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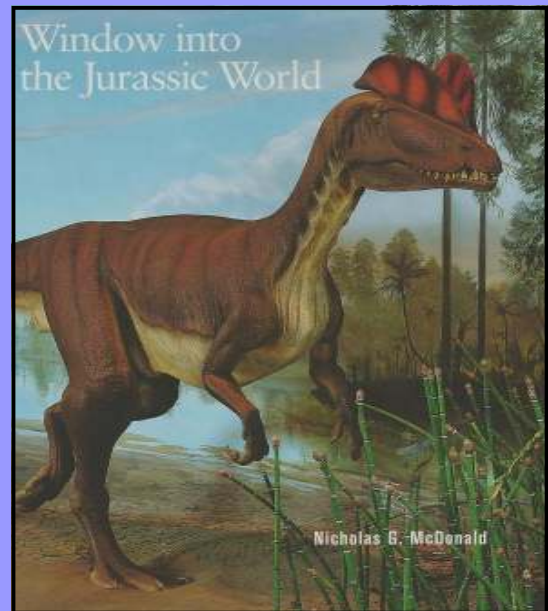
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Museum Hours:

Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Window into the Jurassic World

By Nicholas G. McDonald, Paleontologist, Westminster School, Simsbury, Connecticut

August 23, 1966 was an important day for Science. It was a day that would broaden the understanding and appreciation of Planet Earth by many of its human residents. On that date, Lunar Orbiter 1 transmitted the first picture of Earth taken by a spacecraft orbiting the Moon. That photograph showed a drab, lifeless, cratered lunar surface in the foreground and a bright, dynamic, cloud-draped Earth in the background. It was the first of many satellite photos that would inspire a view of the Earth not just as a collection of people or countries, but rather as a constantly changing, fragile but resilient “living planet” that has nurtured life for more than two billion years.

That same day, a bulldozer operator digging a foundation in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, pulled up a large slab of bedrock. His attention was drawn to unusual markings on the underside of the sandstone block. Rather than continuing his excavations, he paused to examine the markings, and brought them to the attention of his co-workers. The markings would prove to be the well-preserved footprints of *Jurassic*-age dinosaurs. And the site was soon proclaimed to contain one of the largest concentrations of dinosaur

trackways in the world. That construction site is now known as Dinosaur State Park. Since the discovery of the tracks, more than two million Park visitors have gained a greater understanding of Earth’s distant past and the plants and animals that flourished during ancient times, now preserved as *fossils*.

Ever since the discovery and identification of fossilized dinosaur bones in the early decades of the 19th century, humans have been fascinated by these strange, often massive, ancient residents of our planet. The name “dinosaur,” first introduced at an 1841 meeting of scientists by British anatomist Richard Owen, translates to “terrible lizard.” Although some dinosaurs were indeed aggressive, fearsome, flesh-eating tyrants, many more dinosaurs ate only plants; others were no bigger than a robin! The creatures that inspire our imagination and awe were the immense, thunderous beasts that dominated the Earth’s landscapes for some 160 million years. First popularized by dramatic museum displays of their bony skeletons, details of the life and habits of dinosaurs have been revealed to an eager public in cartoons, movies, and books. Many

youngsters can rattle off the tongue-twisting scientific names of any number of their favorite animals. For some people, the fascination with dinosaurs comes from trying to explain the mysterious disappearance of the giant creatures. Most *paleontologists*, however, are now convinced that dinosaurs can be seen daily at the backyard feeder: modern birds are the direct descendants of dinosaurs.

Two hundred million years ago during the Jurassic Period, dinosaurs were abundant in eastern North America. At that time, New England was located closer to the equator, and huge lakes existed in what is now central Connecticut and Massachusetts. Plants thrived along the lakeshores, and the waters supported large populations of *fishes* and *invertebrates*. Dinosaurs and a variety of other animals were drawn to the lakeshores in search of food and water. Knowledge of the Jurassic life of the region comes from the fossil record preserved in the local rocks. These rocks were once sand, silt, and mud in ancient lakes and streams.

