

Strafford Conservation Commission guided hike series for 2025 (tentative dates)

- Morning bird walk with Marty Frank and Kathy Thompson at the Pocket Park May 3rd, 8 to 9AM with Anne Fayen. Meet at the Pocket Park in South Strafford along the river behind the Red barn and the Rosa Tyson gym.
- May 10th A spring ephemeral hike up Taylor Valley trail 1pm with Kate Bass. Meet at the parking area at the base of the Taylor Valley trail just where the town stops plowing.
- May 31st hike at the Cobb Town Forest with Mike Hebb and Micki Colbeck to see the *Cypripedium parviflorum*, commonly known as *yellow lady's slipper* and the *Cypripedium acaule*, the *pink lady's slipper* or *moccasin flower*. Meet at 10 AM at the Cobb Forest parking area on Hemenway Road.
- June 28th, Saturday, Hike the rich fen at the Cobb Town Forest with Mike Hebb to see the *Cypripedium reginae*, known as the *showy lady's slipper*, *pink-and-white lady's-slipper*, or the *queen's lady's-slipper*. Meet at 10AM at the parking area at Cobb, up Hemenway Road.
- July or August, Crafting with natural materials for children and families with Cortney Potter and Kate Bass at Old City Falls pavilion. Date to be announced.
- June or August, children and family hike up Whitcomb Hill with J.T. Erbaugh. Date, to be announced.
- Mid-August River walk with Erin Yunger to look at beavers and riverine species. Date, to be announced.
- September Pocket Park celebration. Come learn about native shrubs and perennials with Anne Fayen. Date, to be announced.
- Early August hike at the Cobb Town Forest rich fen with Micki Colbeck and Levi Smith to look at wetland ferns and mosses, the Lesser Purple Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera psycodes*), and turtleheads. Meet at the parking area up Hemenway Road. Date TBD.