

L.C. Bates Museum

February 2023

Activities Calendar

Thursday, February 2, Groundhog Day

While the Groundhog Day tradition may not be an especially accurate method of weather forecasting (especially in Maine), we are still excited for an opportunity to talk about the noble groundhog, *Marmota Monax*. Also known as a woodchuck or whistlepig, its association with the arrival of spring comes from the fact that it is a TRUE hibernator! Come learn more about this remarkable creature.



Saturday, February 4, 10 AM Birds That Fish Tour

Tour the museum gallery's birds that fish. With Maine's wetlands and ocean frontage, there are many Maine birds that fish for their food. Look at their adaptations such as bills and feet that help them fish. Draw your favorite bird fisherman.

Saturday, February 11, 10 AM Make a Sailors Valentines or Shell Picture

Using real shells try an old sailors tradition of making a valentine with seashells and small stones or make a picture using shells. All the materials will be provided, just bring your ideas!

Saturday, February 18, 10 AM Endangered Animals Tour

On this guided tour, we will highlight some of the endangered, threatened and extinct species found in the museum's collection. We also, happily, get to talk about some species that have made remarkable recoveries thanks to recent conservation efforts!

Saturday, February 25, 10 AM Earth and Space Kit Activities

Explore the moon and its craters. Make a moon phase activity to take home.

During school vacation week come visit the museum and take a self-guided tour or do a natural history scavenger hunt.

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