

Stonington, CT

River & Wildlife Book and Materials Display

Stonington Free Library

Visit this book and materials display of all things rivers, wildlife and conservation throughout June.

6/25 & 6/26 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Free Kayak Rentals

Stonington Recreation

Explore the lower Pawcatuck River by kayak for up to 2.5 hours. Sponsored by Stonington Human Services, Recreation Division in partnership with Mechanic Street Marina, Pawcatuck, CT.

6/25 & 6/26 | 8:00 am - 1:00 pm



North Stonington, CT

en plein air @ Hewitt Property

Milltown Arts North Stonington

Come see several North Stonington artists or join them to paint the fields, waterways and landscapes followed by an open discussion.

6/26 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Sheets Family Forest Grand Opening & Guided Hike

Avalonia Land Conservancy

Celebrate conservation of frontage on the Green Fall River! Join a naturalist led educational walk.

6/26 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Table Display Celebrating 7 Rivers Festival

Wheeler Library

Rivers and brooks, movies and books! See materials chosen by librarians.

6/25 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Muddy World of Amphibians

Mystic Aquarium

Get up close and muddy in the name of conservation! Conduct field surveys to sample amphibians (salamanders, frogs and toads!)

6/26 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am



Hike Along Shunock River

North Stonington Conservation Commission

Join a short hike up to Tipping Rock. This glacial erratic is a grand geological feature.

6/26 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am



Voluntown, CT

Library Story Trail

Voluntown Public Library

A perfect event for children: Walk the story trail to read the book *River Story* by Meredith Hooper.

6/25 & 6/26 | All Day



Sterling, CT

Pharisee Rock Sunrise and Sunset Hikes

Friends of Pachaug Forest

Enjoy guided sunrise and sunset hikes each day, featuring the overlook forested start to the Wood River.

6/25 & 6/26 | 4:30 am & 7:30 pm



West Greenwich, RI

Storywalk: In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming

Louttit Library

A perfect event for children: Visit the library to enjoy a forested trail walk, reading pages as you go!

6/25 & 6/26 | All day



Summer Mushroom Hunting Season

The Mushroom Hunting Foundation

Learn about local edible wild mushrooms on this guided hike led by knowledgeable instructors Ryan and Emily.

6/25 | 9:30 am - 11:30 am



Exeter, RI

Library River Rocks

Exeter Public Library

A fun children's event: Paint rocks to be added to a river of rocks at the library!

6/25 | 10:30 am - 2:30 pm



Wild Plant Walk

Exeter Public Library

Join Librarian Tien Tran, a member of the RI Wild Plant Society, at the Arcadia Management area along the beautiful Wood River. Learn from this knowledgeable native plant enthusiast.

6/25 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am



Tomaquag Museum's Culture Bearer Series:

The Rivers Connects Us

Tomaquag Museum

Join Cassius Spears Jr. as he presents "Understanding Waterways, Kinship, and Tribal Sovereignty."

6/26 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am



The Wood-Pawcatuck Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council Presents:



June 25 & 26 2022

The 7 Rivers Festival recognizes the Wild & Scenic status of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed in RI and Eastern CT. These waterways were championed by the local community for federal protection and recognition, joining 1% of rivers nationwide with this distinction.

Please join our community partners for a weekend of free events and special offers in celebration of these exceptional rivers!

The Wood-Pawcatuck Wild & Scenic Rivers:

Shunock • Green Fall-Ashaway
Wood • Pawcatuck • Beaver
Queen-Usquepaugh • Chipuxet

Details & Registration:

WPWildRivers.org/7-Rivers-Festival

Hopkinton, RI

Stream Insects in Our Neighborhood

Hopkinton Land Trust

Roll up your sleeves to investigate the stream insects that live locally! Find live critters and discover what they can tell us about our water.

6/25 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Freshwater Fly Tying for Beginners

RI Department of Environmental Management, Fish & Wildlife

Calling all fishing enthusiasts: Learn to tie your own freshwater flies for fly fishing! Great for kids aged 10+ and beginners.

6/25 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Moth Light Attraction Trap Discovery

Southern RI Conservation District

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL: Discover our native moths! Gather after dark along the Wood River. A simple sheet and light attraction trap allows for close viewing and identification of moths!

6/24 | 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm



Partnership Paddle

RI Canoe and Kayak Association & Southern New England Paddlers

Have a boat? Join to paddle a pond, marsh and forested area of the Wood River.

