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55th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions
November 1, 2025 | Pembroke, NH

Session C - Field Trips

1:15 meet at Pembroke Academy

1:30- 3:30PM on site

These field trips will take place at various conservation properties in Pembroke. Meet your trip leaders at Pembroke Academy parking lot and travel to field sites. They will be entirely outdoors, so Come prepared for rain or shine and dress for fall weather. Detailed location and parking information will be provided to registered participants at the conference.

1C

INTRO WETLANDS IDENTIFICATION

Let's Get Into the Field

Sandy Crystall, Profession Wetlands Scientist

Location: Pembroke, NH

This field trip to a local wetland will help participants understand "what makes a wetland," and how the various characteristics of wetlands contribute to the functions and values they provide. We'll talk about wetland delineation and classification and how this information can help you and your Conservation Commission provide comments on wetland permit applications. Be prepared for wet ground and whatever wacky temperatures may come our way that day!

2C

FUNGI IDENTIFICATION

Rick Van de Poll, Principal, Ecosystem Management Consultants

Location: Three Rivers School, Pembroke, NH

Join experienced mycologist Rick Van de Poll for a naturalist's tour of the fantastic (and infamous) fungi of Pembroke's Three Rivers School. Learn to separate the edible from the poisonous, the common from the rare, as well as how to prepare mushrooms for winter consumption long after they have retreated underground. This family-friendly walk will infect the beginner and the practiced amateur with fun-filled facts about our most mysterious kingdom of organisms on the planet. It will also underscore the importance of fungi when conserving our cherished wild places of New Hampshire. Bring your favorite field guide, a basket if you'd like, and bring a hand lens if you have one. Rick will confirm edibles for brave-hearted!

3C

BIODIVERSITY MATTERS: HOW YOUR NATURE PHOTOS CAN HELP

Steven Lamonde, Moosewood Ecological

Location: Three Rivers School, Pembroke, NH

Biodiversity is everywhere – from pristine habitats to household gutters. Countless species are at risk of disappearing, and there are not enough scientists to keep track of them all. But your photos can help! In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to convert their nature photos into valuable scientific data points using iNaturalist, one of the world's leading community science projects for documenting Earth's biodiversity. iNaturalist is also popular tool among conservation commissions for cataloging local biodiversity. Such efforts frequently support natural resource inventories, conservation planning, land stewardship, and community engagement. Prior to this field trip, participants are encouraged to download the iNaturalist app and create a free account.

4C

AN INTRO TO WILDLIFE TRACK & SIGN

Emma Tutein; UNH Cooperative Extension

Location: White Sands Conservation Area, Pembroke, NH

The ability to recognize and identify wildlife tracks and sign is a powerful tool. It can reveal which species are present on a property and how they are using different habitats – information that can help inform land conservation, habitat management, trail development, and more. Join Emma Tutein (UNH Cooperative Extension) in exploring forest, shrubland, and riparian habitats at Pembroke's White Sands Conservation Area. Together we'll look for and learn about the tracks and sign left behind by a variety of wildlife. You'll learn techniques for looking at the landscape with an eye towards wildlife.

5C

INTRO TO SURVEY MAPS & COMPASS

Charlotte Thompson and Sara Callaghan; UNH Cooperative Extension

Location: Memorial Field, Pembroke, NH

Are you looking to improve your survey map and compass skills for conservation easement monitoring? Join Charlotte and Sara from UNH Extension for an introduction to the basics about survey maps, compasses and how to use them to navigate. We will combine reading surveys, determining a bearing, using a compass and pacing to practice boundary navigation. Compasses will be provided but please bring your own if you have one.

6C

TREE & SHRUB IDENTIFICATION

Lindsay Watkins and Tim Fleury, UNH County Foresters

Location: TBD, Pembroke, NH

Please join County Foresters Lindsay Watkins and Tim Fleury for field trip focused on Winter Tree and Shrub Identification. Beginners are welcome! This one and half-hour field trip will cover tree and shrub identification using bud, branching, and bark, along with the habitat and the persistent fruit and cones. The field trip will focus on hands-on identification skills and small group learning opportunities. The County Foresters will do their best to answer any questions! Please dress for late fall weather conditions.

7C

INVASIVE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION & CONTROL

Wendy Scribner and Mike Gagnon, County Extension Foresters

Location: Memorial Field, Pembroke, NH

Communities are increasingly facing the challenge of controlling non-native invasive species on properties throughout the state. These species are often able to outcompete our native species and can reduce native biodiversity, influencing forest health and regeneration, wildlife habitats, and recreational activities. Join Wendy Scribner and Mike Gagnon, Natural Resources Specialists with UNH Cooperative Extension, for a walk along the paths at Memorial Field. We will learn how to identify and control a variety of different invasive plant species.