

# Holiday Happenings

December 2023

## Getting to know the Notch

### HOLIDAY WEEK

#### DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1

Join us for daily Naturalist Walks, Evening Programs, Games/Crafts, and Trivia By the Fire, all geared to honor and celebrate winter.

**Naturalist Hikes** Come dressed to explore the notch. 1-2 hours

12/26 Tuesday	9 AM: Lost Pond	1 PM: George's Gorge
12/27 Wednesday	9 AM: Old Jackson Rd	1 PM: Square Ledge Loop
12/28 Thursday	9 AM: Lady's Lookout	1 PM: Lost Pond
12/29 Friday		1 PM: Crystal Cascade

**Games or Crafts Session** 4 PM Join us for a session on nature crafts or playing games.

Each afternoon 12/23-12/31

**Naturalist Programs 7:30 PM** Meet indoors for a program featuring activities to sharpen your adventuring and naturalist skills

12/26	Map and Compass
12/27	Animal Tracking
12/28	Skins and Skulls
12/29	Winter Birds
12/30	Movie Night

**Trivia By the Fire 4:30 PM** Meet by the fire ring to challenge yourself and friends on White Mtn knowledge and fun facts.

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### SELF GUIDED OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK

**Junior Naturalist Activity Books**— Designed for children between the ages 5-12 to learn about exploring the backcountry and how to protect it.

**Nature of the Notch** — A self-guided tour exploring the glacial landscape and local inhabitants of Pinkham Notch.

**Astronomy** — Take a walk through the winter constellations and the dark sky features of Pinkham Notch with this short guide and easy instructions on how to find the big dipper and beyond.

### CELESTIAL EVENTS

**December 22**— Winter Solstice. It is the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere.

**December 13/14** - Geminid Meteor Shower with 120 meteors per hour radiating from the constellation Gemini

**December 23** - New Moon. This new moon takes place very close to its perigee where it is closest to Earth.

**December 23/24**— Ursid Meteor Shower. Last of the major meteor showers of the year. With a new moon the meteors will be on full display.

**December 27**—Full Cold Moon