6/26 | 10:00 am - 12:30 pm



Westerly, RI

River Hike at Cottrell Family Preserve

Westerly Land Trust

Hike within this new Preserve along the Wild & Scenic Pawcatuck River while the mountain laurel may be in bloom!

6/26 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm



Naturalist Guided Walk on Napatree

The Watch Hill Conservancy

Join naturalists as they discuss the history and significance of Napatree Point Conservation Area and the value it brings to the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed.

6/25 | 9:00 am



Westerly's River Days

Southern RI Conservation District

Join the celebration with partners such as Trout Unlimited and Leave No Trace RI for a day full of family friendly activities, including fly-fishing practice & designs for future riverfront community space! Enjoy giveaways and river-themed dishes from local businesses & restaurants. Don't forget to visit the Hawaiian Shaved Ice Truck, and stay for music by Cross Rhode Blues from 1pm-4pm!

6/26 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Charlestown, RI

Stream Selfies

Cross' Mills Public Library

Perfect for families, individuals and children: Visit the Library to learn how to sign up for a Citizen Science account. Then celebrate our rivers by visiting one to take a Stream Selfie.

6/25 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Narragansett Trail Hike at Carter Preserve

Appalachian Mountain Club & The Nature Conservancy

Choose your own adventure: 3 mile or 1.5 mile out-and-back hike. Guides will discuss ecology, history and Narragansett Trail restoration efforts!

6/26 | 10:00 am



South Kingstown, RI

Bats at Eppley Wildlife Refuge

Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Experience a rare treat! Visit at night for a presentation and viewing of the many resident bats.

6/25 | 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm



Nature Book Display

Kingston Free Library

Visit this book display featuring titles relating to nature, rivers, wildlife, and conservation. Young Naturalists Backpacks available to borrow, too!

6/25 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm



North Kingstown, RI

Bird Walk at Ryan Park

Ocean State Bird Club

Join this guided walk in Ryan Park to observe and identify resident bird species.

6/25 | 7:00 am - 10:00 am



Guided Hike at Alewife Brook Preserve

South Kingstown Land Trust

Guided hike to view the beautiful summer blooms amidst the scenery surrounding Alewife Brook. Remember your binoculars!

6/25 | 8:00 am - 10:00 am



Queen's River Free Paddle

Queen's River Kayaks

Jump in a kayak and explore the natural wonders of the Queen's River and experience the historic Kenyon's Grist Mill that sits upon its shore!

6/26 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Did you know?

Get your telescopes out! The Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed is home to the darkest sky region between Washington, D.C. and Boston, MA.

Key



Event held rain or shine



Hiking/walking event



Nature/wildlife event



Library event



ADA accessible



No pets allowed



Water/paddling event



Arts/culture event



Registration required



Family friendly

What makes the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed so special?

- It's the longest (110 miles) Wild & Scenic River System in New England
- 87% of the land is undeveloped or in agriculture and ~75% is forested
- 75% of all animal species in RI can be found within this watershed
- 70% of globally rare species are found within this watershed
- Unique geological features such as the Green Fall Rift Valley & Charlestown Moraine

Special Offers

Mention 7 Rivers Festival to enjoy:

Knead Doughnuts - Westerly, RI location only

1 free doughnut per person | 6/25 & 6/26

Leyden Farm Vineyard & Winery - West Greenwich, RI

Two tastings for the price of one | 6/25 & 6/26

Little Country Pizza & BBQ - Exeter, RI

With any Italian Stallion or Veggie Grinder Calzone get a free homemade lemonade, ice tea, or orangeade | 6/25 & 6/26

Mia's Cafe - Pawcatuck, CT

1 free cookie or brownie per person until supplies last | 6/26

Next to Nowhere Creamery - Exeter, RI

One free topping on any size scoop order | 6/25 & 6/26

Shaidzon Beer Company - West Kingston, RI

One free pour per person | 6/25 & 6/26

Stagecoach House Inn - Wyoming, RI

10% off a 2 night stay over the festival weekend | 6/24-6/26

US Congress passed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 1968 to protect special waters. In 2019, Wood-Pawcatuck joined the ranks. In the US, there are only 16 designations of this type. The Stewardship Council is a multi-representative group founded to enhance and protect the watershed along with partners and National Park Service support and funding.