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Book signing January 18! See page 2 for details!*



Window into the Jurassic World Book Signing and Lecture with Nicholas G. McDonald

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
White Memorial Conservation Center
Wine and Cheese Reception & Book Signing at 6:00 P.M.
Lecture in the A. B. Ceder Room at 7:00 P.M.

Free Admission but you must pre-register
by calling 860-567-0857.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In her continuing series, Zoë Greenwood helps you find small ways to help the environment

Like most of Connecticut, I recently spent eight days without power. For us it also meant no phone or internet. We'd been visiting my aunt in very northern Vermont when the storm hit. We set out on Sunday afternoon, in only two inches of rapidly melting snow. As we were driving south, I began to notice the cloud formations, the big puffy kind that look like dogs or cats or castles or Great Uncle Alvin. The American Beech trees were breathtakingly beautiful along Rte. 91- they were such a gorgeous contrast to the pristine white snow and the almost cobalt blue sky.

Unfortunately, the storm caught us a bit unprepared. We didn't have the wood stove hooked up; hubby couldn't get the generator started. We gave up and went to bed. In the morning, hubby got the wood stove hooked up and soon the house was toasty. A kindly neighbor stopped and helped him get the generator started. As the days progressed, I began to notice that I was calmer. There were no phones to interrupt my thoughts or activities. Of course, I couldn't do what I normally do, but I began to do other forgotten chores like cleaning closets and drawers. I made a big pot of chili on the camp stove. We ate it until it was gone. Then I made vegetable soup and ate that until it, too, was gone. Variety is nice, but we were well fed. At night we had long conversations or read by the fire. We flushed with water from the rain barrel. Every day was the *same*, but it was so *sane*! I began to appreciate the total quiet. There were no motors, not many cars on the

road. I spent time in the sunshine every day. For half an hour, I watched a red tailed hawk that I would never have noticed if not for the change in routine. A hot cup of tea seemed so much more fulfilling, because I was actually taking time to sit and enjoy the experience. I wrote eight letters. I started some Christmas presents. I really enjoyed washing dishes by hand. I had time to think. The storm had made a difference in *me*. Ten days later, when we had television again, we didn't turn it on - it seemed too harsh and loud. We have plenty of wood for *next* winter, courtesy of the storm. The evergreen boughs are already down for decorating.

While I would not recommend a storm induced down time in your life, begin by making small changes. Check your email once a day and then *turn off the computer*. How much time do you spend on social networks or watching television? Go to the *library* and *read* a book. Wash *full loads* of laundry in *cold water*. *Hang it* on the line to dry. Use more *candles* - everything looks nicer in candle light. Get *outside* into the sunshine. Make more *one pot meals*. *Stop* and really smell the coffee and *make a difference* in your life!



22nd Annual Museum Sleep-In

Friday, April 27, 5:00 P.M. to Saturday, April 28, 12:00 Noon
Members \$50.00 Non-Members \$70.00

Call the Museum 860-567-0857 for a registration form or visit our website
www.whitememorialcc.org

ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MINERAL...WE HAD IT ALL! THE 30TH ANNUAL FAMILY NATURE DAY!

A heavy veil of drizzle at the beginning of the day failed to dampen the 30th Annual Family Nature Day celebrated on September 24, 2011. A huge and diverse roster of presenters kept guests very busy and our local radio station FM 97.3 WZBG did an outstanding job of energizing the day from the start! *Forest Park Zoo* from Springfield, Massachusetts brought an interesting array of critters, *Riverside Reptiles* snaked its way once again into our hearts. *The Bat Lady* spoke to a packed house about the virtues of these most imperiled of all creatures. *Stilt dancers Mortal Beasts and Deities* danced to the joyful music of *Nancy Tucker*. *Wildman Steve Brill* took eager foragers on an edible wild plant walk. The day was capped off in stunning fashion with *Brian Bradley (Skyhunters in Flight)* and his magnificent free flying birds of prey! The highlight of the day was our three kayak raffle made possible through the generosity of *Dave Faber*, owner of *Connecticut Outdoors LLC* in Oakville. Lucky winners *Diane Mullee*, *Dean Birdsall*, and *Bill Woodington* will soon be seen cruising the *Bantam River* in style!

