



Things to Do Outdoors

BAR HARBOR — The National Park Service invites all fourth-grade students to visit Acadia National Park for free as part of the White House's new Every Kid in a Park initiative. Students can go to www.everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and obtain a free entry pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks. Events at Acadia include: Explore the Bar, times vary depending on low tide, Bar Island; Hawk Watch, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Cadillac Mountain summit; Fire Tower Open House, 1-3 p.m., Beech Mountain summit; Stars Over Sand Beach, 8-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, through Sept. 24. For information, visit www.everykidinapark.gov or call John Kelly at 288-8703.

BLUE HILL — Join Blue Hill Heritage Trust and Blue Hill Coop for a Great Maine Outdoors Weekend Harvest Moon Eclipse Night, 8:30 p.m.-midnight Sunday, Sept. 27, at the base of Blue Hill Mountain, Hayes Field. There will be a telescope on hand, hot cocoa and snacks. Bring your blankets, binoculars, time lapse camera or whatever else you need. Free and open to all abilities. Parking available in the lot and in the field across the road. Do not park on the road.

GARDINER — Gardiner Main Street's sixth annual Barks in the Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in Waterfront Park. Events, demonstrations and a dog walk through historic downtown, meant to promote Gardiner as dog-friendly to promote dog groups and other service organizations. For information, email info@gardinermainstreet.org or call 207-582-3100.

HOLDEN — Full moon paddle, 6-8 p.m., and lunar eclipse, 8:30-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, Fields Pond. Coffee, doughnuts and a telescope available to view from shore. Cost \$5 for one event, \$10 for both. Canoe rental with life jacket and paddles, \$5. Headlamps and flashlights encouraged for the paddle; flashlights encouraged for eclipse event. For questions or to register, call the Fields Pond Audubon Center, 216 Fields Pond Road, at 989-2591.

MILFORD — Indoor/outdoor workshop featuring the story of a stream alongside a rock wall that was part of a shingle mill in the mid-1800s where today, the woodland owner is working with a "stream team" of fish biologists and foresters to create better trout habitat, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. For information and to register for the free workshop, call Amanda Mahaffey at amanda@forestguild.org or 432-3701 or visit www.womenowning-woodlands.net.

STEUBEN — "Maine's Ice Trail: Down East" workshop on Maine's glacial and glacial marine features and how their history reveals a major, late glacial age, hemispheric-wide, climate change called the "Bolling-Allerod Warming Event" beginning 14,000 years ago, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 3, and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 4, Eagle Hill Institute, 59 Eagle Hill Road. So far, this site is the only record of the event found in the United States. No prior training in geology required, but it is recommended to obtain an introductory physical geology book from a library and read the chapters on sediments and glaciation. Course details and registration at eaglehill.us/fall-workshops. There is a 20 percent discount on tuition for Hancock and Washington county residents. Call Marilyn Mayer at 207-546-2821, ext. 1, or email office@eaglehill.us.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.



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Maine Game Warden Jim Fahey (from left), George Feero, Bob Leland and Dana Leland work to clean up a landowner's property used for snowmobiling and bear hunting in Alton as part of a landowner appreciation cleanup day held Saturday by the Maine Warden Service and the Maine Forest Service.

A down 'n' dirty competition

Groups team up to show Maine landowners they care about illegal dumping

BY JOHN HOLYOKE
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Knee-deep in a pile of debris in Alton on Saturday morning, Maine Game Warden Jim Fahey spotted a prize among the assorted tires, carpets and buckets that someone, some time ago, dumped in the forest not far from Old Town.

"Wow. What can I use that PVC pipe for?" the warden exclaimed. Then, as another member of the cleaning crew stepped toward that plastic treasure, Fahey shooed him away, laughing. "Get away from that! I want that for my truck."

Nearby, Ted Perkins of Hudson, a member of the Maine Trappers Association, stepped forward to introduce himself.

"I'd shake your hand, but I just had my hand inside an old toilet," Perkins said.

Those light moments belied the serious nature of the work going on statewide, as crews teamed up to tackle a serious problem: illegal woodland dumping. The event, organized by the Maine Warden Service with help from the Maine Forest Service, pitted outdoor organizations and clubs against each other in a contest to clean up as many illegal dump sites as they could.

"This is a landowner relations initiative trying to gather stakeholders or land-users to get together and help pick up some of these dump sites to the benefit of landowners who allow the public access to their land," Fahey explained.



