

Grandfather Mountain Naturalist Weekend

May 13-15, 2011

Friday, May 13

All Day

Spring Bird Count. Hosted by High Country Audubon, participants will be birding at various locations around Grandfather Mountain. Reservations required, please contact Jesse Pope (828) 733-4326 naturalist@grandfather.com to participate.

8:30-10:30 pm

Owl Prowl led by Grandfather Mountain Director of Education Jesse Pope. Space limited, reservations necessary. 24 people max. 828-733-4326.

Saturday, May 14

9:00 am

Trees & Shrubs of the Southern Appalachians led by Grandfather Mountain Naturalist Micky Shortt, Jr. Meet at the Extension Trailhead next to the Black Rock Parking area.

11:00 am

Birds of Prey with Nina Fisschessor of the Blue Ridge Wildlife Institute at Lees-McRae College. Nature Museum Auditorium.

1:00 pm

Weather of Grandfather led by Grandfather Mountain Director of Education Jesse Pope. Nature Museum Auditorium.

2:00 pm

Salamander Workshop led by Grandfather Mountain Education Specialist Jillian Goodwin. Meet at Nature Museum. Clothes and shoes may get muddy and wet.

4:00 pm

Medicinal Plants Hike led by Grandfather Mountain Chief Naturalist Katie Gray. Meet at the base of the Bridge Trail across from the Black Rock Parking Area.

Sunday, May 15

7:00 am-9:30 am

Birding the Profile Trail. Depart Profile trailhead on NC 105, 1/4 mile north of the intersection of NC 105 & NC 184.

9:30 am

Wildflower Hike on the Profile Trail led by Grandfather Mountain State Park Rangers. Meet at the trailhead on NC 105, 1/4 mile north of the intersection of NC 105 & NC 184.

11:00 am

NASA Climate Workshop led by Grandfather Mountain Chief Naturalist Katie Gray and Naturalist Micky Shortt, Jr. . Meet in front of the Fudge Shop.

1:00 pm

Black bear workshop led by Tanya Cline, Animal Habitats Keeper. Starts in Museum auditorium and ends up with behind the scenes tour of habitats.

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Cultural Hike with Grandfather Mountain Education Director Jesse Pope. Hike the Nuwati Trail searching for historical evidence of human activity. Meet at the Boone Fork Parking Area on the Blue Ridge Parkway mile marker 299.9.

3:00 pm

Leaf Litter Critters led by Grandfather Mountain Education Specialist Jillian Goodwin. Meet at the "Let it Rain" Picnic Shelter.