

# Highland Happenings

## Getting to know the Notch

April 2024

### Evening Programs 7:30 PM

#### **Saturday April 13 The Fungi That Took Up Farming**

Volunteer Naturalist Mike Daley introduces the world of lichens. Found on rocks, trees and soil, with leafy and crusty formations, lichens have adapted to extreme conditions.

#### **Saturday April 27 Women in the White Mountains**

The White Mountains of New Hampshire and Maine have a rich history of exploration and recreation, but how much do you know about the first women to venture into these hills? Come learn about women who have faced the White Mountains through the decades, and what challenges they met not only from the environment but their clothing, equipment and communities. AMC Archivist Becky Fullerton.

### 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 Crawford Notch.

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

### Celestial Events

**April 8 – Total Solar Eclipse**

**April 22 & 23 – Lyrids Meteor Shower.** The best viewing will be after midnight with meteors radiating from the constellation Lyra.

**April 23- Full Growing Moon.** Native Americans recognized that this was the time of year when plants would begin wake up.

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