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## Sizzling Summer Fun!

After a dreary and damp June it looks like summer is finally here! Looking for some summer fun to get you through the dog days of summer? Then take a look at our August program and activity lineup. Along with the popular [QII riverboat cruise](#), [camping](#), [canoeing and kayaking](#) at Barton Cove, there is a full line up of summer activities for all ages and interests. How about the "[Happy Valley Locavore](#)", or a popular program repeat from last year, "[Unlock the Mysteries of Canning](#)"? Have you ever been [Electrofishing](#) with Mass Wildlife? Or how about a special evening program of [hoop dancing and drumming](#) to celebrate the river? Plan to attend the [Third Annual Turners Falls Block Party](#), August 8th on the Avenue! Call now for reservations since we expect several of the programs to fill to capacity early. Don't forget that you can [save 30%](#) on your next visit to Northfield Mountain.

## Barton Cove and Munns Ferry Campgrounds

Reserve your site at these beautiful riverside campsites by calling **(413) 863-9300** between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. seven days a week. Some weekends are already booked out so call early for the best sites. Tent sites begin at \$22/night. [Click here for more information and rates.](#)

## Cruising on the Quinnetukut II

The Quinnetukut II cruises on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from June 28th through October 18th. Cruise times are 11:00, 1:15, and 3:00. Join captain Steve Larivee and first mate Sarah Doyle for a delightful hour and a half interpreted cruise on the Connecticut River. The

cruise offers insights to dinosaurs, glacial activities in the area, river use from prehistoric times to present, as well as an excellent stage for wildlife and bird sightings.

The Quinnetukut II is an excellent activity for your out of town summer guests and visitors, or a great way to spend some time on the river with family or friends. Plan to bring a picnic lunch and eat it on board or enjoy the Riverview picnic area at the departure site.

The Quinnetukut II is a forty two foot United States Coast Guard documented vessel. It has a capacity of sixty passengers. The roof provides shade or protection from inclement weather.

Make reservations and purchase your tickets at the Northfield Mountain Visitor Center. Call 800- 859-2960.

Plan now to get the Friday, Saturday or Sunday date you prefer. [Click here](#) for prices, schedule and information or call **(800) 859-2960** for information and reservations.

## **Canoe and Kayak Shuttles**

Make reservations now to enjoy paddling on the scenic Connecticut River this summer. Canoe and kayak rentals, and upriver shuttles are in full swing now! Come to our waterfront location on Route 2 in Gill, MA. and begin your paddle out on Barton Cove or reserve our shuttle service to one of three drop off points up river for a trip ranging from 3 hours to two days. Reserve the upriver shuttle by calling **(413) 863-9300**. [Click here for information and rates.](#)

## **Riverview Pavilion Reservations**

Imagine spending a relaxing day with your friends and family on the banks of the Connecticut River. Now you can make that happen by reserving the post and beam Riverview Pavilion. There are just six weekend dates available from now through September, August 15, September 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th. Call (800) 859-2960 for reservations. [Click here for more pavilion information.](#)

## **Summer Hours at the Visitor Center**

Once the Quinnetukut II begins operation the entire Visitor Center and the upstairs exhibit area will be open on Fridays Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM. On



Wednesdays and Thursdays only the lounge and restroom facilities will be open. The building will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

## Upcoming Programs

### The Happy Valley Locavore at Harvest Time

Meggin Thwing Eastman will share her locavore experiences including "must have" plants for your garden. Too many tomatoes?, swamped by summer squash?, zick of zucchinis?, blasted by basil? I once planted two long rows of arugula, what do you do with that? Meggin can help you keep your garden in balance and help you to maximize your harvest through drying or freezing to preserve food to enjoy outside the regular growing season. Bring some local food and your favorite recipes to share and swap.

Tuesday August 11, 6:30 pm -- 7:30 pm. Program is suitable for ages 12 and older. Pre-register by calling 800-859-2960. FREE

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### Unlock the Mysteries of Canning

Join Pat Shearer and Alison Wahlstrom in the Northfield Trinitarian Church kitchen to can some blueberry jam and zucchini relish. Then go home with the skill and confidence to can foods in your own kitchen. Both Pat and Alison have years of canning experience so join them around the church stove for some canning tips, tricks and stories. This program sold out early last year so don't delay making reservations.

Saturday August 15th, 10AM - 2PM (bring lunch). Program is suitable for ages 12 and over. Pre-register by calling 800-859-2960. Fee: \$20 (includes materials and site fee).

### Electrofishing for Atlantic Salmon Fry

If you've never been electrofishing, don't miss this program!

Caleb Slater, MassWildlife Anadromous Fish Coordinator, and other biologists will be in the Mill River in Northfield performing a population census of young Atlantic salmon. Be a part of the scientific study and help measure fish, record data, and learn about the life cycle of this fascinating fish.

Friday, August 21st, 9:30AM - 12:00 Noon. Program is suitable for ages 8 and older. Pre-register by calling 800-859-2960. FREE

## Water Dances

Just when you thought the summer was getting boring, along comes Water Dances, a public hoop dancing event to celebrate the fresh waters of western Massachusetts! This evening program uses LED hoops, dancing, and rhythmic drumming to help celebrate the water. Be a participant, pre-register, wear black and meet at sunset at Unity Park in Turners Falls, or just come to watch (no registration required) and enjoy this fabulous riverside event! Saturday, August 22nd, sunset (7:34). Pre-register by emailing or calling [phyllislabanowski@comcast.net](mailto:phyllislabanowski@comcast.net) 413-369-9985 or Ariana at 413-219-0352. This program is suitable for all ages. FREE

## Save 30% on Activities

Would you like to save 30% off your next boat rental, campsite, pavilion rental, or other activity at Northfield Mountain or Barton Cove? There are a limited number of \$25.00 gift certificates available on line at [WHAI radio](#) or [WPVQ radio](#). You pay \$17.50 for a \$25 value. Use as many certificates as you want to pay for your activity. Act now, they are going fast!

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