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GREEN MOUNTAIN Audubon CENTER



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“Opening New Eyes to Nature”

January: Winter Mysteries

Public Program: Thursday, January 19, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Education Barn

What do Vermont animals do in the winter? What do they eat? Who made that track? We'll use our detective skills as we uncover which animals have been out and about at the Center this winter. Be a winter nature detective and find the clues to solve these and other winter mysteries!



February: Who's Hooting?

Public Program: Thursday, February 16, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Ethan Allen Homestead (public program)
Education Barn (group programs)



Owls, of course! Swoop into the world of the most mysterious flying mousetraps and find out why owls are such silent and successful predators. We'll search for nests, feel real feathers, and discover what's inside an owl pellet. You will also get a chance to examine real owl specimens and learn how to hoot back to the different owls you may hear in the night!

March: Journey From Sap To Syrup

Public Program: Thursday, March 22, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Sugarhouse Parking Area

Follow a droplet of maple sap as it turns to maple syrup! Find out how much hard work it takes to become a real Vermont sugarmaker as you help us tap a tree, collect sap from buckets, and watch it boil. In the end, all of our hard work will be rewarded with a sweet maple syrup taste test!



April: Spring Discovery

Public Program: Thursday, April 19, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Sugarhouse Parking Area

Let's celebrate spring! Join us as we discover both spectacular and subtle signs of spring in Vermont. Plan to play migration tag, search for wildflowers and bask in the sun by the beaver ponds. Satisfy your interest in insects, salamanders and frogs as we search the fields with sweep nets and flip logs in the forest. Don't let spring slip by without a family trip to the Audubon Center!



May: Feathered Frenzy

Public Program: Thursday, May 24, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Sugarhouse Parking Area



Join us as we learn how our feathered friends spend their spring. You'll have a chance to spread your wings and discover the beauty of birdsongs as we hike through our forest and fields. Then we'll build nests, check out feathers, and marvel at the delicacy of bird eggs. By the end of your time with us, you'll be set to take flight into the forest!

June: Pinkletinks And Pollywogs

Public Program: Thursday, June 21, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Sugarhouse Parking Area

Pull on your boots and come prepared to get wet as we search the Peeper Pond for signs of life! Get ready to scoop in the pond with nets, sing in our own frog chorus, search for tadpoles and perhaps even catch a glimpse of the elusive water tiger!



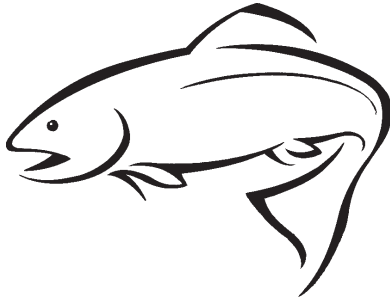


Preschool Programs for ages 3 to 5

July: Down By The River

Public Program: Thursday, July 19, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Sugarhouse Parking Area

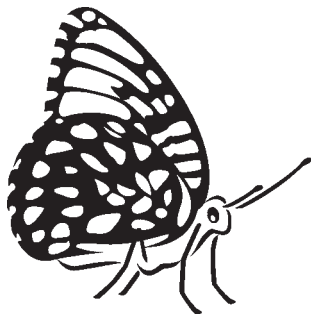
What could be better than a visit to the Huntington River on a warm summer's day? Grab a net and let's learn what lurks under the river rocks and mud. We'll build boats that float like water striders and search for salamanders and stoneflies. It's cool down by the river!



August: Insect Extravaganza

Public Program: Thursday, August 23, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Sugarhouse Parking Area

The metamorphosis is about to begin! Keep your eyes and ears open for our six-legged friends. Swing your sweep net and help us search for the secretive praying mantis. Make sure to meet the milkweed munchers. We'll glide through the goldenrod and listen to the meadow music of the crickets and grasshoppers.



September: Hooray For Habitats!

