



The Amoskeag Fishways Presents...

The Current

April - June 2018

celebrate the Magic of the Merrimack!



Special Events

2018 Fish Festival

Featuring Dash and Splash

Thursday, April 26

10am – 3pm

Line up and cheer on biologists when they deliver fish to stock our fish passage at 10am. Our fish ladder is open, but the wild migrating 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 & \$6 per family

(fee does not cover extended family)

No registration required

World Fish Migration Day

Saturday, April 21

11am – 3pm

This is a one day global-local event! We want open, clean passable rivers that sustain migrating fish. Play water games, make fish puppets and enjoy this special site along the Merrimack. ***KIND**

Cost: FREE

No registration required

Sea Lamprey Appreciation Day

Saturday, May 26

11am – 3pm

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. We will we learn all about the unique physical nature and lifecycle of the incredible sea lamprey. ***KIND**

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

(fee does not cover extended family)

No registration required

Fish Season 2018

“Fish Season” is the time of year when our fish ladder is operating. This occurs every Spring in preparation for migratory fish that will use the fish ladder to bypass the Amoskeag Dam as they swim upriver in May and June. This year, Fish Season will run from April 30 – June 16. During this time, visitors may view migrating fish through our underwater windows. Walk-in visitors are always welcome and guided tours are offered to groups of 10 - 30 participants. For more information about Fish Season or to schedule a tour, call 626-FISH.

Learning Center Hours

9 am - 5 pm

Monday - Saturday thru April 28

Open Daily April 30 thru June 16

(Closed Memorial Day)

Special Events Cont...

Bird Friendly Cafe

Saturday, May 12

9am – 12pm with fresh brewed coffee!

Bring your travel mug to the Fishways to learn about and sample coffee grown on farms in Central and South America that provide good, forest-like habitat for birds, especially birds that are migratory. Rather than being grown on land that has been cleared of all other vegetation, bird friendly coffees are planted under a canopy of trees. Shade grown, fair trade, and delicious! ***KIND**

Cost: \$1 per cup, donated to Environment for the Americas, in honor of International Migratory Bird Day 2018

No registration required

Open the Gates!

Free Fishing Day

Saturday, June 2

All Day

We are opening our gates to the river, inviting you to participate in NH Fish and Game's "Free Fishing Day". Visit www.wildlife.state.nh.us. Bring your own fishing rod if you have one.

Cost: FREE for all ages

Check in at the Front Desk

Saturday Nature Seekers

Saturdays

11am – 12pm

We have fun nature programs for all ages. Stop by with your family this spring to learn something new about falcons and fish!

Peregrine Falcon Focus – April 7, 14, 28

Fish Season Tours – May 5, 19

Fish Season Tours – June 2, 9, 16

Donation of \$5 per family encouraged

****KIND** programs focus on teaching care and compassion towards all life.*

Special Programs

Learn to Fly Fish

Four consecutive Wednesday Sessions

April 4, 11, 18, 25

6 – 8pm

Discover this unique pastime! Members of Fly Fishers International (www.flyfishersinternational.org) will be our instructors teaching about fly fishing equipment, fly-tying, where fish live, how to read the water, and special strategies and techniques.

Cost: \$5 per person, ages 9 & up

Registration with payment required

Friday Fish Ladder Tours

Fridays in May and June

11am – 12pm

Meet us in the upper parking lot for a walking tour and learn all about our fish ladder, the Amoskeag Hydro Station, the history of the Amoskeag area and current fish restoration projects in our region. Open to all ages.

Donations accepted

School and Group Programs

Fish Season Tours

Featured this Spring

This interactive walking tour offers students a peek into the past as they learn about the history of the Merrimack River and Amoskeag Falls with a focus on migratory fish. Students will learn the basics of hydroelectric power generation, see the fish ladder in action, and become familiar with how the fish ladder works and which species use it. The tour ends with an underwater look into the ladder for a chance to glimpse the fish themselves! Fish Season Tours are available to groups of 10 - 30 participants, though groups larger than 30 can be accommodated by booking multiple tours. To book, call **626-FISH**. For other group program offerings, visit our website at