

Summer Highlights

JULY+AUGUST 2022

Program size may be limited.
Preregistration recommended.
Please call **(315) 482-2479** to register.
Face covering encouraged when indoors.

The Nature Center offers programs every day in July and August! For a full listing of our events calendar, please visit our Facebook page, website (macnaturecenter.com), or give us a call. All programs meet at the Nature Center and are free unless otherwise stated.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

ADIRONDACK RAPTORS

Friday, July 1 // 1:30pm *at the Park Pavilion*

Friday, August 5 // 1:30pm *at the Nature Center*

Join Mark Manske of Adirondack Raptors and his educational birds for an exceptional opportunity to get up close and personal with live birds of prey!

SPIDER'S FISHING CLINICS

Saturdays: July 2, August 20, and September 3

Rod & Reel 11:00am–1:00pm // Fly Fishing 1:30–3:30pm

Hook some new fishing skills with expert fisherman Spider Rybaak! Eel Bay on the St. Lawrence River is a prime location to learn the basics of rod-and-reel sportfishing and fly fishing. Participants over 16 are required to have a freshwater fishing license for this event. BYOT: Bring Your Own Tackle, limited supply available. Program is free thanks to the Barbara & Daniel Butts Enrichment Fund

VOYAGEUR CANOE

Most Weekdays // 9:30am–11:30am

Our 36-foot, 16-passenger Voyageur Canoe is back! Preregistration is required. Must be 5 years old or older to participate. Program may be cancelled due to weather conditions or not meeting the minimum of 8 adult (18+) paddlers. \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 13 years old.

RIVERKEEPER TRAINING & KAYAKING

Fridays: July 8 and August 11 // 9:00am–12:00pm

Come learn about how you can become a Riverkeeper volunteer while brushing up on your kayaking skills! Perfect for those new to kayaking or more experienced paddlers wanting a refresher on proper paddling technique. *Save the River* will help us learn about the various factors that threaten the health of our river and what you can do to help. Must be 13 or older to participate. Participants will receive a t-shirt and an invasive species guide. \$10 per person.



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Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
Wellesley Island State Park

HAAS THE HERON: THE BEGINNING OF AN ADVENTURE

Fridays: July 22 and August 26 // 10:00am–11:00am

Join *Save The River* for a reading of a heartwarming story about a father great blue heron who anxiously awaits the arrival of his chick. Learn about the fascinating world of this amazing bird and its habitat. After the reading, there will be fun heron-themed activities.

TRADITIONAL IMAGINATION STORYTELLING

Thursdays, July 28 and August 11 // 10:00am–11:00am

Listen to fun and exciting folktales from around the world, retold by professional storyteller Lynn Morgan. Stories are for all ages. Lynn encourages participants to be a part of her wonderful stories.

JULY

THE HOME-SCALE FOREST GARDEN

Saturday, July 9 // 10:00am–11:00am

Come hear author and owner of Cross Island Farms, Dani Baker, read from her book *The Home-Scale Forest Garden: How to Plan, Plant, and Tend a Resilient Edible Landscape*. Dani will share her experiences of becoming a forest gardener and will teach us how to create a beautiful, bountiful edible landscape at any scale. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the reading.

CYBERCHASE WEEK

Sunday–Saturday, July 24–30 // *Check online for full schedule*

The Nature Center has teamed up with WPBS for the PBS Kids' Cyberchase green initiative! Program themes include pollinators, trees, migration, composting, flowers, guided hikes, and a grand finale on Saturday, July 30th. Participants will earn an awesome Cyberchase certificate.

12,000 YEARS OF A RIVER AND ITS FIRST PEOPLES

Friday, July 29 // 6:00pm–7:30pm

Join Kenneth Knapp, curator of the North Country Archaeology Center, for a presentation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) of the Thousand Islands Region. A question and answer segment will follow – audience members are encouraged to bring any local “finds” for possible identification. You may hold a clue to the ancient past!

GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS TO ATTRACT POLLINATORS

Saturday, July 30 // 10:00am–11:00am

Join Sue Gwise, Horticulture Educator with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, for a presentation about attracting pollinators. Sue will cover the best native plants to attract and support pollinating insects. This is a great time to get your questions answered!

AUGUST

CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

Saturday, August 13 // 12:30pm–3:00pm

Join the fun at our fishing derby for children 14 and under! Prizes for: Longest, Most Fish Caught, and “Luck of the Draw.” BYOT: Bring Your Own Tackle. Fish must be taken with rod and reel; all legal baits allowed. Derby fee is \$2 per child.