Celebrating the Maine Woods

The Thoreau–Wabanaki Trail Festival commemorates the history of the Wabanaki people and poet, philosopher, and naturalist Henry David Thoreau’s three trips into the Maine Woods. It promotes the understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of Maine’s unique cultural heritage and natural resources.

The Thoreau-Wabanaki Trail consists of traditional Wabanaki canoe routes and portages in Maine’s Kennebec, Penobscot, and Allagash river drainages over which Henry David Thoreau traveled in his three excursions into the Maine Woods, his last two with Penobscot guides Chief Joseph Attean and Joseph Polis.

Seventeen years ago, Rod Picott dropped his tool belt, picked up an acoustic guitar and released his first album *Tiger Tom Dixon’s Blues*. The acclaimed debut put a nail in the coffin of his construction career and ignited his second career as a singer-songwriter. With his new album, *Out Past The Wires*, that second career reveals itself in full flame.

Join us Friday night for BBQ and live music featuring Nashville recording artist Rod Picott. The grill is hot at 5pm and the music is hot at 7pm.

The Natural Resource Education Center at Moosehead

The Moosehead Historical Society

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Moosehead Marine Museum

July 18-21 2018

Center for Moosehead History

Celebrating the past, present, and future of the Maine Woods
Schedule of Events at the Center for Moosehead History

NREC and the Moosehead Historical Society will be holding a silent auction upstairs in the Center for Moosehead History from Wednesday through Saturday. These fundraisers help us to maintain our programming.

Wednesday July 18 at 7pm at the Center for Moosehead History:
Lee Kantar, ME IFW’s top Moose Biologist will be here to discuss the life cycle of moose in Maine. Come learn about the recent moose research projects including the use of helicopters to place tracking collars on moose. This is real Martin Perkins stuff!

Thursday July 19 at 7pm at the Center for Moosehead History
Julia Gray, former Director of Collections & Research at the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor, will be at the Center to discuss the relationship between Wabanaki and tourists/collectors during the late 19th and early 20th century, with a focus on the Moosehead Lake area.

Friday July 20:
11am at the Shaw Public Library
Little Explorer’s program on Archeology from the LC Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley. Preschoolers and elementary age children explore natural history and Maine Native Americans’ use of tools.

3pm at the Center for Moosehead History
James Francis, the Penobscot Nation’s Historian and Director of the Cultural and Historic Preservation Department, will give a presentation on “Penobscot Sense of Place”. Sponsored by Maine Woods Forever.

5-8pm at the Gazebo next the Moosehead Marine Museum
Nothing can beat music and food on a summer’s night on the shores of Maine’s most beautiful lake. Join us for burgers (maybe a moose burger) and dogs at the Gazebo. The Moosehead Marine Museum and the Steamship Katahdin will be open for tours.

Bring your lawn chair and relax because at 7pm Nashville recording artist Rod Picott will be at the Gazebo. Rod is on tour in 2018/2019 and will be sharing some songs from his new album Our Past the Wires.

The BBQ is $10/person and the music is free. Donations are gladly appreciated to support NREC and the TWT Festival.

Saturday July 21:
10am meet at the Center for Moosehead History:
Take a field trip to the East Outlet dam on the Kennebec River and watch the ME IFW Fisheries Biologists tend the trap in the fishway. Wild landlocked salmon and brook trout are making their way upstream from the river and the biologists count and measure each one. Learn about the new habitat improvement project and the results.

1pm at the Center for Moosehead History
Shannon Durose will teach you the ways of candle making. This is a hands on exhibition and great for the kids.

Janice Kimball King will also be at the Center demonstrating the art of making ash packbaskets.

3pm at the Center for Moosehead History
LC Bates Museum will be at the Center with their all ages presentation Marvelous Maine Birds. We will study bird mounts, nests, feathers, eggs, tracks, skulls, and listen to songs. Learn about birds’ adaptations to the different habitats in Maine. Dissect an owl pellet to see what an owl ate for dinner!

7pm at the Center for Moosehead History
Chris Sockalexis—Penobscot Drumming and Flintknotting.

Join Chris Sockalexis, the Penobscot Nation Tribal Historical Preservation Officer, and learn about Moosehead Lake Region archaeology along with traditional and contemporary Penobscot drumming and songs. Chris will discuss the oral traditions of the Moosehead Lake area and you can have a hands-on experience with real stone tool artifacts and try flintknotting!

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