

Weeks State Park Thursday Evening Program

June 24, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Wild Orchids of the White Mountains

Chris Mattrick

Please join us for an evening of beauty and mystery as Chris Mattrick brings to life the world of orchids in the White Mountains with their wide variety of habits and habitats and often stunning blooms. Chris will highlight in pictures and stories some of the common and uncommon orchids of the White Mountains.

Chris is a botanist and plant ecologist with the White Mountain National Forest. He has long experience in managing endangered species and controlling invasive plants. He has a BS in natural resource management from the Univ of Vermont and a MS in environmental studies from Antioch New England.

WSP Association host for the evening is Dave Tellman.

This program will be on the front lawn and in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park and will begin at 7:00 PM. Come early and bring a picnic supper, or climb the Fire Tower for one of the best views north of the notches.

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Weeks State Park Thursday Evening Program & Meeting

August 26, 2010

6 P.M.

Please join us at the Summit Lodge at 6:00 for hors d'oeuvres celebrating the 2010 programs. The evening program at 7:00 P.M. will follow a brief Association Annual Meeting, which the public is welcome to attend!

EcoPhotography of New England

Jerry & Marcy Monkman

This truly spectacular show features the distinctive adventure, nature and travel photography of Jerry and Marcy Monkman. Known for their conservation work in New England's wild places, the Monkman's have spent the last fifteen years artfully documenting the mountains, forests, and coastlines that define the region. Staying true to their mission of "promoting ecological awareness through creative photography," their images have contributed to raising awareness and funds to protect a diverse collection of wild places, from a small Connecticut trout stream not far from New York City, to New Hampshire's Great Bay, to Maine's Katahdin Lake in the Northern Forest.

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Weeks State Park Thursday Evening Program

August 12, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Music Concert—Irish, Old-time & Bluegrass

Hole in the Hedge Band

& Perseid Meteor Shower 8:30 P.M.

Clare Long

Mike Levine, Dexter Harding, Mike Serpa, and Lucy Gatchell are the "Hole in the Hedge" band. They will evoke emotion and get your feet stomping with mostly instrumental, fast paced, traditional Irish tunes with a sprinkling from other traditions! They play 4 and 5 string banjos, mandolins, guitar, button accordion, penny whistles, the bodhran and the wooden flute. They have experience in a variety of musical traditions ranging from Irish to bluegrass, old time to rock to New England contra-dance.

If the sky is clear, we will observe the Perseid meteor showers under the able guidance of Clare Long, interpretive education specialist with the USDA Forest Service. Bring a lawn chair or blanket; and warm coat/sweater. Binoculars optional.

WSP Association hosts for the evening is Ed Craxton.

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Weeks State Park Thursday Evening Program

July 8, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Saving the Mountains

Marcia S. Blaine

How was the White Mountain National Forest created? Using historic photos and quotes, Marcia brings to life the struggle by conservation leaders to protect the White Mountains. John W. Weeks who built the Weeks State Park summit lodge played a key role in this story so ably told and illustrated by Marcia.

Marcia has loved history for much of her life. She earned a B.A. in history from William and Mary and her Masters and Ph.D. from UNH. She enjoys searching old papers of the State Archives and NH Historical Society. She is an associate professor at Plymouth State University.

WSP Association host for the evening is Vince Lunetta.

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Weeks State Park Thursday Evening Program

July 1, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Cold-blooded Critters (Live Animals)

Chris Collier, VINS

We are very pleased once again to host a live wildlife program of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Chris will introduce us to some totally “cool” animals—an assortment of live reptiles and amphibians (herps). Chris will help us discover why these “indicator species” play such critical environmental roles, as we explore their natural and cultural history.

Chris is a naturalist educator with VINS, where he presents programs on many natural history topics. Chris has a BS from Unity College in ecology, and completed studies in Interpretive Services and Fish and Wildlife Management from Hocking College, OH. He has worked in various naturalist positions in NH for Squam Lakes Science Center and NH Audubon.

WSP Association host for the evening are Nancy Spaulding and Bryana Bloom.