The Conservation Center Staff and the Education & Activities Committee are deeply grateful to *Northwest Community Bank, Litchfield Bancorp, Walmart, Krummi Travel, Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, Union Savings Bank*, and an anonymous donor for their generous contributions to this festive occasion!



Extraordinary Brian Bradley and Friend
Photo credit: Katherine Griswold



There is a privacy about it which no other season gives you.... In spring, summer and fall people sort of have an open season on each other; only in the winter, in the country, can you have longer, quiet stretches when you can savor belonging to yourself.

~ Ruth Stout

WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION CENTER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL YEAR-END APPEAL

The face of Northwestern Connecticut would look entirely different today if not for the visionary brother and sister conservationists Alain and May White. Their gifts of thousands of acres of open space will forever impact your lives, the lives of your children, their children, and their children's children. The White Memorial Conservation Center will be here too icing this beautiful cake with compelling programming and workshops for adults and children. As sure as the sun rises and sets, we are here for you.

Our 2011 calendar was laced with wildlife tracking programs, dazzling star parties, and hikes through some of our less traveled trails. Stacks of pancakes, maple scones, and maple bacon sustained you through a *Celebration of Connecticut Maple Syrup*. You returned with your kayaks in numbers for a *Celebration of the Bantam River*. Families came out of the woodwork for the *CT DEEP's CARE Ice Fishing and Open Water Fishing Workshops*. We stalked woodcocks together and serenaded the bats together. Our second annual *Iceland Affair*

introduced you to the best this fascinating country has to offer, food, nature, Icelandic farm animals, and Icelandic Troubadour Svavar Knutur who set the Activity Shed on fire with his stories and music. Author David Leff read selections from great environmental writers by a roaring fire. Ilvi Dulac and Jane Coughlin made magic in the Meeting Barn with their interpretation of the Kenneth Graham classic *Wind in the Willows*.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a contribution card and envelope. A donation, no matter how small, will indicate that we are serving your interests in the best possible way.

You can also support the Conservation Center throughout the year with **Planned Giving** and by using **Sterling Planet**. Information is available through our website or call for details!

The Center Staff thanks you for your kind support. We wish you very happy holidays and hope to see you frequently in 2012!



**THE GOSHEN LAND TRUST, INC.
 RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
 CONSERVATION AWARD**

Story and photo by Keith Cudworth, Executive Director, White Memorial Foundation

The White Memorial Foundation Conservation Award was established in 1964 to honor an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the environment. To date, 17 organizations and 27 individuals have received this recognition. Each year the award, a bronze rendering of a beaver, White Memorial's symbol, which was created by Peggy Reventlow of Litchfield, is presented at the Foundation's annual dinner in late September. This year's recipient is The Goshen Land Trust, Inc.

Accepting the award for The Goshen Land Trust was their president Christopher Craig. In presenting the award to Mr. Craig, White Memorial's president Arthur Diedrick remarked on the many aspects of the Land Trust. Founded in 1980, The Goshen Land Trust is an organization of volunteers established for the purpose of improving the quality of life for current and future generations of Town of Goshen residents, through the preservation and protection of natural and open lands. They seek to preserve, in perpetuity, land in Goshen for the purpose of habitat preservation and enhancement, water quality protection, agricultural production, passive recreation, and scenic and historic preservation.

Currently, Goshen Land Trust owns 300 acres of land and holds conservation easements on an additional 86 acres. In addition to the preservation of land, they also provide conservation education and walks to both children and adults throughout the year and sponsor the annual Tour of Goshen.

The Goshen Land Trust has made and continues to make a significant contribution to the quality of life in northwestern Connecticut. With great pleasure The White Memorial Foundation presents the 2011 Conservation Award to The Goshen Land Trust, Inc.

For more information about The Goshen Land Trust, be sure to check out their web site at www.goshenlandtrust.org.



Land Lovers: WMF President and CEO Arthur Diedrick (L) presents Goshen Land Trust, Inc. President Christopher Craig with the 2011 WMF Conservation Award.

White Memorial Foundation Visitors Survey Results

By WMF Forest Superintendent Lukas Hyder

To determine the number of people using White Memorial Foundation property, an initial yearlong survey was done in 1998 -1999. It was decided that follow-up surveys would take place in subsequent 10 year intervals to track the usage over time. The second survey was completed in the fall of 2010 by White Memorial staff.

