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SUMMER IN THE PARK

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SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesdays in Discovery Park, starting at 7 p.m.



JULY 6
BEN PEARSON

The Rangeleys: A Photographic Journey Through an Iconic Region of Maine.

Author/photographer Ben Pearson retraces his grandfather's explorations to the outer reaches of Maine's iconic Rangeley region in the 1930s. Book signing to follow.



JULY 13
ABDI IFTIN

Diversifying the Maine Outdoors

Abdi's talk will focus on at least three ways we can help create inclusive outdoor activities for New Mainers, minority groups, and disadvantaged communities who might otherwise lack access.



JULY 20
BEN MARTENS

Exploring Maine's Fisheries, Seafood, and Working Waterfront Communities

Ben Martens, Executive Director of the Maine Coast Fisherman's Association, shares videos and stories from over a decade of working with local fisherman to build sustainable fisheries and vibrant fishing communities.



JULY 27
GARY FISH

Plants, Ticks, Bugs & Worms: Why Worry About Invasive Species?

Maine State Horticulturalist Gary Fish shines a light on Maine's most unique and interesting invasive species, along with resources for gardeners to help them slow their spread.



August 3
KATIE SPATZ

Redefine Possible: How Anyone Can Achieve the Extraordinary

Holder of multiple endurance records, athlete, author and activist Katie Spatz will inspire you to step out of your comfort zone to achieve incredible things. Book signing to follow.



August 10
CAREY KISH

Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail: Beauty, Wonder, Kindness and Friendship on America's Most Beloved Footpath

Maine hiker Carey Kish vividly recounts his 2,189-mile journey on the AT. Learn about the trail's rich history, the camaraderie of fellow hikers, scary wildlife encounters, and more!



August 17
SANDY MOORE & KIMBERLEE BENNETT

Paddling Southern Maine

These tips and tricks, along with recommendations for perfect paddling spots near Portland, will take your kayak, SUP and canoe excursions to the next level. Book signing to follow.



August 24
ED WEBSTER

The History of Mt. Washington (AKA Agiocochook)

Local guidebook author Ed Webster's shares little-known Mt. Washington stories, along with his own collection of unique images and early art, in this loving tribute to New England's highest peak.



August 31
JEFF RYAN

Beyond Ramen: Healthy Gourmet Meals on the Trail

Veteran hiker Jeff Ryan shares tips on menu planning, best places to buy ingredients, how to dry and pre-package your own food, and more.