



August 2023

*** * * UPCOMING EVENTS * * ***

ATHOL BIRD & NATURE CLUB

Summer Sunday program: **KNOW YOUR FERNS**
with Randy Stone, Pioneer Valley Fern Society
Sunday August 6th 1:30 -2 p.m.
Millers River Environmental Center
100 Main Street, Athol



Following an engaging discussion about identifying local ferns, we'll look at the ferns growing at the Center's garden to learn more. Doors open at 1:00; the program starts at 1:30. There will be a concurrent program for kids. Free and open to all.

WARE RIVER NATURE CLUB

WOODLAND
MUSHROOM
WALK

at the EAST QUABBIN
LAND TRUST
PRINCE RIVER
PRESERVE, BARRE
Saturday August 12th
10 a.m.

Leader: Lindsay Gwyther



With a wet summer comes a colorful and abundant crop of fungi. Join us for this casual walk to learn some common mushrooms and how to identify them.

The main focus will be on general knowledge of fungi characteristics and appearance, with very little emphasis on edibility.

Space is limited. Register: warrivernatureclub@yahoo.com

A second walk on a weekday may be scheduled if there is enough interest.

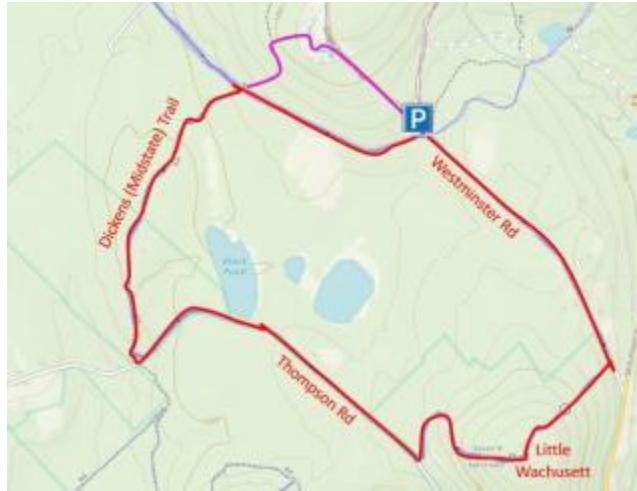


Leader Lindsey Gwyther is a huge mushroom enthusiast who went foraging for the first time in 2001 in Finland. Since then, she has endeavored to increase her knowledge of the fungal kingdom, ever eager to learn about all things co-existing in our shared natural environment. On the myco front, she is mostly self-taught, and has completed the *Learn Your Land Foraging Wild Mushrooms* online course and held membership in the Boston Mycological Club.

PRINCETON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE - PRINCETON HIKES!

LITTLE WACHUSETT/MINNS WMA LOOP HIKE

Saturday August 12th 9 a.m.



This is a lovely 4-mile, moderate-level hike up through Minns Wildlife Area, which encompasses Little Wachusett Mountain. There is a little bit of road walking at the start and a rough, steep (and short!) 300-foot trail up the mountain. Part of the hike is along the Midstate Trail.

For more information or to register: TrailaroundprincetonMA@gmail.com



Photo by Alan Rawle

ATHOL BIRD & NATURE CLUB

Summer Sunday program: **MOOSE**
with Jillian Whitney, DCR Wildlife Biologist
Sunday August 13TH 1:30- 2 p.m.
Millers River Environmental Center
100 Main Street, Athol

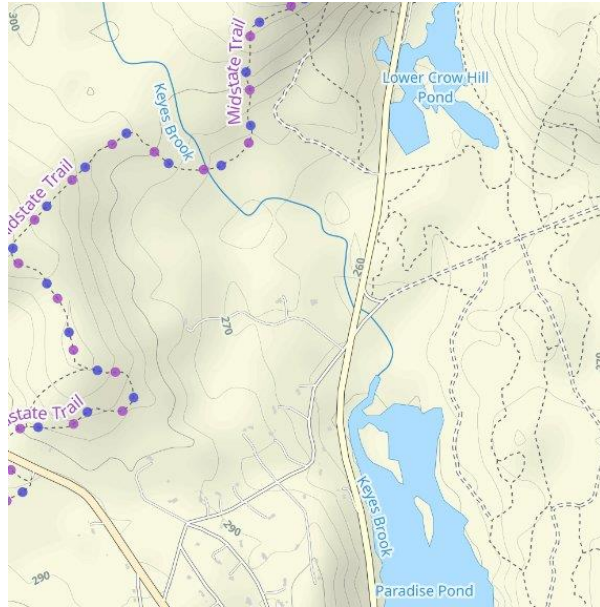


Trailcam photo by Jim Morelly

Join us to learn about the lives of these interesting mammals and some facts about our local moose population.

Doors open at 1:00; the program starts at 1:30. There will be a concurrent program for kids. Free and open to all.

PRINCETON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE - PRINCETON HIKES!



CROW HILL PONDS TO PARADISE POND PRINCETON

Wednesday August 23rd

10 a.m.

This is an easy-to-moderate hike
of about 4 miles.

HIKING RED FOX FARM TO TROUT BROOK OR OAKDALE

Saturday August 26th 9 a.m.

This is an easy-to-moderate level hike of 5 or 7 miles, depending upon
chosen destination. We will drop cars at the end of the hike
so it will be one way, downhill!

Participants can choose which distance to walk.

For more information or to register: TrailaroundprincetonMA@gmail.com



MASSACHUSETTS BUTTERFLY CLUB

BUTTERFLY WALK at
MASS AUDUBON'S
BROAD MEADOW
BROOK SANCTUARY
WORCESTER

Sunday August 27th
9 - 11 a.m.

Leader: Martha Gach
mgach@massaudubon.org



Join us for a walk around the Sanctuary to look for Leonard's Skipper
and other late-flying butterflies.
Contact the leader for meet-up location.



Photo by Ted Purcell

FORBUSH BIRD CLUB



Northern Parula

Photo by Alan Rawle

BIRDING
WACHUSETT
MEADOW
WILDLIFE
SANCTUARY
Goodnow Road, Princeton
Saturday September 2nd

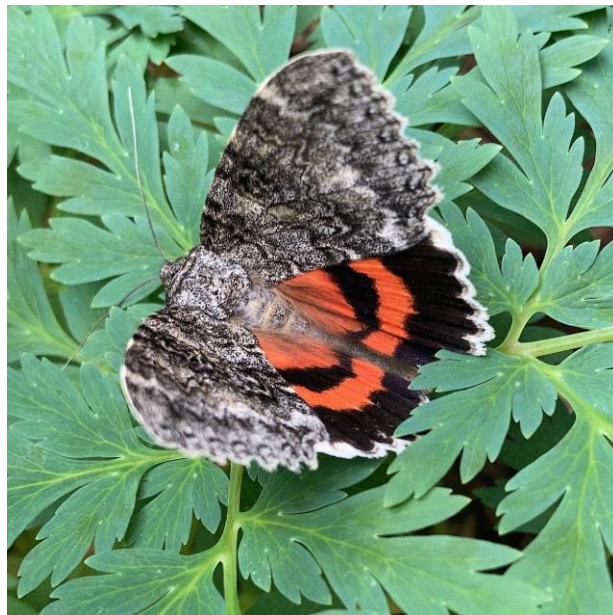
7:30 a.m. -noon

Leader: Joan Gallagher

joan.snowbird@gmail.com

This is the Club's annual Labor Day weekend walk to mark the end of summer and the start of the fall birding season.

We'll look for lingering breeders and the earliest fall migrants.



Once-married Underwing Moth (Catocala unijuga)

Photo by Doug Wipf