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
Avonlea 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

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

West Greenwich, RI
Storyboard: In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming
Lowell 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

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

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

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 Connect 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:

7 RIVERS FESTIVAL

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-Uspqueaught • Chipuxet

Details & Registration: WPWildRivers.org/7-Rivers-Festival
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.
6/25 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Naturalist Guided Walk on Narragansett Trail
Westerly Land Trust

Join naturalists as they discuss the history and significance of Narragansett Trail Conservation Area and the value it brings to the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed.
6/25 | 9:00 am

North Kingstown, RI

Bird Walk at Ryan Park
Steam 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

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

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

Partnership Paddle 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

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 | 8:30 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

Guided Hike at Alewive Brook Preserve
South Kingstown Land Trust

Guided hike to view the beautiful summer blooms amidst the scenery surrounding Alewive Brook. Remember your binoculars!
6/25 | 8:00 am - 10:00 am

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

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

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, iced tea, or orangeade | 6/25 & 6/26

Mia's Cafe - Pawcatuck, CT
1 free cookie or brownie per person per visit | 6/25 & 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.