 3 pm

The slimy and fascinating sea lamprey returns! Hold a live three foot long fish and get sucked into the fun of a much under-appreciated animal as we learn all about the unique physical nature and lifecycle of the incredible sea lamprey.

Cost: \$3 per person and \$6 per family

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Saturday Nature Seekers

Saturdays

11 am - 12 pm

Do you and your kids wish for an opportunity to learn about nature but have trouble finding the time? Stop by our center most Saturdays at 11 am for "short and sweet" mini-programs and fun nature-based activities. Discover something new every month!

Falcon Focus – April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Fish Season Tours – May 6, 20

Fish Season Tours – June 3, 10, 17

Donation of \$5 per family encouraged



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Family Fun Nights

Fridays

6:30 - 8 pm

Family Fun Nights are for all ages and focus on Merrimack River ecology. Engaging facts and stories are followed by group activities and open crafts.

Cost: \$8 per family (unless otherwise noted)

Advance registration with payment required

River Safari with Macroinvertebrates

April 7

Macro-invertebrates, such as aquatic insects and crayfish, abound in healthy rivers. Become familiar with these wild-looking creepy crawlies, and discover some of their amazing adaptations by observing them up close!

Critter Quest

April 21

As the snow melts away, pools of water that attract a variety of frogs and salamanders are left behind on the forest floor. Get ready to look and listen for amphibians as we venture into the woods in search of these important spring habitats. We will meet here at the Fishways, then caravan to a nearby vernal pool.

Fabulous Fish

May 5

Spotted, striped, fast or slow, fish are incredible creatures. Find out what makes a fish unique, and which ones live in our local river. We will make our own fishy artwork to understand how fish survive in the Merrimack River habitat.

Family Fishtravaganza

May 19

Some of our Merrimack River fish travel remarkable distances. Find out who goes the farthest and more as we lead you on a tour, play fish games, and look for migrating fish in our ladder.

Healthy Rivers Presentation

June 16

A group of young students have been conducting a local river study with the Fishways since January. Find out what they have discovered, and learn about our local Merrimack River. Please call 626-FISH for details. This program is FREE of charge.

A Walk in the Park

Fridays in June

10 am – Noon

Search for urban wildlife and learn to identify some local trees and plants while enjoying a relaxing walk in the park. We will meet at the Fishways, then caravan as a group to the city park of the week. Bring your own binoculars, or borrow some of ours. All ages welcome.

June 16 – Livingston Park

June 23 – Piscataquam River Park

June 30 – Stark Park

Cost: \$8 per family

Advance registration with payment required



Homeschool Discovery Programs

Merrimack River Life

3rd Thursday of every month through June

10 - 11:30 am

From algae to fish to river otters, discover how plants and animals eke out a living in and around the Merrimack River. Each month we will focus on a particular group of river organisms through hands-on exploration and outdoor discovery.

April 20 – Reptiles and Amphibians

May 18 – River Macroinvertebrates

June 15 – Migratory Fish

Cost: \$10 per child per class

Grades 1 and up

Advance registration with payment required

Peregrine Nest Watch

NH Audubon's peregrine falcon cam will be up and running at the Fishways this spring as we watch the story of our local Manchester nesting pair unfold. Join us during our open hours for an up-close digital view of the nest, and chat with Fishways staff to learn more about these incredible raptors.

Fishways School Programs

Remember, our award winning school and group programs are presented by professional environmental educators and focus on ecological and historic issues relevant to your students. Please visit our website for a complete list of offerings, and call today to book a program for your school, scout or civic group.

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