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River Otter Presentation and Activities Coming to Phoenicia

Learn how to become an Otter Spotter

Have you ever seen an otter? Would you like to know more about these semi-aquatic critters? Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County's Ashokan Basin Stream Management Program is sponsoring a program that will feature presentations and activities focusing on the River Otter.

The program will be held on Saturday, October 11 from 10:00am to 11:00am at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Phoenicia office located at 5578 Route 28 in the Phoenicia Plaza. The presenter, Benjamin Stafford, a Student Conservation Association (SCA), Wildlife Educator for the NYS DEC, will speak about river otters in the Catskills, where and how to spot them and how to report your sighting to the NYS DEC.

Find out everything you didn't know about New York River Otters their behavior, reproduction, tracks and signs of their presence and many other fascinating facts will be explored. Stafford will bring a display which includes a mounted river otter and track casts from members of the weasel family. Participants will have the opportunity to make animal footprints using track casts made from plaster of Paris as part of this fun learning experience for the entire family.

Seating will be limited for this free event. Please RSVP by calling Laura Weyeneth at 845-340-3990 or email law249@cornell.edu.

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