Phase 1 Results:

For the month of October 2009 an informal car/dog/bike survey was done and as we saw people getting out of (or into) a car, the following was noted:

- State of origin by license plate (99% from CT)
- Number of automobiles (128)
- Number of people (199 total, with average of 1.6 per car)
- Number of automobiles with dog (58, or 45%)
- Number of automobiles with

bicycles (10 or 8%)
 Kayaks and horse trailers were also counted (3% of each)

The results were 128 cars with 199 souls in those cars. From those automobiles there emerged 58 dogs, 10 bikes, 4 kayaks, and 4 horses. Utilizing these findings, the following information was deduced: 1.6 people per car, 45% came to walk their dog(s), 8% to ride bike(s), 3% to paddle kayaks, and 3% to ride horses. That information reinforced the 1999 data and was used to estimate numbers of people per car for the next phase of the survey.

Phase 2 Results:

The survey ran for one year, from November 1st 2009 to October 31st 2010 and was done each Wednesday and every other Saturday at 9:00am and 1:00pm. At each survey point the numbers of automobiles were recorded.

The survey consisted of driving a route that visited almost all the trailheads and parking areas on the Foundation property and tallying cars, thereby estimating usage by the cars present.

Over the year 4,896 automobiles were counted over 74 days. That breaks down to an average of 66 cars per day and 148 people per day using the property. A total of 54,094 people used the property for the survey period, down slightly from the 1999 estimate of 61,619 people per year.

Due to the vagaries of the calendar and survey schedule, some months had more days surveyed than others. The average days counted were 6 days per month, with an average of 2 Saturdays per month surveyed.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
JOANNE WOODINGTON
 STORY AND PHOTO BY GERRI GRISWOLD

New Milford native and WMCC Education and Activities Committee member (for ten years!) Joanne Woodington was born to teach. As a child growing up on a dairy farm “we were outside all day long. I was always playing school. I’d make my sister play school with me.” The schoolhouse was a chicken coop with a chalkboard. Joanne wasn’t satisfied with baby dolls as students. She recruited anybody she could. “I’d make everyone sit down and behave.”

Woodington’s mother had a clear vision of what her daughters would be. “She sat us down and told my older sister ‘You are going to be a nurse’ and to Joanne: ‘YOU are going to be a teacher because you’ll make a good salary!’ Joanne was upset. ‘I don’t want to be a teacher. I don’t want to be paid in celery!’”

As a child growing up on a dairy farm “we were outside all day long. I loved birds. I loved flowers. I always kept a sketchbook and kept track of birds.” Birds and nature were always a passion for this Region 6 Teacher of the Year and the threads of Joanne’s world were woven together to create an astonishing teaching tapestry. Woodington taught at Goshen Center School for twenty seven years and for the last eleven has been leaving a tremendous legacy as Warren School’s “Bird Lady”. Her students take part in Cornell University’s *Project Feeder Watch*. Children put up bird feeders, count birds and send their observations to Cornell. Her students create their own bird identification books

which feature 15 Connecticut birds.

Perhaps Joanne’s proudest accomplishment at Warren School is the installation of a nature trail. WMCC Education Director Jeff Greenwood helped identify the plants along the trail. An innovation grant paid for signage materials and families created the signs. Children cleared the trail and parents donated woodchips. Cedar seats and a cedar arch grace the trail. Fourth graders take all other students on the trail. You can tell how justifiably proud Woodington is of this stunning accomplishment.

Joanne has a resume that is humbling. She holds a BS in Elementary Education (with a minor in art) from Central Connecticut State University. She returned to Western Connecticut State University to receive a Masters in Reading and Reading Consultant Degree and then to Southern Connecticut State University for an Administrative Degree. “I love reading.” THAT is an understatement. One of Woodington’s favorite pastimes is a book club she organizes for Region 6 adults. Through another grant, the Warren club along with Litchfield and now Torrington partner with Columbia University Teachers College for bi-annual Saturday reunions where educators from across the nation gather to discuss reading and writing, “Wonderfully bright people who share the latest techniques on reading and writing!”