Public Program: Thursday, September 20, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Sugarhouse Parking Area

What is your favorite habitat? Find out as we take a closer look at our swamp, forest and meadow! All animals and plants need a place to live and we'll find out why they aren't all in the same spot. Variety is the key to a healthy ecosystem and the Audubon center has so much to offer. Come see for yourself!



October: Getting Ready For Winter

Public Program: Thursday, October 25, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Sugarhouse Parking Area

What would you do if you had to live out in the woods for the winter? We'll find out what the animals out here do to get ready for the cold, snow and hard-to-find food. Will they migrate? Will they stay up and search for food? Or will they just take a really long nap?



November: Let's Talk Turkeys

Public Program: Thursday, November 15, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Education Barn

Find out what turkeys eat for Thanksgiving! Bring your turkey feet along as we hit the trails and learn more about these wild birds. We'll build nests, learn how hens take care of their poults, and search for wild turkey food. After escaping from the hungry coyote, we'll finish up with a turkey dance!

December: Predator Prowl

Public Program: Thursday, December 6, 10-11am
Meeting Place: Education Barn

Let's go hunting! Can you crunch with your canines, catch with your talons, and munch with your mandibles? If so, you might be a predator. Feel the hunger drive you to practice pursuing, stalking, pouncing, and fox walking. We'll forage for fur, sniff for a snack, and hone our hunting skills. So growl, let out a howl, and get ready to prowl!





GREEN MOUNTAIN Audubon CENTER

General Information

About the Center:

For over 40 years, the Green Mountain Audubon Center has opened the eyes of children to the wonders and diversity of nature. Whether it is a close-up look at the forests of Vermont or tracking winter wildlife, Audubon provides educational programs to meet your preschooler's needs. Our professional education staff employs hands-on, science-based activities and ecological exploration that engages the natural curiosity of a preschooler in order to present them with fun and exciting educational programs.

Program Format:

Our programs for preschoolers teach on many levels. We understand that a successful program must be attentive to a child's natural curiosity, physical ability, and desire to play. Our monthly programs with seasonal themes help to develop a child's ability to pose simple questions about things in nature; to participate successfully in cooperative play and learning; and to develop motor skills through games and role playing. An hour-long program incorporates puppetry, imaginative play, cooperative games and plenty of outdoor exploration.

Our Staff:

The Green Mountain Audubon Center education staff is made up of professional Audubon Teacher/Naturalists as well as Education Interns from local colleges or universities who are aspiring naturalists and educators.

Public Preschool Programs

Our public preschool programs are designed for preschoolers and an adult companion. Please check each program description for specific date, time and meeting place.

To Register:

- To hold a space, you must pre-register by calling 434-3068.
- We suggest scheduling at least one month in advance.

Fee:

Audubon members:	\$8 per adult/child pair \$4 for each additional child
Non-members:	\$10 per adult/child pair \$4 for each additional child



Programs fill quickly so be sure to register well in advance!

**Limited scholarships available. Please call for details.*

Cancellation Policy for Public Programs:

If a cancellation is made at least 1 week in advance, no cancellation fees will be incurred. If a cancellation is made less than 1 week before the scheduled program, you will be charged full price. There is no fee if a cancellation is made due to inclement weather.

Group Preschool Programs

To Register a Group:

- To hold a space, you must pre-register by calling 434-3068.

Programs are offered:

9:00a.m.-10:00a.m. and 10:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, November through February

Tuesday through Friday, March through October

- We suggest scheduling at least one month in advance.

- Program themes are only available during the month that they are listed.

Fee:

- Our program fee is \$5 per child with a \$50 minimum fee per group.

Chaperones:

- We ask that you provide 1 chaperone per 8 children.
- Teachers and aids are free, additional chaperones/adults, suggested donation of \$4.

Programs fill quickly so be sure to register well in advance!

**Limited scholarships available. Please call for details.*

Cancellation Policy for Groups:

If a cancellation is made at least 2 weeks in advance, no cancellation fees will be incurred. If a cancellation is made less than 2 weeks before the scheduled program, a \$50 fee will be charged. There is no fee if a cancellation is made due to inclement weather.