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Piles of discarded trash are cleaned up Saturday on a landowner's property in Alton used for snowmobiling and bear hunting.

What cleanup crews found

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Here's a partial inventory of items found at three illegal dumping sites in Alton during Saturday's Landowner Appreciation Cleanup Contest:

Carpeting
Boat cushion
Mattress coil
Refrigerator
Shingles
Flashing
Styrofoam
PVC pipe

Tires
Furniture cushions
DVD of the TV show "Scrubs"
Pumpkin carvers
Pumpkin-shaped pails
Suitcase
Five-gallon buckets
Gas can
Oil can
Winch
TV
Wakeboard
Propane tanks
Computer monitors
Child seat
Kerosene cans

Snowmobile Club in Alton, a pair of men representing the Maine Trappers Association, and a bear-hunting guide who accesses the land where three dump sites were cleaned up.

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Fall fishing, foliage will pick up soon

We're less than a week from the official beginning of autumn, and though our afternoon temps aren't feeling very fall-ish, it won't be long before we're enjoying all the season has to offer.

Many folks will tell you that fall is their favorite Maine season; if you're an outdoorsy type, you may be a member of that club.

Crisp mornings, bright but cool afternoons, the smell of woodsmoke in the air as the first among us fire up their stoves for a bit of heat — all are among my favorite parts of fall.

So, too, are the activities. If you hunt for birds or moose or deer, your season is coming. If you just like to drive around and play the role of leaf-peeper, you're in luck. And if you like to stand thigh-deep in a river, casting a fly to beautiful trout, things will be picking up soon.

Here then, are a few seasonal notes to get us rolling toward the official beginning of autumn:

State foliage site up

Let's start with the leaves. Be honest: Even those of us who'd never think of embarking on a true leaf-peeping tour probably spend a fair amount of time checking out the foliage when we're out and about.

For those who take their sight-seeing more seriously, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry have a website that you ought to check out.

According to a DACF press release, the state began its annual foliage tracking service on Sept. 9, and with just a few clicks, you can figure out where to go in order to see foliage at its peak.

You can find the site at mainefoliage.com and tap into reports from the state's forest rangers, who submit their observations on a weekly basis. The website will provide foliage reports until Oct. 21.

Unofficially, here's my mid-September report from Bangor: Foliage is still largely green. It's nearly 80 degrees outside. Let's go to the beach.

Rivers flowing, let's fish

During the dog days of late summer — after river and stream temperatures have risen into the 70s — some folks stow their fly rods and wait for conditions to improve.

Here's a note to consider: Conditions are improving.

Cool nights, combined with changing flow regimes on rivers that are dam-controlled, will lead to some improved fishing in the weeks ahead.

Tim Obrey, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's regional fisheries biologist for the Greenville region, recently checked in on Monday with a flow report for anglers.

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Signs mark a trail intersection at Edgar M. Tennis Preserve in Deer Isle. The "cemetery" sign refers to the nearby Toothaker family cemetery, a small private cemetery that can be reached by hiking trail.



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1-Minute Hike: Edgar M. Tennis Preserve in Deer Isle

Difficulty: Easy-moderate, depending on the trails you choose to explore. Exercise caution on the trails that hug the shore, where you'll find steep slopes and cliffs. Short sections of trail travel up steep hills. The forest floor is un-



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even in many places, with exposed tree roots and rocks.

How to get there: Driving south through Deer Isle village on Route 15, turn left onto Sunshine Road, which is across from Mill Pond Mobil. Follow Sunshine Road for about 2.5 miles, then turn right onto Tennis Road. Follow Tennis Road less than 0.5 mile, past a few houses and a hostel, to the preserve, which is marked by several signs. Four small parking



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The shoreline of Deer Isle can be seen along the trails in the Edgar M. Tennis Preserve in Deer Isle. Watch the video at bangordailynews.com.

areas for the preserve are located along the gravel road. They are marked with "P" signs. To protect fragile plants, only park in designated spaces. If they're full, the Island Heritage Trust asks that you return another time.

Information: The Edgar M. Tennis Preserve comprises about 145 acres of coastal land on Deer Isle, between Pickering Cove and Southeast Harbor. This land was donated to the State of Maine by

Dr. Edgar M. Tennis and his family starting in 1972 with the wish that the land and shore be made available to the public and that it remain "forever wild," according to the Island Heritage Trust.

Today, the public can explore the preserve year-round on a network of walking trails, which are maintained by the Island Heritage Trust and the Maine Department of Conservation. It's a popular

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