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July 29, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Geocaching and Letterboxing

Sam Stoddard

This free slide talk will acquaint participants with the newest and latest in technology fun! Geocaching and letterboxing are “hide-and-seek” games using GPS to find hidden “treasures” along with several interesting twists, mysteries and challenges!

Sam Stoddard has been teaching people how to use GPS technology for many years. He enjoys tramping about in the outdoors. He has a BS degree in forestry from Univ of Maine and a MS degree in geodetic science from Iowa State Univ. He served for 20 years as Coos County Extension Forester.

WSP Association host for the evening is Vince Lunetta.

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Weeks State Park Thursday Evening Program

August 5, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Moose of Humor Becky Rule

Please join us for lots of laughs with humorist Becky Rule. Becky has been pleasing audiences all over New Hampshire. She is a New Hampshire native with a gift for storytelling about the humorous side of life in the Granite State. She has performed on radio and television, and has produced several CDs and books. She has a passion for the spoken word and helps school children. She also serves on the steering committee for the NH Young Writers Conference.

WSP Association host for the evening is Nancy Spaulding.

This free program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park and will begin at 7:00 PM. Come early and bring a picnic supper, or climb the Fire Tower for one of the best views north of the notches.

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July 22, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Musical "Axes" of the Past **A Short Tour of Gambas, Violons and Harpsichords** Susan Ferre & Charles Lang

This chamber music program features period instruments called "axes" of the 18th century, with demonstrations and short works by Bach and his contemporaries. Susan and Charley play these beautiful handmade original instruments, and will provide commentary on the instruments and music.

Susan and Charley are married and have been playing music together for 29 years. Susan's distinguished music career and scholarship spans three continents where she studied and performed at several universities and earned her doctorate and several awards. Charley is a physician with vast experience, and a professional musician. They established the Texas Baroque Ensemble, and promote local music through "Music in the Great North Woods".

WSP Association host for the evening is Ed Craxton.

The program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park starting at 7:00 PM. Come early and bring a picnic supper, or climb the Fire Tower.

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Weeks State Park Sunday Afternoon Field Walk

September 12, 2010

1 to 4 P.M.

Autumn Wildflower Walk

Sarah Schwaegler

This can be a great time of year to get outdoors and enjoy a walk in the woods. Please join us for our autumn wildflower walk with Sarah Schwaegler, who will guide us in discovering wildflowers and other signs of nature in the park. Sarah is very familiar with Weeks State Park and has studied the plants of the park over many years.

Sarah has a lifetime of experience in sharing with others the wonders of our native plant world. She is an amateur botanist with special interest in education and conservation. She is an active NH Tree Farmer, and serves on the Board of Overseers of the New England Wild Flower Society.

WSP Association host for this event is Dave Tellman.

Participants should meet at the main entrance of Weeks State Park at 1 PM. Bring raingear just in case and suitable clothing and footwear for an easy walk in the Park. Persons with special needs should call 603-788-4961 in advance of the event. We will be glad to make suitable arrangements.

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Weeks State Park Friday Field Trip

July 9, 2010

6:30 A.M. to 10 A.M.

Gray Jays of Victory Bog Field Trip #1

Bill Barnard

This free field trip is open to a limited number of people, but will be repeated again on July 23rd. Pre-registration is required by calling (603)788-4961.

Bird banding, radio tracking and natural history of the gray jay will be covered. Bill will try to capture some gray jays to give us close-up views. He will acquaint us with his extensive research on this remarkable species.

Professor Barnard has taught at Norwich University since 1974. He studied at Franklin College and Indiana University. He has focused his research on hawk migration, blood parasites of birds, and the Gray Jay.

WSP Association host is Dave Govatski.

This program will be conducted rain or shine. Meet at the park main entrance at 6:30 AM for the drive to Victory. Bring a snack and water. Please dress for an easy walk in the woods.

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Weeks State Park

Sunday Afternoon Field Walk

June 6, 2010

1 to 4 P. M.

Spring Wildflower Walk

Brett Engstrom

Spring has sprung and it is time to get outdoors to enjoy the signs of spring. Please join us for this free wildflower walk led by field ecologist and naturalist, Brett Engstrom, who has several years of experience studying the flora, fauna, geology and soils of Weeks State Park. Brett has led nature walks at the park for many years.

