

New Hampshire Adventures After Dark

The Granite State comes alive after hours during the warmer months. From bird watching to dancing in the dark, here is a sample of things to explore in New Hampshire when the sun goes down.

For the outdoor adventurer:

- <u>Danforth Bay Camping & RV Resort</u> offers four-season, lakeside camping and RV sites for guests of all ages. Lakeside campsites offer the perfect setting for campfires and roasting marshmallows. The resort covers 185 forested acres and a full half-mile of lake frontage. Quiet Danforth Bay is perfect for water sports like fishing, swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding and canoeing. A quick paddle around the corner will lead you to Huckins Pond, a stunningly beautiful natural area with beaver, waterfowl, wildflowers, an abundance of songbirds and other wildlife.
- Night Walks into the Woods, where guests can explore the grounds on Sunday nights in the summer, beginning at 9:00 pm. This is a fun no flashlight adventure into the woods for the whole family. Listen up for owls and call to them for a chance to see them swoop through the trees. Star and moon gazing along the way on a clear night is an added treat. In addition, on Wednesday evenings in the summer, house guests are invited sit by the campfire, where kids and adults alike will enjoy roasting marshmallows on the fire and making (and eating) s'mores. This evening activity begins at 8:00 pm following a tractor wagon ride for the kids. Finally, on summer Fridays beginning at 8:00 pm, the Inn hosts an outdoor dance party for guests of all ages on the grassy lawn a fun way to get your glow on and dance like no one is watching!

For the theatre and arts lovers:

<u>Crawford Notch</u>, the magical backdrop for the Appalachian Mountain Club's performing
arts series, is offering four free concerts scheduled for the summer of 2022. Originating
from her love of music and the mountains, AMC member and longtime supporter Lynda
Cohen imagined a concert series where people from far and wide could come together
nestled among the peaks of Crawford Notch to experience one of her lifelong passions:
music. This summer, thanks to her generosity, AMC is offering free performances for
forest visitors and residents of the surrounding community to enjoy.

- There's nothing like enjoying theatre in the great outdoors. Spend a night taking in a show this summer at the <u>Winnipesaukee Playhouse</u> outdoor amphitheater, where three of their seven summer productions will take place outside this season, including:
 - o The Complete Work of William Shakespeare June 29 July 9
 - o Robin Hood: The Hero, The Legend...The Myth August 3 13
 - The Conference of the Birds September 7 17

For the night-owl (literally!):

• Purity Spring Resort is home to the NH Audubon's Hoyt Wildlife Sanctuary, boasting 135 acres and 2.4 miles of trails in Madison and Eaton. While there are no formal nighttime bird watching programs offered, guests have access to the sanctuary, and it is well known to be a birdwatcher's delight, where resort staff often report nightly owl-sightings. Resort guests might also consider listening to the Loons at night on the lake, where verbal history details that the original nesting pair of loons arrived in the heath section of Lake Purity over 25 years ago. Since then, they've witnessed their descendants successfully nesting, breeding, laying, hatching, and fledging in the same location ever since.

For the sunset chaser:

- Visitors are invited to enjoy the sunset and summer unfolding at the Fremont
 Conservation land with <u>Harris Center</u> teacher-naturalist, Janet Altobello for Sunset
 Ramble. Roam around the fields, wetlands, and forest using your senses to observe the
 changes in the land and air as the day turns to dusk. As this is a popular family
 adventure, registration is required.
- Perched high above the <u>AC Hotel Portsmouth</u>, Portsmouth's newest restaurant and bar, <u>Rooftop at The Envio</u>, offering panoramic views of the Piscataquis River and the iconic bridges that cross it. Offering a modern menu of locally sourced ingredients fresh from the farm and sea, dine on shareable plates and sip handcrafted cocktails while watching the tide of the river shift and the sun set in the distance.
- Enjoy stunning summer sunsets as you dine by the shores of the Big Lake. <u>NazBar & Grill's</u> lakeside spot features live entertainment Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays and is perfect spot for the nights of fireworks during the summer season.