

# Pinkham Happenings

## Getting to know the Notch

March 2024

### Evening Programs 8:00 PM

#### **Saturday March 9      Rock, Paper, Scissors**

A short story about alpine plants/trees, weather and geology. Naturalist Mike Dailey weaves the tale of how glaciers carved landscape and the role those forces play on the flora and fauna of the area.

#### **Saturday March 16      Going Over the Mountain: One Woman's Journey from Follower to Solo Hiker and Back**

Christine Woodside, author of the newly released book from AMC, looks at how one life can evolve through wilderness immersion over many years.

#### **Friday March 22      Learning About Lichens**

Often overlooked, lichens have played an important role in diversity of plants we see today. Naturalist Sue Pike introduces us to the life cycles, growth forms and various symbiotic relationships of lichens.

#### **Saturday March 23      Winter Wildlife**

Naturalist Sue Pike, looks at what it takes for local wildlife such as moose, bear, fox and weasels, to survive and thrive in winter.

#### **Saturday March 30      Northeast Climate with NOAA**

AMC has been collecting weather data for a close to 100 years. Nikki Becker from NOAA shows us how the data tells the story of climate change and what we know about the broader impacts.

### 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

**March 20 – Vernal Equinox** Signaling the first day of spring with equal amounts of day and night.

**March 25- Full Sap Moon.** Native Americans recognized that this was the time of year when sap from maple trees would begin flow.

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