

JUNE-AUGUST 2008 EVENTS for Grafton Lakes & Cherry Plain State Parks, and Bennington Battlefield

June 2008

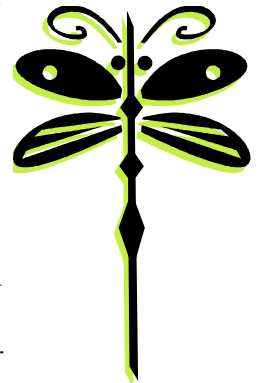
- 7 Sat - National Trails Day** - Begins at 9am. Meet at Shaver Pond Nature Center. Join with park volunteers across the U.S. appreciating our parks. Trail work in the morning, a complimentary BBQ at noon for our helpers, followed by an afternoon enjoying Grafton's trails! Preregistration date: Wednesday, June 4th. Call the park naturalist at 279-1155.
- 21 Sat - Saturday Summer Solstice Hike at 1pm** - Enjoy a tranquil hike around Long Pond in celebration of the first day of summer. Meet in front of the Beach Nature Center. Moderate 2.5 mile hike so bring appropriate footwear.
- 27 Fri - Beach Nature Center Opens Full-time.** Now open from 11am-1pm, Monday - Saturday until Labor Day.
- 27 Fri - Extended Beach hours at Grafton Lakes State Park** - Beach now open 10am - 7pm until Labor Day.
- 28 Sat - Kayak Demo Day with Eastern Mountain Sports** - 10am - 4pm. Located at Mill Pond (off the Winter Entrance road). \$1/person charge.
- 28 Sat & 29 Sun - Free Fishing Weekend** - Enjoy freshwater fishing throughout New York State without a license.
- 28 Sat - Fly Fishing Clinic 10am-12pm.** Join Frank Cuttone, Jr. for a clinic on fly-fishing techniques at the Amphitheatre. Preregister by Thursday the 26th.
- 28 Sat - "Go Fish! An Intro to Fishing for Families" at 1pm** - Why fishing for families? Because parents don't hang pictures of their kids playing video games! No license needed for parents during Free Fishing Weekend. Meet at Boathouse by Long Pond.

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- 4 Fri- Sand Sculpture Contest at 12pm.** Long Pond Beach. Prizes for all! (GLSP)
- 5 Sat— Birds of Prey presented by Wildlife Alive! Educator Michelle Segerberg from 2-3pm and again from 3:30-4:30.** Celebrate Independence Day weekend with an encounter with some of America's regal birds of prey. Meet by Beach Nature Center.
- 6 Sun- Music in the Park concert series starts with the Hill Hollow Band! Picnic at 5 and enjoy bluegrass music at 6pm.** At the Amphitheater
- 12 Sat- River Otters! From 1-2pm.** Meet in South Tent by the Main Parking Lot at Grafton Lakes State Park.
- 13 Sun- Music in the Park concert series starts with Zuela! Picnic at 5 and enjoy danceable reggae and world music at 6pm.** At the Amphitheater
- 19 Sat- River Otters! From 1-2pm.** Meet in Pavilion at Cherry Plain State Park.
- 20 Sun- Music in the Park concert series starts with Deena Smith and Nathan Knowles.** Picnic at 5 and enjoy an eclectic mix of folk, jazz, acoustic that kids will love at 6pm. At the Amphitheater
- 26 Sat- Catching Nemo! An Introduction to Fishing for Kids from 10am-12pm.** Meet by the boathouse at Grafton Lakes State Park.
- Sat- Star Party at Cherry Plain State Park's main lot 8:30.** View the night sky with Astronomer guides.

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- 2 Sat- Children's Triathlon starts at 9am.** Visit www.skyhighadventures.com for more information (GLSP)
- 3 Sun- NISSAN XTERRA Triathlon starts at 8am** Visit www.skyhighadventures.com for more information (GLSP)
- 7 Thur- Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park Meeting at 6:30pm** Join a wonderful group that promotes environmental education and trail improvements for the park. Bring potluck dish to share! (Shaver Pond Nature Center- GLSP)
- 10 Sun- 23rd Annual Run for the Roses starts at 9am.** 5K Race using park roads, benefiting the Grafton Community Library (GLSP).
- 14 Thur- Battle of Bennington Commemoration at 7pm.** Memorial ceremony and cannon firing at hilltop. Call to confirm time 686-8266. (BB)
- 16 Sat- Battle of Bennington Re-enactment from 10am-3pm.** Re-enactments at Tory Redoubt, Barnett Homestead, and hilltop. Call for details 686-8266. (BB)
- Sat- Family Fishing Clinic 10-12am.** Learn fishing basics, identification, and conservation, and get your chance to catch a rock bass! (It's a fish, not a guitar!) Meet by boathouse.
- Sat- 8pm Star Party with Albany Area Astronomers.** At Cherry Plain State Park's Main Lot.



Schedule is tentative. To confirm, call the Grafton Lakes State Park office at 279-1155.