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James Nicholas, conservationist and owner of St. Clair Annex, Watch Hill, RI who offered free ice cream cones to all involved in the Naturalist Guided Walk with Watch Hill Conservancy at Napatree Point. (Gillian Gordon)

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Emily Schmidt and Ryan Bouchard of the Mushroom Hunting Foundation, offered instruction in West Greenwich, and shared details about this impressive Reishi mushroom with their attendees. (Gillian Gordon)

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Chaga the dog attends a wild plant walk along the Wood River. (Gillian Gordon)

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Marnie Lacouture (founding member of both the Rhode Island Wild Plant Society and the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association) and Christopher Grube (Stewardship Council Chair) with wild plant walk leader Tien Tran (Exeter Public Library Director) in Exeter, RI. (Gillian Gordon)

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Michael Gow (Ocean State Bird Club) and Kassi Donnelly (Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinator) begin the bird walk at Ryan Park, North Kingstown, RI. (Gillian Gordon)

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Lauren Bonatakis (National Park Service) and attendees learn about mushrooms with the Mushroom Hunting Foundation in West Greenwich, RI. (Gillian Gordon)

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Julia Fry Landstreet (Executive Director of the South Kingstown Land Trust), her daughter Cordelia McCarthy and grand daughter Imogen McCarthy - all of Westerly, RI - three generations embarked on the South Kingstown Land Trust's 7 Rivers Festival hike along Alewife Brook. (Gillian Gordon)

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Shiane Getchell at Knead Doughnuts in Westerly offered free doughnuts to all 7 Rivers Festival attendees. (Gillian Gordon)

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Mia's Cafe- Mia in front of her eponymous cafe in Stonington where she offered free brownies to all 7 Rivers Festival attendees. (Gillian Gordon)

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Lauren Barber, center, Westerly representative of the Wood- Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council and Westerly Land Trust Conservation Programs Manager led a large group for a hike at the Land Trust's new property: The Cottrell Family Preserve in Westerly. (Gillian Gordon)

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Lauren Barber, center, Westerly representative of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council and Westerly Land Trust Conservation Programs manager fielded questions during the Westerly Land Trust's hike through the the Land Trust's newest property: The Cottrell Family Preserve in Westerly. (Gillian Gordon)

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Left to right, Renee Stoops and Gina Fuller, both of Southern Rhode Island Conservation District and Wayne Ritter, Pawcatuck river front property owner, celebrate Westerly's River Days on Mr. Ritter's land along the Pawcatuck River slated to include a future riverfront green space and river access for the public. (Gillian Gordon)

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Kids had a fun practicing fly-fishing with Trout Unlimited at Westerly's River Days Celebration with Southern Rhode Island Conservation District. (Gillian Gordon)

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Left to right, Avalonia ribbon cutting Antonia Bryson (Richmond appointed Town Representative on the Stewardship Council), Lauren Bonatakis, Elaine Caldarone (North Stonington appointed Town Representative on the Stewardship Council), Kassi Donnelly and Terri Eickel (Avalonia Land Conservancy, Director of Development and Programming). (Gillian Gordon)

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7 Rivers Festival attendees enjoyed free paddles at Kenyon's Grist Mill, Usquepaugh, RI along the Queen River courtesy of Paul Drumm, Jr. and his son Ben Drumm of Kenyon's Grist Mill and Queen's River Kayaks. (Gillian Gordon)

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A staghorn beetle was among the visitors to the moth night at Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association. (Hugh Markey)

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Sheets with lights behind them lure moths in for observation. (Hugh Markey)

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Waiting for the moths to arrive. (Hugh Markey)

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Young scientists examine their captures. (Hugh Markey)

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A display of aquatic insects sponsored by Hopkinton Land Trust. (Hugh Markey)

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URI Entomologist and associate Hopkinton Land Trust member Alanna Russel (far right) explains the aquatic insect collection. (Hugh Markey)

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URI Entomologist and associate Hopkinton Land Trust member Alanna Russel helps a future entomologist place a captured insect into a net cage. (Hugh Markey)

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A marbled salamander was among those captured and released at North Stonington's Henne Preserve, sponsored by Mystic Aquarium. (Hugh Markey)

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Checking a small green frog by dabbing it with a cotton swab. (Hugh Markey)

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A green frog has its belly dabbed with a cotton swab. (Hugh Markey)

