



# First Day Hikes: January 1st, 2016

Begin the New Year by connecting with the outdoors

## Weeks State Park, Lancaster NH:

WOOF WOOF! For the second year in a row Weeks State Park will be hosting a dog friendly hike. Bring your four legged friend along for a casual hike up the Mt Prospect auto road. The hike is a moderate 3.2 mile round trip hike and should take approximately 2 hours. Join park staff and friends of the Weeks State Park Association for an interpretive hike up the auto road at 12:00pm and learn about the local birds and alpine plants. You may also explore the auto road at your leisure. At the summit, guests will gather around a fire to enjoy a warm drink and healthy snack while listening to Rachel Bruce, Park Manager and Weeks Association members interpret the historical significance of the property.

*Onsite Registration from 11:00am to 1:00pm / Event begins at 11:00am and ends at 2:00pm*

## Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion State Historic Site, Portsmouth NH:

Join park staff and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests land stewards for a guided natural history tour of the Little Harbor Loop Trail. Considered an easy hike, the trail is 1.5 miles long and should take approximately 1-1.5 hours to hike. Guides will be present to share the natural history of the abutting Creek Farm. Join us to seek signs of wildlife, watch shorebirds on the tidal flats, discover a tidal pool and enjoy the many varieties of tree and plants that highlight Creek Farm as a unique coastal habitat. Looking to explore on your own? Feel free to take a map and walk at your own pace while exploring the beauty of the Little Harbor Loop Trail. After the hike, enjoy a warm drink and snack inside the parks visitor center. Sorry, pets are not allowed at Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion Historic Site.

*Onsite registration from 12:00pm – 2:00pm / Event begins at 12:45pm and ends at 3:00pm*

## Silver Lake State Park, Hollis NH:

Join Beaver Brook Nature Center and park staff for a guided hike within Silver Lake State Park or explore the trails on your own. Start your New Year with a healthy activity that can continue throughout the winter. We'll investigate the nature loop on the State Park property overlooking Silver Lake then venture into Hollis conservation land in the Woodmont Orchard. Enjoy a lovely view to the north overlooking the apple orchards. Afterwards, stop by the campfire near the beach for some snacks and warm beverages. In the event of snow, Beaver Brook will supply snowshoes. Dogs are welcomed to come along but must be leashed at all times and owners are responsible for carrying out all pet waste.

*Onsite Registration from 12:00pm - 2:00pm / Event begins at 12:45pm and ends at 3:00pm*

## Monadnock State Park, Jaffery NH:

Join Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests land stewards and park staff for a 3 mile hike along the Parker Trail to the Little Mountain Viewpoint- (taking approximately 3 hours to hike). For those looking for a more leisurely hike, enjoy a 2 mile hike along the relatively flat terrain of the Parker Trail to the Cliff Walk junction and back. This hike should take approximately 2 hours. After the hike, take part in a warm drink and snack while warming up next to the fire. Sorry, pets are not allowed at Monadnock State Park.

*Onsite registration from 11:00am to 11:45am / Event begins at 11:45am and ends at 3:00pm*

## Our First Day Hike Partners:



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