

Edward MacDowell Lake

Summer 2019 Interpretive Program Schedule

*Please meet at the Project Office at **1 PM** for all programs.*

All programs are free, open to the public, and recommended for all ages, unless otherwise specified.

JULY

Saturday July 13: NH Wildlife: Get the Facts!

- How much do you know about wildlife in your state? Come test your knowledge and learn some more about endangered, threatened, and species of concern in the Granite State. Recommended for age 8 and up.

Sunday July 14: Fishing 101

- Whether you are looking to catch your first fish or want to hone your fishing skills, come learn the basics of knot tying, rod selection, and just what fish are swimming in our lake and others across NH. Includes demonstrations and hands-on instruction. Equipment will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own!

Saturday July 20: Turtle Tour

- A guided tour of the park to learn about native turtle species and view where they nest and live

Sunday July 21: A Crash Course in Tracking

- Wanna know what left those prints in your driveway? Become a nature detective by learning to identify tracks of common animals in NH.

Saturday July 27: How Old is That Tree? or Dendrochronology for Beginners

- Discover how trees grow and how to "read" the age of a tree from its rings. Learn how to use a tree corer to determine the ages of some of the trees in our park! Recommended for age 8 and up.

Sunday July 28: Tree ID - Nature Walk

- Learn how to use tree anatomy and/or a tree guide to identify native tree species on a guided nature walk on our Discovery Trail.

AUGUST

Saturday August 3: Gatehouse Tour

- Learn about Edward MacDowell Dam's past and how we manage present and future flood risk

Sunday August 4: Ticks, Ticks, Ticks!

- Learn some interesting facts about this tiny summer menace. Figure out the difference between dog/deer ticks, how to prevent bites, how to properly remove them if you do get bit, and what diseases they can carry.

Saturday August 10: Scavenger Hunt

- Learn some orienteering basics and then head out into the park to search for certain locations/objects. Prizes will be awarded to all those who successfully find all listed items (a digital camera/smartphone to take pictures is highly recommended)

Sunday August 11: Sand Castle Contest

- Get a lesson or a refresher on structural engineering basics, then try your hand at creating your own masterpiece on our beach. Prizes awarded to the tallest structure and fan favorite

Saturday August 17: A Green Team: Plants and People

- Come get a crash course in plant biology to learn how plants help us and how we can do better to help them. Open to all ages, recommended for age 8 and up.

Sunday August 18: Migration Day – Build Your Own Duck Box

Saturday August 24: Hiding in Plain Sight: Habitat and Camouflage

- Intended for ages 14 and under. Ever wonder what makes some animals better suited to their environments than others? Find out by learn to use your senses to act out predator/prey relationships.

Sunday August 25: A Day in the Life of a Park Ranger

- As our season comes to a close, learn about the duties of a park ranger and the path(s) to becoming one.