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New boardwalk completed at **Moose Bog for** wildlife viewing

TERDINAND — A new boardwalk at the popular ◀ Moose Bog will provide additional opportunities for people to see wildlife in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. The boardwalk, which was built to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, provides an immersive experience in nature at the Wenlock Wildlife Management Area in Ferdinand, Vermont.



The new Moose Bog boardwalk at Wenlock Wildlife Management Area in Ferdinand provides im- Bog is a ular site.

proved public access to this pop- very popular spot, with a Photos by Tom Berriman, beautiful view Northeast Kingdom Audubon. and fantastic opportunities

to see wildlife," said Doug Morin, a wildlife biologist with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "In just a short one-mile trip, visitors may spot rare boreal forest birds such as spruce grouse, boreal chickadees, grey jays, and black-backed woodpeckers, in addition to the chance to see a moose. The bog itself is a beautiful black spruce bog, with a floating mat of sphagnum moss and many rare bog plants such as Labrador tea, pitcher plants, and sundew."

Morin cautions that while the crew worked to make the trail comply with national ADA standards, it is still a one-mile round trip and involves some elevation gain, so the full trip may not be appropriate for everyone. Visitors can also enjoy other nearby ADA-accessible state lands at Sentinel Rock State Park and Brighton State Park.

"We want Vermont's 93 wildlife management areas to be accessible to all Vermonters and visitors, and that includes people with limited mobility," said John Austin, who manages Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Lands and Habitat Program. "Because Moose Bog is so close to Route 105 and is so popular with birders and other wildlife enthusiasts, we decided a boardwalk would give more people the chance to experience this incredible place."

Austin says that autumn is a great time to view wildlife in Vermont, as birds embark on their fall migration, and moose and deer are displaying full antlers during the fall mating season. "With nearly 140,000 acres and locations in every corner of the state, Vermont's wildlife management areas provide wildlife enthusiasts with endless options to get outdoors, go hunting, catch a fish, see birds, or capture a fantastic nature photo."





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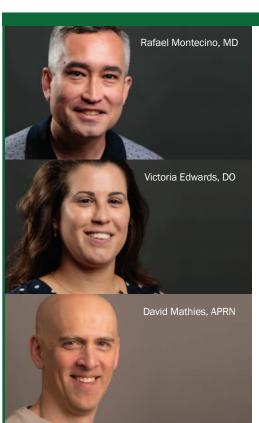
Over 100 juried craftspeople and specialty food producers were on hand last weekend for the annual Apple and Crafts Festival held in Bailey's Meadow. 1. Andre Souligny making wooden spoons. 2. Diane Tensen and Robin Potwin for Zach's Place apple tasting and selling apples donated by Maplewood Orchards. 3. Andrea Shamgochian knitting. 4. Nine-year-old Marin Irizarry, face cutout at Moco Cocoa. 5. Arabella Cowdrey at Chubby Chicks. 6. The fair from a wide angle perspective. Gloria Towne Photos











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