Joanne has been married to her

husband Bill for 38 years. They have one son and a grandson. In her spare time she and Bill summer at their second home in Florida. “I do love the water and the sun and the beach.” At home in Morris, “I love my flowers” and, of course, **READING!** “I read anything and everything. There is always a big stack of books by my bed.”

I honestly don’t believe I have ever met a person so hardwired to her childhood passions as Joanne Woodington. To this day the fairy dust of her unbridled enthusiasm for teaching, for reading, for art, and for nature is sprinkled over her students, her family, her friends, and the Conservation Center. We all shine a little brighter because of her.



Book Worm: Joanne Woodington



Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat.

~Author Unknown

Visitors Survey Synopsis

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As would be expected the weekend (Saturday) usage was slightly higher at 53% and Wednesday usage lower at 47%. Usage was highest in the main area (Museum and environs) at 39%, and the second highest was the White’s Woods Road and Alain White Road area at 19%. The third highest was North Shore Road (Point Folly area) at 16% followed by the Route 63 trailheads at 8%. The fifth most popular trailhead was the South Lake Street entrance to the boardwalk with 7%, and the rest of the trailheads filled in the remaining 11%. These percentages coincided with the 1999 survey. Seasonal usage was lowest in winter at 19% and highest in spring at 35%, with summer and autumn visits equal with both at 23%.





Winter Calendar of Events



For more information on any of our programs, please call us at 860-567-0857

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2 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
Museum Closed

2012!

7 **Winter Tree Identification**
with Lukas Hyder
Meet in the Museum parking lot.
10:00 A.M.



12 - 18 **Museum Children Free Week***
Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. John Morosani
In Memory of Remy Edmund Morosani

14 **Winter Wildlife Tracking Club**
Three Red Trees School of
Natural Living instructors,
Andrew Dobos and Deneen
Bernier take you wildlife tracking
through the winter woods.
Meet in the Museum. 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.



14 **Aurora Borealis:**
The Ultimate Cosmic Experience (DVD)
2:00 P.M., A.B. Ceder Room

16 **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Museum Closed

18 **Take a Walk Series**
Ice Harvesting
with Jeff Greenwood
and James Fischer
*See page 7 for details
and registration.*



18 **Window into the Jurassic World**
Book Signing and Lecture with
Nicholas G. McDonald
Reception 6:00 P.M. Lecture: 7:00 P.M.



21 **Family Ice Fishing Workshop**
CT DEEP Fisheries experts teach you
everything about water, fish & fishing,
how to think like a fish and have some safe
fun! An outstanding opportunity to learn
from the best in the classroom and on the
ice! Bring a lunch and dress for the
weather! **FREE admission.**
Pre-registration required.
10:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
A.B. Ceder Room and Ongley Pond



21 **The Woulds Coffee House**
Robert Messoro and Alice-Anne Harwood
in Concert
See page 7 for details and registration.

* Free admission to Children ages
12 and under when accompanied by an adult.

28 **Cut It Out! The Local History and
Practice of Ice Harvesting**
Ice once harvested from Bantam Lake was
used throughout the year! Visit the Museum
display on ice harvesting, walk to the old ice
house ruins, and watch Jeff Greenwood and
James Fischer demonstrate ice cutting the old
fashioned way! **Dress for the weather!**
Please pre-register. 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.,
Meet in the Museum.

28 **Stories in Wildlife Tracking**
Three Red Trees School of Natural Living
instructors, Andrew Dobos and Deneen
Bernier introduce you to the world of
wildlife through the eyes of local naturalists.
6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M., A.B. Ceder Room

29 **Winter Wildlife Tracking
Workshop**
**With Andy Dobos and
Deneen Bernier**
*See page 7
for details and registration.*



29 **Cross Country Ski Trip through the
Pines with Robyn Dinda**
Meet in the Museum parking lot.
10:30 A.M. For more information call
Robyn at 860-567-0738.

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4 **Winter Walk through Five Ponds
with Gerri Griswold**
Meet in the Museum. 2:00 P.M.



10/11 **First Annual Adult Museum
Sleep-In**
See page 7 for details and registration.

11 **Winter Wildlife Tracking Club**
Three Red Trees School of Natural Living
instructors, Andrew Dobos and Deneen
Bernier take you wildlife tracking through
the winter woods. Meet in the Museum.
10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.



