

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 10 & 11 ATTEAN FAMILY POW WOW Tribal representatives from Maine, New England, & around the country will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers, & traditional food booths. This year, don't miss NEW activities, food, music & Grand Entry presented at noon each day. An exciting opportunity to learn more about Native American culture & heritage. (All day, rain or shine).

Saturday Aug. 17 WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS Join these wildlife experts & professional educators with their living menagerie of exotic wildlife related to our very own Maine Wildlife Park residents! Meet & photograph a variety of exotic wildlife all while learning how they are connected to Maine's resident wildlife. www.wildlifeencountersnh.com

Sat. Aug. 24/Sun. Aug 25 ENCHANTED FORESTS Fairy houses & gardens are incredibly popular with children today. Bring the kids to visit our fabulous human-sized fairy house, meet & have your photos taken with some 'real' fairies; then work with all natural materials to create your own miniature fairy habitats to take home with you. This is a great activity for all kids, young & old!

Saturday Aug. 31 LIFE OF THE HONEYBEE Learn about the industrious life of the honey bee & the role of the beekeeper. Parts of the bee hive & beekeeping equipment will be on display; & experienced bee keepers will be available to answer your questions. A variety of delicious native Maine honey & other natural products from the hive will be on sale. mainebeekeepers.org



SEPTEMBER

Saturday Sept. 7 RICK CHARETTE CONCERT! We are pleased to have Rick Charette with us once again with Roy Clark on keys & Pat Keane on guitar. Rick is a singer & songwriter, capturing the hearts & spirits of young & old alike & recording 12 CDs, 3 DVDs & writing 2 books. Rick does fewer performances than ever before, but has designated the park as one of his "favorite" concerts. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see him perform live with some of his favorite animal friends! Rick will sign autographs & sell CDs after the show. **Concert Show Time is 11am-12noon; rain or shine.** rickcharette.com

Sunday Sept. 8 NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day & was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Free admission for Grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren; regular entrance fees for all other family members.

Saturday Sept. 28 WILD WINGS TAXIDERMY It's National Hunting & Fishing Day! Taxidermy is a method of reproducing a life-like, 3-dimensional rendition of a mammal, bird, or fish for permanent display. Watch local taxidermist Paul Reynolds mount a whitetail deer head using the fine art of taxidermy. wildwingstaxidermy.me **NEW!**

OCTOBER

Sat. & Sun. Oct. 26 & 27 TRICK OR TREAT HARVEST FESTIVAL Bring the whole family to enjoy this unique celebration of fall-themed games, activities, & attractions! 'Old tyme' harvest games include favorites from the past like the wild squirrel roll, applesauce toss, the rodent barn maze, & many new ones as well! New this year will be area businesses loaded with candy for visitors wearing their Halloween costumes! Come ready for adventure and your trick-or-treat bag! **10am-3pm each day.**

NOVEMBER

Monday Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY/CLOSING DAY FOR THE PARK Free admission for U.S. Military personnel, Veterans & their immediate family members on our last day of the season.

Our 3 picnic shelters & Outdoor Classroom can be reserved for birthday parties, special occasions, family gatherings & more! Special Wildlife programs & tours are available. Consider volunteering at the wildlife park, with opportunities for gatehouse attendants, tour guides, gardeners, & Snack Shack clerks. For more information, please call 207-657-4977 x 0; or go to

mainewildlifepark.com



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MAINE WILDLIFE PARK

Summer Wildlife Days

Sponsored by the
Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park
All programs will run from 11am - 2pm
unless otherwise noted.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) manages the Maine Wildlife Park & all of the state's wildlife resources. We ensure the health of Maine's fisheries, wildlife, & habitats for the benefit & recreational enjoyment of all users.

Maine Wildlife Park admission fees, nature store sales, donations, grants, thousands of volunteer hours, & the funds raised by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park make the park essentially self-supporting. A variety of in-kind administrative, engineering, human resource & other services are provided by MDIFW.

We thank you for your support!

MAY

NEW!

Saturday May 4 BACKYARD BIRDS Join us for the grand opening of our new songbird exhibit at 12 noon. There will be a variety of games & activities around the park that focus on backyard birds; learn how to identify some common migratory birds, bring your own binoculars to learn how they can help, play "guess the wingspan" & much more!



Saturday May 11 ARCHERY & RIFLERY WITH BRYANT POND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Certified instructors will have archery & rifle ranges set up for you to try your hand at this great family sport. Ages 9 & up will have a chance to shoot a bow, learn basic safety, & practice shooting skills from 10am to 12 noon. The pellet rifle experience will be offered from 12:30-2:30pm for ages 10 & up. Instructors will review basic gun handling & shot placement using various targets. umaine.edu/bryantpond

Saturday May 18 MAINE FOREST SERVICE

Join a local District Forest Ranger with a demonstration and display of the tools of his trade. Forest Rangers protect our forests from fires, insects, disease & misuse. A special photo opportunity for the kids will happen from 12 noon to 12:30pm, when Smokey the Bear will arrive to meet his fans. Bring your cameras for photos of Smokey with your children!

