



On Parker Pond, Mount Vernon Maine

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## A Natural History Week at Bearnstow

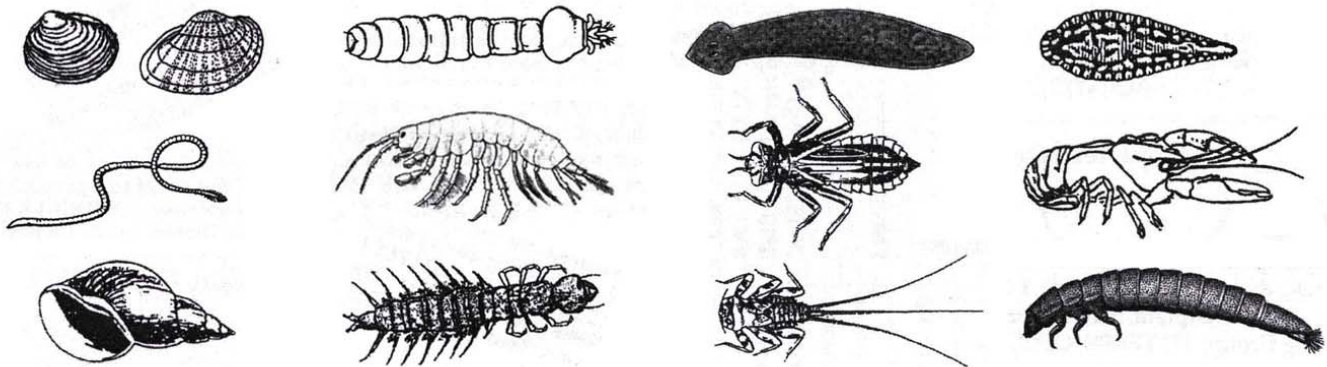
June 16–21 and July 1, 2019

Program for Monday, July 1, 10:30 A.M.

### “Parker Pond’s Animals Without Backbones — A Program for Children and Adults”

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Invertebrates (animals without backbones) that are large enough to see without a microscope are called “macroinvertebrates.” Macroinvertebrates that live in the water are important to scientists who study the quality of the water in lakes and streams, because they can use these small animals to tell us if the water is healthy and pure or if it is polluted. Healthy water will have a wide variety of these little animals, but polluted water will have only the toughest ones. Join us as we explore the shoreline of Parker Pond to find and identify these animals to help us decide the quality of Parker Pond’s water. Can you identify any of these creatures? They are harmless.



**Alene Onion** is the coordinator of the Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE) program in New York State WAVE program. The WAVE program is citizen-based water quality assessment developed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, enabling citizen scientists to collect biological data for assessment of water quality on wadeable streams in NY State. She lives in Albany, New York, with her daughter and husband and frequently travels to her family’s home on Parker Pond. As a child she regularly attended Day Camp at Bearnstow.

Admission is free, but contributions from daytime guests for the nature walks and presentations are greatly appreciated. Please reserve for any event by calling 293-2280 after June 15. Lunch is also available (\$10) during the full-day programs.

Bearnstow is located at 84 Bearnstow Road in Mount Vernon. See [www.bearnstow.org/contact.htm](http://www.bearnstow.org/contact.htm) for directions to Bearnstow. Please visit [www.bearnstow.org/natureweek.htm](http://www.bearnstow.org/natureweek.htm) for additional program information.