

# Learn about nature through art and guided nature walks!

**Saturday September 3rd 2-3:30 at Kettle Pond Visitor Center, LICHENS:**

Explore shrubby, leafy, and crusty lichens and learn how they're used in dyes, medicines, and the study of climate change. Make a "survivor" tardigrade to take home!



**Saturday, September 17th 2-3:30 at Kettle Pond Visitor Center, ANIMAL DETECTIVES:**

Go on a guided hike and search for tracks, scat, and animal homes with our scavenger hunt! Look at our "evidence" collection of fur, bones, and insects and sketch what you see.



**Saturday, October 1st 2-3:30 at Kettle Pond Visitor Center, LEAF CREATURES:**

Take a guided tree walk and identify trees by their leaves. Listen to the "Leaf Man" and make a leaf rubbing to take home.



**Saturday, October 15th 2-3:30 at Kettle Pond Visitor Center, MYSTERIOUS MUSHROOM:**

More than meets the eye! We'll examine mushrooms as decomposers, mycorrhizals, parasites, food, medicine, bioremediation, even packaging and part of the "tree internet"! Make a clay mushroom to take home.



**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2-3:30 at Kettle Pond Visitor Center, TREE POWER:**

Explore the "Tree Power" Pop-Up Museum and learn how trees work, what we get from trees, and how trees can help mitigate climate change. Draw a tree "selfie" or make a leaf rubbing to take home.



All free and fun family programs are at Kettle Pond Visitor Center, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI. Please register at <https://bit.ly/KettlePond> or call 401.213.4413 at anytime. The Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island fund these engaging programs.