maine.gov/dacf/mfs

AND MAINE NORDMENN DAY Scandinavian climate, wildlife, & conservation practices are similar to Maine's. Learn about Scandinavian culture from folks in full native dress; see demonstrations of traditional activities like wood carving, rosemaling, weaving, & Viking life. Sample delicious Scandinavian foods, enjoy Scandinavian music. Age appropriate activities for children; Scandinavian baked goods & crafts for sale. mainenordmenn.com

Sat.-Mon. May 25-27 FRIENDS OF THE MAINE WILDLIFE PARK ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The Friends volunteer group helps out the wildlife park in so many ways; learn more about their ongoing projects & enjoy great bargains on spring plants with annual & perennial flowers, vegetables, & floral baskets grown in their own greenhouse! Plants will be available Sat. & Sun. 8am-3pm in the parking lot; thereafter inside the park. wildlifeparkfriends.org

Saturday May 25 RED CROSS/RAYSUP BLOOD DRIVE 10:00AM – 4:00PM

The American Red Cross plays a critical role in our nation's health care system, processing about 40 percent of the blood supply! Reveal your inner hero & donate life-saving blood at our annual park blood drive. Donors who pre-register for this event receive free admission to the park & a discount for family members on this day. **Pre-register at:** redcrossblood.org

JUNE

Saturday June 1 MAINE MASTER NATURALISTS

a nonprofit, volunteer-driven enterprise that trains people to become naturalists. Graduates are expected to actively seek opportunities to share their knowledge of nature with people of all ages in Maine. Join several graduates in a variety of nature-based activities for young & old alike!

mainemasternaturalist.org

NEW!

Saturday June 8 THE ANCIENT ONES This group of re-enactors, in full period dress, will set up a real Living History Camp from the late 1700s-1800s. They will put up a canvas tent & have demonstrations going on all day long, including fire starting, cooking, trading, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping, flintlock muskets, weaving & more. Come to see what day-to-day life really looked like 200 years ago! All day Saturday; Sunday morning 'til 12noon.

theancientonesofmaine.com

Saturday June 15 MAINE WILDLIFE AUTHORS

Children's book authors Tamra Wight ("Cooper & Packrat"), Melissa Kim ("Wildlife on the Move") & Hope Rowan ("Ten Days in the North Maine Woods" and "Ten Days in Acadia") will give presentations about wildlife, talk about their books, and lead a variety of family-friendly activities centering on wildlife writing, photography, mapmaking, and the outdoors. Make take-home turtles, go on a park-wide nature-based scavenger hunt, create your own wildlife map, follow a story walk, play animal bingo, and more!

Friday June 21 OPEN HOUSE 5:00PM-8:00PM

FREE ADMISSION TONIGHT! Spend the longest night of the year with us & watch our wildlife have their dinner! Feeding times for moose, lynx, foxes, cougars, vultures & bears will be posted for the evening.

Saturday June 29 BUTTERFLIES & BUGS

Join Jim Nutting (Butterfly & Insect Museum) and Jon Wallace (retired science teacher), to explore the world of 'bugs'. See lots of examples of 'bugs' from Maine & beyond; then compare them to live 'bugs'/arthropods from throughout the world. You'll also get to look at fossils to see how these animals have changed over time, view shed skins (exoskeletons), & see some insectivorous plants, one of a bugs' worst nightmares!

NEW!



Please Note:
The Maine Wildlife Park **is not a part of the Department of Ag, Forestry, & Conservation Maine State Park Pass system.**

JULY

Saturday July 6 NEW ENGLAND MINERAL ASSOCIATION

Learn about minerals & gemstones found in different localities in Maine; with hands on education stations & knowledgeable people to help answer questions. A great way to get started in this rewarding hobby.

nemineraleducation.org

Saturday July 13 MAINE NATURE ART Join several area artists as they demonstrate their nature-based art using unique materials & various mediums to capture the beauty of wildlife & nature. A variety of their items will be available for purchase!

Saturday July 20 ATV MAINE is a 501(c)(3) membership organization with close to 6,000 members in 83 ATV clubs statewide. Their purpose is to promote education in the safe & responsible use of ATVs, be a unified voice on ATV legislative issues, & to share information with club affiliates & the general public. ATVs for children & adults will be on site. Try them out on a short course! Safety instructors will be on hand to show you what fun ATV riding can be! atvmaine.org

Saturday July 27 CHAINSAW WILDLIFE ARTISTS

Join 3 local Maine chainsaw carvers Ron Carlson, Tim Pickett, & Dan Burns as they use chainsaws to create eagles, bears, & more. Watch a block of wood become a work of art. A variety of carvings will be on exhibit & for sale. Bring your cameras & your earplugs! woodyahbelieve.com riversidewoodcarving.com [facebook.com/pages/Ron-Carlson](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ron-Carlson)

AUGUST

Saturday Aug. 3 EVENING STAR PARTY See the wonders of the night sky first hand with Northern Stars Planetarium & Southern Maine Astronomers! Rotate through different stations & activities to find out about the stars & planets in the skies above & their impact on wildlife. There will be telescopes to use, as well as larger scopes that party leaders will focus on whatever mysterious objects are overhead. **We must have clear skies to run this program!** 7:00pm – 9:00pm (Call office FMI if weather is suspect) northern-stars.com & southernmaineastronomers.org

