



November Programs at the Paul Smith's College VIC

The Paul Smith's College VIC has put together a full schedule of activities to educate and inform Adirondack Park residents and visitors about the natural wonders of the Adirondack Mountains. You can help support these programs by joining the Friends of the VIC. Membership is available at a range of levels, starting with individual memberships with a minimum of \$45 annual contribution. For information on Friends of the VIC memberships, visit <https://ecommunity.paulsmiths.edu/page.aspx?pid=427>

The VIC building is open six days a week, Tuesday through Sunday. It is closed Mondays for the month of November. The VIC will also be closed Saturday, 23 November, through Monday, 2 December, for the Thanksgiving break.

Daily, starting 3 November – New Moon Art Show

Artists Edith Urban and Matt Paul are exhibiting their work in the Paul Smiths VIC Great Room from 3 November through 1 December 2013. Edith Urban does Adirondack oil landscape paintings, one-of-a-kind handbags and totes, hand-made quilts, jointed Teddy Bears, hand-painted pillows, and needle-felted wool animal sculptures. Matt Paul does sculpture, painting, drawing, and photography. He specializes in graphite portraits, which may be viewed at his studio above the Adirondack Artist's Guild in Saranac Lake, NY (52 Main Street). Free admission – underwritten by Friends of the VIC.

Daily, VIC Map Hike

The Paul Smiths VIC has developed a Map Hike to provide individuals, families, and groups with another way to enjoy the VIC trails. Participants purchase a kit for \$8 in the VIC Gift Shop. The kit includes a control card and a map which is used to navigate to the locations indicated by the small red circles on the map. Participants who fill in at least five control codes are eligible for prizes and a 10% discount on a compass at Blue Line Sports in Saranac Lake. There is no time limit on completing this activity.

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Daily, Winter Trail Passes on sale

VIC trail users must purchase a season or day trail pass during the winter, when the Paul Smiths VIC becomes a cross-country ski center with over 25 miles of groomed trails for cross country skiing, skate skiing, and snowshoeing. Trail pass holders receive a 10% discount on XC ski and snowshoe rentals from MAC'S at the VIC. For more information, call Brian McDonnell at (518) 327-6241 or email bmcdonnell@paulsmiths.edu.

Saturday, 2 November – VIC Natural History Training: Barking Up the Right Tree

During this members-only event, Friends of the VIC and VIC volunteers will learn to identify trees by their bark and other characteristics with VIC naturalist Brian McAllister. The event is from 0:00 AM to noon. This event is underwritten by [Friends of the VIC](#).

Tuesday-Saturday, 5 - 10 November – Canoe-Building Demonstration

Paul Smith's College alumnus Bill Sommerfeld will demonstrate the art of ultra-light skin-on-form canoe building at the VIC. Stop by the exhibit space from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM to watch daily progress.

Monday, 11 November – No-School Days at the VIC

If you are aged 7-11, join VIC ecologist/naturalist Michelle Berrus from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. to explore nature's winter preparation and survival. Please dress your child in clothing appropriate for him/her to spend 2 active hours outdoors. Your child will also need to bring a lunch and snack to this event. Hot cocoa provided. Preregister by 5 PM, Saturday, 9 November by calling (518) 327-6241. \$35/person, \$25 for [Friends of the VIC](#). This is the first of a series of No-School Days events; additional events will be held Wednesday, 4 December (Noon-4), Friday, 6 December (Noon-4). Full day events will be held on 23 December, 27 December, 30 December, 1 January, and 3 January.

Thursday, 14 November – Owl Prowl

Come walk the VIC woods at 7:30 PM and see whooooo's calling! Participants will discuss owl natural history, learn some call notes, and listen for them, too. \$10/person, \$5 for [Friends of the VIC](#).

Friday, 15 November – Songwriters Showcase

Join Ray Agnew, Celia Evans, Doug Irving and Jamie Savage at 7:00 PM for an evening of original music. \$10/person, \$5 for [Friends of the VIC](#). Call (518) 327-6241 or stop by the VIC to reserve your tickets today.

Saturday, 16 November – VIC Natural History Training: Project Feeder Watch


Assist the VIC in counting birds Friday and Saturday mornings at the VIC feeders as part of Project FeederWatch – a citizen science project operated by Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology. Interested volunteers are invited to a training session on 16 November from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Volunteers monitor the VIC feeders from the comfort of the VIC Great Room and Sunspace Gallery, then fill out data sheets for VIC staff to enter into the Cornell data base. FeederWatch data help scientists track movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance.

Wednesday, 20 November – Astronomy Night at the VIC

At 7:30 PM, we will be rolling out the 16" Celestron telescope for some late-fall stargazing. \$10 per person. Free for Friends of the VIC.



Ski the VIC!

Over 25 miles of groomed ski and snowshoe trails



Winter Trail Fees	
Day Pass	Season Pass
Under 6 years old: Free	Under 6 years old: Free
Child (6-17): \$5	Child (6-17): \$50
Adult (18-64): \$12	Adult (18-64): \$100
Senior (65+): \$10	Senior (65+): \$80
PSC alumni: \$10	PSC alumni: \$80
Current PSC students: Free	Current PSC students: Free
Other college students: \$8	Other college students: \$80
Veteran/Current Military: \$8	Veterans/Current Military: \$80
Town of Brighton Resident: \$8	Town of Brighton resident: \$80

- * Friends of the VIC: Show your membership card & receive a 25% discount on day & season passes.
- * PSC faculty & staff are eligible for free individual Friends of the VIC membership. Bring your PSC ID to the VIC.
- * Season & Day Passes are free for Friends of the VIC Trail Blazers.
- * Guest Pass: Add an additional \$50 to any season pass & receive 10 day passes to bring a friend to the VIC anytime.
- * Family Pass: For 2 adults living in the same household, purchase 2 individual passes at the designated rate above, & children under 18 who live in the household ski free.
- * Bring your VIC trail pass with you to winter events & receive VIC Center event & program discounts.
- * Season pass holders & Friends of the VIC get a 10% discount on XC ski & snowshoe rentals from MAC'S at the VIC!

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