



THE OSPREY ORACLE

A Newsletter for the residents of Osprey Landing – July 2026

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”

Happy 4th of July!

We are very lucky to live in an area that is rich with opportunities. We have beautiful beaches, oodles of shops and outlets, state parks, camping, golf, tennis, live outdoor entertainment – to name just a few – there is no excuse for being idle. Get out and explore!

Happy Independence Day! We honor and thank our service men and women whose bravery and selfless courage have sustained our liberties. We live in freedom because of you and salute those who have served in the past, present and future. In honor of Independence Day, our office will be closed Friday, July 3. As always, please contact the 24-hour answering service with any maintenance emergencies. We wish you all a very happy and safe holiday celebrations.

~The Osprey Landing Team

Community News

No Fireworks Permitted

For safety and to abide by the town ordinance, no fireworks of any kind are allowed at Osprey Landing.

Portsmouth Town Ordinance Chapter 8 Articles I, II Section 8.122: FIREWORKS, ETC., RESTRICTED “No person shall exhibit any fireworks, or discharge any rockets, squibs, crackers or any preparation of gunpowder, or discharge any cannon, or other firearms, within the compact part of the City, on any street, highway, common or public place, unless by permission of the City Manager, the City Council, or Police Commissioners.”

NH RSA 160-B:4 makes it a violation to possess ANY fireworks without a permit unless it is a sparkler that does not contain chlorate or perchlorate. Some sparklers (generally they are the colored ones that burn like a flare more than a spark) are allowed but absolutely NO other fireworks. Sparklers will have what they are made of on the packaging.

REMINDER: Dumpsters Are for Resident’s Use

- Household trash only.
- The green plastic containers are only for residents who are unable to climb the stairs.
- No furniture or large items in or outside the dumpster.
- Break down cardboard before putting it in dumpster.

Call the office with any issues: 603-436-5713. We will report theft of the service to the police for anyone found using our compactor illegally. If you are aware of anyone using the compactor who is not authorized to do so, please contact our office.

Independence Day Celebrations

Celebrate the birth of our nation with a dazzling display of fireworks launched over South Mill Pond in Portsmouth. The fireworks will be held on July 2 and July 3 with a laser light show finale. Set up your blanket or chairs on Leary Field located on Junkins Avenue and enjoy the show! Rain date Saturday, July 5. For a full calendar of events: <https://www.portsmouthnh.gov/city/portsmouth-250>

603 History Hunt, Throughout July

During the month of July, the New Hampshire Historical Society’s 603 History Hunt is a statewide scavenger hunt that tests your knowledge of the Granite State and takes you on the road to complete a series of challenges. There are dozens of challenges players can choose—all related to New Hampshire’s Revolutionary past. Some can be completed from just about anywhere in the state, while others are tied to a specific location within New Hampshire. Challenges may ask players to complete a variety of tasks, such as film a video, take a photograph, or answer a trivia question. A point value is attached to each challenge. Players choose which challenges to complete and how many challenges they want to undertake, and they earn points accordingly. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. Participation is free and open to the public. <https://www.nhhistory.org/Educate/603-History-Hunt>

Summer Adventures

Warm weather in New Hampshire is fleeting, making it all the more important to soak up every sunny day while it lasts. Whether you're a long-time resident or just passing through, summer is the perfect time to explore the state's hidden treasures and off-the-beaten-path destinations. Beyond the popular beaches, lakes and mountain trails, New Hampshire is home to a wide variety of lesser-known spots that offer charm, history, and a touch of adventure. Here are a few unique places you may not have visited yet, each one showcasing a different facet of the Granite State's natural beauty and character.

Lakes

- Pop over to Newfound Lake and enjoy the largest freshwater swimming beach in the New Hampshire State Park system at Wellington State Park in Bristol.
- Visit the 4,085 acre lake at Mt. Sunapee State Park in Newbury for your next family or group outings. A boat launch and boat rentals are available as well.
- Get onboard Sunapee Cruises on the MV Mt. Sunapee II for a narrated daytime cruise or the MV Kearsarge Restaurant Ship for an evening of cruising and fine dining.
- Lonesome Lake is a 12-acre water hole about 2,760 feet above Franconia Notch on the trail to Cannon Mountain. It is one of the prettiest pools in the state if not the country. It's well worth the 1.6 mile hike to enjoy the waters of the remote lake where hikers take a break to soothe sore muscles. It's like floating on a cloud surrounded by mountains.
- Center Pond off Rte. 9 in Stoddard is a spring-fed swimming hole with a sandy beach and boat landing. Rumor has it that it's rarely crowded.

New Hampshire is home to 51 "official" swimming holes. Check swimmingholes.org to discover something new.



Mountain Adventures

- Walk the scenic trail at stunning Echo Lake State Park in Conway and see great views of the 700-foot Cathedral Ledge which towers over the lake. Alternatively, get a view of the lake from above via the mile-long auto road and hiking trails lead to the top of Cathedral Ledge.
- Ascend Mount Monadnock, which has been designated a National Natural Landmark. This gorgeous spot once inspired the likes of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau and continues to be a magnet for hikers and is said to be the third most-climbed mountain the world after Japan's Mount Fuji and China's Mount Tai.

Rocks and Bridges

It's a study in contrasts - the Granite State is laced with pristine rock-bound pools and historic bridges.

- The Cockermouth River thunders through a 30-foot-high gorge in Groton to create the roiling backdrop for one of the state's most dramatic swimming holes. The waterfall creates a mist above the kettle pools scoured out of solid rock to create an otherworldly succession of pools where locals picnic and paddle and the more bold dive. Follow signs for Sculptured Rocks.
- Livermore Falls on the Pemigewasset River in Campton has a sandy beach frequented by families. A second swimming hole downriver has a deep hole overlooked by a railroad bridge with a rope swing. There are also several rock overlooks. Local lads with more courage than sense often dive off the rocks and some even perform acrobatics off the bridge, about 50 feet above the river.
- Locals have gathered in the shadow of the Smith Covered Bridge in Plymouth to soak their toes in the Baker River for more than 100 years. The current structure on Smith Bridge replaced the 19th-century bridge that burned in 1993. There is ample parking and plenty of room for the families that gather with picnic lunches to bask in the gentle stream.
- The Smith Covered Bridge in Plymouth is also a great put-in area to explore sandy beaches along the Pemigewasset River.