15 **Take a Walk Series**
**Exploring Bantam Lake's Point Folly
with Dave Rosgen**
See page 7 for details and registration.

16-22 **Museum Children Free Week***
Courtesy of The Laurel Ridge Foundation
In Memory of Francesca M. Thompson, M.D.

17 - 20 **Great Backyard Bird Count**
Email: dave@whitememorialcc.org
for more information.

17 **Star Party: Jupiter**
Lecture with star gazing to follow.
6:00 P.M., A.B. Ceder Room.



18 **Nature Stories by Candlelight
and Pot Luck Supper**
with Fran Zygmunt and Dave Tripp
See page 7 for details and registration.

20 **Presidents Day**
Museum Closed



21, 22 **School Vacation Day Programs**
*Call the Museum in mid-January
for details 860-567-0857.*

25 **Meet the North American
Porcupine**
with Gerri Griswold
10:00 A.M., A.B. Ceder Room



MARCH

2 - 8 **Museum Children Free Week***
Courtesy of Arthur and Tara Stacom Diedrick
in Honor of Claire and Matthew Stacom

3 **Winter Wildlife Tracking Club**
Three Red Trees School of
Natural Living instructors,
Andrew Dobos and Deneen
Bernier take you wildlife
tracking through the winter
woods. Meet in the Museum.
10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.



3 **Ilvi Dulac's Reader's Theater presents**
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
See page 7 for details and registration.

10 **Winter Birds & Early Spring Migrants**
with Wildlife Biologist Dave Rosgen
Meet in the Museum parking lot. 2:00 P.M.

16 **Star Party!**
Lecture with star gazing to follow.
7:00 P.M., A.B. Ceder Room.



17 **Forest Park Zoo: Zoo on the Go!**
See page 7 for details and registration

21 **Take a Walk Series**
Explore Duck Pond with James Fischer
See page 7 for details and registration.

23-29 **Museum Children Free Week***
In Memory of Louise W. Willson

24 **Bear Necessities with Gary Melnysyn**
2:00 P.M., A.B. Ceder Room

31 **Learn Guitar in One Lesson**
with Jae Wolf
See page 7 for details and registration.

Adult Nature Study Workshops and Saturday Workshops: Winter 2012



Take a Walk Series: Ice Harvesting
 Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
 Registration Fee: Members: \$8.00 Non-Members: \$15.00

WMCC Education Director Jeff Greenwood and Research Director James Fischer demonstrate how ice was cut and moved the old fashioned way! Dress for the weather! Meet in the Museum.



Coffee House: The Woulds
 Saturday, January 21, 2012, 7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$15.00 Non-Members: \$20.00

Robert Messore and Alice-Anne Harwood blow into the Ceder Room like a breath of spring. Pure joy is what they bring to their brand of folk/contemporary music. BYOB. Light refreshments available.



Winter Wildlife Tracking Workshop
 Sunday, January 29, 2012 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. BRING LUNCH
 Registration Fee: Members: \$45.00 Non-Members: \$55.00

Learn the language of track and sign with Andy Dobos and Deneen Bernier. Meet in front of the Museum. Children 11 and up must be accompanied by an adult. Wear warm clothes and waterproof boots!



First Ever Adult Museum Sleep-In: Tribute to Aldo Leopold
 Friday & Saturday, February 10/11, 2012, 6:00 P.M. - 12:00 P.M.
 Registration Fee: Members: \$70.00 Non-Members: \$90.00
 ALL MEALS INCLUDED...BYOB!

Bring your sleeping bag, your onesie, love of nature, sense of childlike wonder, and hearty appetite to this first time ever event! Celebrate the life and times of Also Leopold with author David Leff. Campfire cooking with James Fischer. Meet a porcupine and so much more!



Take a Walk Series: Exploring Point Folly with Dave Rosgen
 Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
 Registration Fee: Members: \$8.00 Non-Members: \$15.00

Winter can be a difficult time to find a good variety of wildlife in Northwest Connecticut. Bantam Lake's Point Folly and Outlet are usually exceptions! Dress for the weather. Meet in the Museum.



