

L.C. Bates Museum

February 2024

Activities Calendar

Friday, February 2, **Groundhog Day**

Groundhog Day is a fun way of forecasting winter, especially in Maine. It is a great time to meet our 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 the remarkable animal. Take your photograph with the groundhog and see if he sees his shadow.

Saturday, February 3, 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 10, 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!

During school vacation week come visit the museum and take a self-guided tour or do a natural history scavenger hunt. There will be daily Earth and Space activities.

Saturday, February 17 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 24, 10 AM

Earth and Space Kit Activities

Learn about the upcoming April 8 solar eclipse and why eclipses happen. Try exploring solar NISE solar kits and experiments.

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At Good Will-Hinckley

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