Brett is a self-employed field ecologist and naturalist. He compiles inventories of natural communities and rare plants in New Hampshire and Vermont. Brett received his B.S. degree in biology from Earlham College in Indiana, and his M.S. degree from Univ. of Vermont in the field naturalist program.

WSP Association host for this event is Dave Tellman.

The group will meet at the main entrance of the Park at 1:00 P.M. Bring raingear just in case, and suitable footwear for an easy walk in the woods. Questions about this event may be directed to Dave Tellman at 837-9764. Persons with special needs should call 788-4961 in advance and we will be glad to try to make suitable arrangements.

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This free, public program is sponsored by the Weeks State Park Association, White Mountain Interpretive Association, NH Division of Parks, and UNH Cooperative Extension.

Weeks State Park

Friday Field Trip

July 23, 2010

6:30 A.M. to 10 A.M.

Gray Jays of Victory Bog Field Trip #2

Bill Barnard

This free field trip is open to a limited number of people and is a repeat of our July 9th field trip. Pre-registration is required by calling (603)788-4961.

Bird banding, radio tracking and natural history of the gray jay will be covered. Bill will try to capture some gray jays to give us close-up views. He will acquaint us with his extensive research on this remarkable species.

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WSP Association host is Dave Govatski.

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July 15, 2010

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Early Camps on the Northern Presidentials

Al & Judy Hudson

This unique slide presentation covers the history of the northern Presidential mountain camps. Al and Judy have researched the history of the Randolph Mountain Club and the northern Presidentials over many years. They are active members of the Randolph Mountain Club. Al is the club's archivist, and Judy has authored books and newsletters about the history of the club and the northern Presidential Range. Her books will be available for sale and book-signing.

WSP Association host for the evening are Sally Pratt and Brittany Bloom.

The program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park and will begin at 7:00 PM. Come early and bring a picnic supper, or climb the Fire Tower for one of the best views north of the notches.

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August 19, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Coyotes in New England

Naturalist, Vermont Institute of Natural Science

Coyotes have become a significant part of our New England wildlife population. These predators are often a mystery. You may have questions about them and would like to better understand them. Please join us for this fascinating slide program that will give us a close look at the natural history and experience of coyotes in New England.

The dedicated naturalists of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science are dedicated to presenting educational programs that help people learn about the natural world and many of our fascinating wildlife species.

WSP Association hosts for the evening are Sally Pratt and Serena Bruce.

The program will be in the Great Room of the Summit Lodge of Weeks State Park starting at 7:00 PM. Come early and bring a picnic supper, or climb the Fire Tower.

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Weeks State Park

Tuesday Field Day

July 13, 2010

8:30 A.M. to Noon

Dog Sledding Field Day At Muddy Paw Kennel

Neil Beaulieu & Karen Tolin

Space is limited for this event and advance pre-registration is required by phoning (603)788-4961.

Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel will host this field day where we will learn about sled dog history, care, training, and meet dozens of sled dogs and hear their stories. We will be given a demo of gear & sleds and take a spin on a "Rolling Dog Sled". We may have the opportunity to harness dogs and set up a dog team!

Our hosts are: Neil Beaulieu - Owner/Operator of Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel. He is a Musher, and High School Science Teacher. Muddy Paw got started five years ago, when Neil rescued 13 Huskies from Alaska, and has grown to become the largest sled dog touring center in the Northeast! Karen Tolin is a Musher and Muddy Paw Kennel Manager. She has a master's degree in School Counseling and works in a local High School in addition to running the kennel.

Association host is Dave Tellman. Pre-registered participants will carpool from the Weeks Park Entrance parking area at 8:30 AM to the Muddy Paw Kennel in Jefferson, NH. Participants should bring water, snack, camera and raingear just in case. Trip finishes by noon. Persons with special needs should call 788-4961.

Safety & Restrictions: Sturdy boots or closed-toed shoes required. Jeans are suggested. Children must be over the age of 2, with an adult and under adult control at all times. A risk and release form needs to be signed upon arrival.

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