

## Plum Island: A Nature Walk with Meyer Franklin

**Date:** June 6, 2009 7:15 AM

**Description:** Leave Fletcher Library in Westford Center at 7:15AM; preferably carpool together. Arrive at Plum Island entrance at 8:00 AM. Pay \$5 per car at the gate. Gather in lot #1. Drive south along the park road. Stops include Salt Pannes Pulloff, Maintenance Shed, Pines Trail, Stage Island Pool, Sandy Point and head back to Hellcat.

Opportunities for beach dune landscapes, shore birds, raptors, warblers.

**Maximum Participants:** 10

**Fee:** \$5.00 per car at the gate

**Equipment Recommendations:** Camera, landscape lens, long lens w/ teleconverter for wildlife, bug spray, comfortable footwear. Optional: Tripod, binoculars, spotting scope (digiscoping gear), monopod, external flash.

## Lupine Festival in Sugar Hill, NH

**Date:** June 12 -14 for those staying the whole weekend June 13 for the day 4:00 am

**Club Fee:** No fee for those attending for the day  
Weekenders: Please view Lupine Trip flyer for details.

**Meet Location:** Polly's Pancake Parlor 672 Sugar Hill Rd (Route 117) Sugar Hill, NH 03586 (603) 823-5575

**Description:** We will meet as a group at Polly's Pancake Parlor to photograph the Lupines. There may be opportunities to photograph other spots of interest around Franconia Notch as well.

**Equipment Recommendations:** Camera, landscape lens, long lens w/ teleconverter for wildlife, bug spray, comfortable footwear, Tripod, monopod, external flash, cable-release cord

## Boston Common at Night: A Guided Walk with Kristin Griffin

**Date:** July 1, 2009 7:30PM or July 8th 7:30PM

**Description:** Ms. Griffin offers a guided small-group field trip to photograph the Boston Common at night. A summer trip to the Boston Common would start approximately 30 minutes before sunset, and last for 3.5 hours. Ms. Griffin states, "The Boston Common is a great place to have a night photo trip - we start out near the swan boats, and make our way through the common to the Frog Pond and State House and around the side streets for as much as time allows. Some great vistas from this location." Also, Ms. Griffin has offered to set up a Flickr group for attendees to post their images and provide feedback on the images.

**Fees:** \$20.00 per person

**Equipment Recommendations:** Camera, landscape lens, telephoto lens, tripod, external flash, camera manual and cable-release cord.

## Photographing Dragonflies with Dick Kenyon

**Date:** June 28, 2009 6:30AM

**Description:** Dick Kenyon will lead a local, half-day field trip to search for and photograph dragonflies and damselflies. Shooting venues will be in Acton and Chelmsford. Carpool with cars leaving from the J.V. Fletcher library parking lot in Westford at 6:30AM. Techniques for producing good images of these insects will be demonstrated. |

**Fee:** No Fee **Maximum Participants:** 6

**Equipment Recommendations:** camera manuals, tripod, camera/lens combination permitting 1:3 to 1:2 life size magnification; flash; remote shutter release; garbage bag to kneel on if grass is wet.

## DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park with Robert Moll

**Date:** June 22, 2009 5:15PM - 8:30PM

**Description:** Robert Moll has offered to lead a photography trip to the Decordova Museum and Sculpture Park at sunset in Lincoln, MA.

**Fee:** \$20.00 per person

**Maximum Participants:** 8 per trip

**Equipment Recommendations:** Camera, lenses, tripod, external flash, camera manual and cable-release cord.

## Purgatory Falls with Christine Burdick

**Date:** July 19, 2009 (subject to change)

**Location:** Lower Purgatory Falls Milford, NH.

**Travel Time:** Approx: 1 hour from Westford  
Time: Meet Time 7:00am @ J.V. Fletcher Library

**URL:** <http://www.purgatorywatershed.org/>

**Leader:** Christine Burdick

**Fees:** No Fee

**Description of Trip:** Purgatory Brook is a 5.8 mile long tributary of the Souhegan River in southern New Hampshire. We will be at the Lower falls. This is the most accessible of the 3 falls.

**Equipment Recommendations:** Camera, camera manual, polarizer filter, landscape lens, long lens, bug spray, comfortable footwear, tripod, external flash, cable-release cord.

## Providence, RI Waterfires with Kristin Griffin

Dates: August 8, 2009

Description: Waterfires is an award-winning sculpture of over 100 bonfires installed in the three rivers in Providence.

Fee: \$20.00 per person

**Maximum Participants:** 6 per trip

**Equipment Recommendations:** Camera, landscape lens, telephoto lens, tripod, external flash, camera manual and cable-release cord.

## Pow Wow at Parker's Maple Barn

**Date:** September 13, 2009 9:50 AM - 2:30PM

**Description:** Pow Wows are a mixture of celebration, social gatherings and friendly dance competitions and celebrate Native American traditions.

**Fee:** No Fee ( plan on breakfast at Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH beforehand)

**Equipment Recommendations:** Camera, landscape lens, telephoto lens, tripod, external flash, camera manual and cable-release cord.

## Roger Williams Zoo with Walter Harrington

**Date:** Sunday, October 4, 2009 7:45AM-2:00PM

**Description:** Members will have the opportunity to photograph over 157 different species of animals including elephants, giraffes, zebras, kangaroos and harbor seals at the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI.

**Fee:** Members (age 13-61) \$10.00 per person  
Seniors (62+) \$7.00 per person

**Equipment Recommendations:** camera, camera manuals, tripod, shutter-release cord, telephoto lenses, teleconverters, external flashes, etc.

## Purgatory Chasm: A Guided Nature Hike with Bob Stevens

**Date:** October 17, 2009 7:30AM- 1:00PM

**Location:** Purgatory Chasm in Sutton, MA

**Description:** Purgatory Chasm is a state park with some interesting rock formations and wooded walks which should provide creative photo opportunities with the fall foliage. The park is about 1 hour from Westford in Sutton MA. There are several trails at the park. The yellow trail is not steep or rocky but some hiking is required. The blue trail is more challenging but not serious hiking. Both trails are

about 1 mile long. The trails can be walked in either walking shoes or hiking boots. There are facilities for lunch if people want to bring their own lunches.

**Fee:** No Fee

**Equipment Recommendations:** cameras, camera manuals, tripod, shutter-release cord, wide angle and telephoto lenses, and external flashes

## Candlelight Stroll at Strawberry Banke

**Date:** Sunday December 6 4:00PM – 9:00PM

**Location:** Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH

**Description:** Stroll through one of New Hampshire's oldest waterfront neighborhoods.

Strawberry Banke's historic homes will be decorated for the holidays and walkways will be lit with luminaria. This NVPC field trip should provide participants with the opportunity to practice low-light and night photography. We can plan to meet earlier and take some photographs along the Piscataqua River Waterfront if participants are interested.

**Fee:** \$14.00 per person (plus parking fees)

**Equipment Recommendations:** cameras, camera manuals, tripod, shutter-release cord, wide angle and telephoto lenses, external flashes, and flashlights.

Register online for upcoming field trips:

<http://westford.com/nvpc/FieldTripForm.html>

Please fill out the online form to register for a field trip. If there is a fee for the field trip, please mail your payment to

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# Field Trips

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