

Central and Western Council Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend Programs

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation, 345 Mountain Road, Princeton, MA 01541

Saturday, September 10, 2022* 10am-12pm

Girl Scouts Love Wachusett Mountain

Girl Scouts are invited to Wachusett Mountain State Reservation on Saturday, September 10th, 2022, for a special morning of events created just for them to celebrate “Girl Scouts Love State Parks.” We have planned activities based on the Brownie Eco Friend badge requirements. The program will start at the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Visitor Center at 10:00 am and will last approximately 2 hours. The program will include:

- **Interview with a park ranger** (for the “Practice Being Kind” step)
- **A talk with a park interpreter about animal homes, with some actual examples on display** (for the “Take Care of Wildlife” step)
- **A fun scavenger hunt activity to learn about animal houses in nature** (for the “Observe Outdoor Spaces” step)
- **A hike on one of Wachusett Mountain’s beautiful trails** (for the “Think of Ways to Help the Outdoors” step)

The program is designed to help girls satisfy the Eco Friend for Brownies. Meet at Wachusett Mountain Visitor Center. 1 mile walk. This program is for 10 girls and 10 adults and the target audience is Brownies (grades 2-3). Be sure to bring good shoes, water and sunblock. heavy rain and/or thunderstorms will cancel the outdoor hike.

Clarksburg State Park, 1199 Middle Rd, Clarksburg

Saturday, September 10, 2022 11am-1pm

Eco Scouts

Everything you do in the outdoors makes an impact, which is why it’s important to know how to leave it for others to enjoy. Come learn about Leave No Trace and take a ECO Hike with the park interpreter. Bring a lunch to enjoy on the trail. This program can accommodate 25 people total.

Clarksburg State Park, 1199 Middle Rd, Clarksburg

Sunday, September 11, 2022 1-2:30pm

Respecting Fire

Campfires are a lot of fun-but they can be dangerous too. That’s why you should learn to make one and safely put it out. Come find the interpreter at the Nature Center Pavilion as she teaches you how to stay safe at a fire. This program can accommodate 12 people total.

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turner Falls

Saturday, September 10, 2022 10:30am-12pm

Connecticut River Nature Notes

Create your own beautiful small journal and fill it with your observations of the natural world! Make a gel-plate leaf print and then use it as the cover for your own accordion-pleated book. Meet in the Great Hall to make your nature journals, and then as weather permits explore our Canalside Rail Trail or our indoor habitat dioramas—capturing in words and pictures what our senses discover in the Connecticut River watershed. This program can accommodate 12 girls and an unlimited number of adults.

Purgatory Chasm, 198 Purgatory Rd, Sutton
Saturday, September 10, 2022 2-3pm
Chasm Hike

Get ready to scramble around huge boulders while taking in the mystery of Purgatory Chasm! Find out about the park's history and cultural influence, the chasm's rock formations, and the wildlife that calls the chasm home. The tour topic will vary, ask for details. *Meet at the pavilion at the entrance to the chasm.* **Appropriate for ages 8 and above.** *This event is cancelled when the chasm is closed due to wet trail conditions.* About 1/2 mile that is generally moderate; also includes rocky terrain. Sturdy footwear recommended. Be sure to bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent if needed. Parking \$5 in-state, \$20 out-of-state

Purgatory Chasm, 198 Purgatory Rd, Sutton
Sunday, September 11, 2022 3-4pm
Chasm Hike

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Mount Greylock State Reservation, 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough
Saturday, September 10, 2022, 10-11:30am
Be a Nature Photographer

Enjoy an easy paced walk in a wildflower meadow with opportunities to photograph the beauty of our majestic mountain landscapes. Then create a Nature Photo Journal for your pictures! Craft supplies will be provided. Led by a Park Interpreter. Don't forget to bring along your camera, tablet and/or your cellphone (camera). All skill levels are welcome! Suitable for families with children able to walk up to one mile on an easy to moderate trail. This program is targeted toward Brownies (grades 2-3), but is for all ages. This program can accommodate 20 total participants. Be prepared for weather, wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack, bug spray, sunscreen and drinking water. Meet at Visitor Center. Rain cancels. These programs are suitable for all ages. For more information: Call (413) 499-4262.

Mount Greylock State Reservation, 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough
Sunday, September 11, 2022, 11am-12:30pm

Share Your Outdoor Art

Explore the beauty of Mount Greylock on this easy paced Scavenger Hunt hike led by a Park Interpreter along a short section the Bradley Farm Interpretive Trail. Make a collaborative Framed Art Piece with natural objects found during the hike! Craft supplies will be provided. Suitable for families with children able to walk up to one mile on an easy to moderate trail. This program is targeted toward Daisies (grades K-1), but is for all ages. This program can accommodate 20 total participants. Be prepared for weather, wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack, bug spray, sunscreen and drinking water. Meet at Visitor Center. Rain cancels. These programs are suitable for all ages. For more information: Call (413) 499-4262.