Nature Stories by Candlelight and BYOB Pot Luck Supper
 Saturday, February 18, 2012, 7:00 P.M., A.B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$10.00 Non-Members: \$15.00

Litchfield Hills Audubon President Fran Zygmunt and his lifetime birding buddy Dave Tripp share their many madcap moments. You can share your funny, touching, or downright outlandish nature stories too!



Ilvi Dulac's Reader's Theater: Legend of Sleepy Hollow
 Saturday, March 3, 2012
 Dinner: 6:00 P.M., Reading: 7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$15.00 Non-Members: \$20.00

Dine like Ichabod Crane and enjoy this candlelight reading of excerpts from Washington Irving's classic interpreted by local thespians Ilvi Dulac, Jane Coughlin, and Michael Medeiros. BYOB. ...and maybe a few apples for the Headless Horseman's horse!



The Forest Park Zoo: Zoo on the Go!
 Saturday, March 17, 2012, 10:00 A.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$10.00 Non-Members: \$20.00

If you missed the Forest Park Zoo at Family Nature Day, here is a sterling opportunity to catch this fascinating and interactive program. Come face to face with a variety of animals in a casual and intimate setting. Fun for kids of all ages!



Take a Walk Series: Exploring Duck Pond with James Fischer
 Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
 Registration Fee: Members: \$8.00 Non-Members: \$15.00

Explore the local geology, topography, and critical habitats in the area. The vernal pools might be warming up too! Wear sturdy shoes and bring some water. Meet in the Museum.



Learn to Play Guitar in One Lesson with Jae Wolf
 Saturday, March 31, 2012, 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M., A.B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$20.00 Non-Members: \$30.00

Singer/Songwriter/Artist and Conservation Center favorite Jae Wolf PROMISES you will be able to play a song by the end of this Workshop. You are encouraged to bring your own guitar with nylon strings. Jae will have a few guitars available. Trust him!

Clip & Mail

___ Take a Walk: Ice Harvesting.....	Member: \$8.00	Non Member: \$15.00
___ The Woulds Coffee House.....	Member: \$ 15.00	Non Member: \$20.00
___ Winter Wildlife Tracking Workshop.....	Member: \$45.00	Non Member: \$55.00
___ Adult Museum Sleep-In.....	Member: \$70.00	Non Member: \$90.00
___ Take a Walk Series: Exploring Point Folly.....	Member: \$ 8.00	Non Member: \$15.00
___ Nature Stories by Candlelight.....	Member: \$10.00	Non Member: \$15.00
___ Ilvi Dulac: Sleepy Hollow.....	Member: \$15.00	Non Member: \$20.00
___ Forest Park Zoo: Zoo on the Go.....	Member: \$10.00	Non Member: \$20.00
___ Take a Walk Series: Exploring Duck Pond.....	Member: \$ 8.00	Non Member: \$15.00
___ Learn to Play Guitar in One Lesson.....	Member: \$20.00	Non Member: \$30.00

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ e-mail _____

Please circle one: member non-member

Payment enclosed: Program fee: \$ _____ Membership fee: \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Become a member of the White Memorial Conservation Center and take advantage of the member discount, along with free admission to the Nature Museum, a discount in the Gift Shop, and receipt of the quarterly newsletter and calendar of events. Your tax-deductible fee will help sponsor programs like these. A family membership is \$50.00 per year and individual is \$35.00.

CEU's available

Make Check Payable to WMCC
Mail to: WMCC
P.O. Box 368, Litchfield, CT 06759

For more information call 860-567-0857!

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**STROLL THROUGH THE MUSEUM.
SIP MULLED CIDER. NIBBLE SWEET TREATS.
WRAP UP YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING.
TAKE 10% OFF ALL PURCHASES!**

OPEN HOUSE SPECIAL

**BUY A NEW MEMBERSHIP FOR YOURSELF OR A LOVED ONE
AND RECEIVE A FREE WMCC TOTE!**



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS



The Great Outdoors

Grades 1 & 2:

Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28

Grades 3 & 4:

Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27

3:45 - 5:15 P.M.

Details available in mid-February.

Call the Museum for more information 860-567-0857

Or visit us at www.whitememorialcc.org

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