



# INNS OF WATERVILLE VALLEY TODAY

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Welcome to Our  
NEWSLETTER



In this newsletter you'll find:

Latest updates, upcoming events, exciting offers, fun and puzzles for families/kids and much more!

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## NAME THE MOOSE RAFFLE!

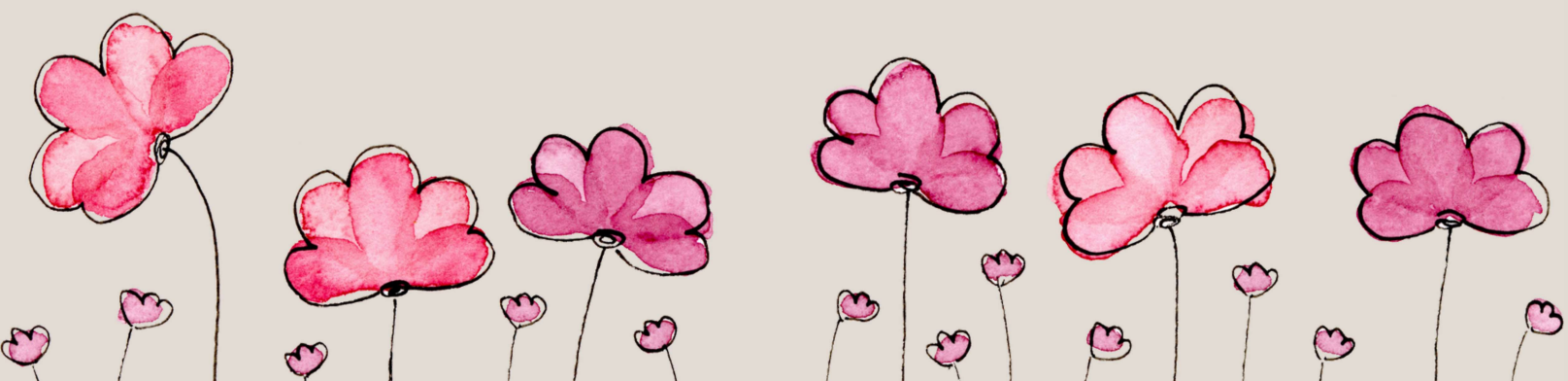
In this newsletter, you will find the flyer for our raffle! Please read the cover page, as well as the terms and conditions carefully!  
The Fundraising committee is also taking cash donations.  
**CASH AND CHECK ONLY. All checks can be made out to IOWVA Fundraising.**  
See the FAQ page for more info on how to join the committee!



## ANNUAL MEETING COMING UP!

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming 2025-2026 Owners Meeting! Mark your calendars for June 7th, 2025, at 10:00 am, when we will gather at the Inns for this important event. For those unable to attend in person, an online meeting option will be available, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate. Stay tuned for more information, including details on how to join the meeting remotely.

More events for the Waterville Valley area can be found at the link provided below!  
[HTTPS://WWW.WATERVILLE.COM/CALENDAR](https://www.waterville.com/calendar)  
SEE NEXT PAGE FOR SUMMER UNPLUGGED EVENTS








Visit **WATERVILLE VALLEY**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

# CORNHOLE

## Tournament

**EVERY FRIDAY AT 3PM | JUNE 26-SEPT 6**  
LOCATED IN TOWN SQUARE, WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH  
FREE WITH FREEDOM PASS OR \$5 PER PERSON

SUMMER UNPLUGGED | VISITWATERVILLEVALLEY.COM



# BALLOON TWISTING

## FREE!

**SATURDAYS | 10:30-2:30PM**  
FROM JUNE 26 THRU SEPTEMBER 6  
TOWN SQUARE, WATERVILLE VALLEY

SUMMER UNPLUGGED | VISITWATERVILLEVALLEY.COM



**Free!**

# FACE PAINTING

**EVERY SATURDAY, 2-6PM**

**JUNE 26 - SEPT. 6**  
TOWN SQUARE  
WATERVILLE VALLEY

SUMMER UNPLUGGED | VISITWATERVILLEVALLEY.COM



# Fairy House Building

**THURSDAYS 10AM-12PM**

LOCATED AT THE TOWN SQUARE  
DISC GOLF COURSE - HOLE #1



# MECHANICAL BULL RIDING

**FREE!**

**EVERY FRIDAY 4-8PM**  
FROM JUNE 26-SEPTEMBER 6

IN TOWN SQUARE, WATERVILLE VALLEY  
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# PHOTO BOOTH

**EVERY FRIDAY 4-8PM**  
FROM JUNE 26 THRU SEPTEMBER 6

FREE IN TOWN SQUARE  
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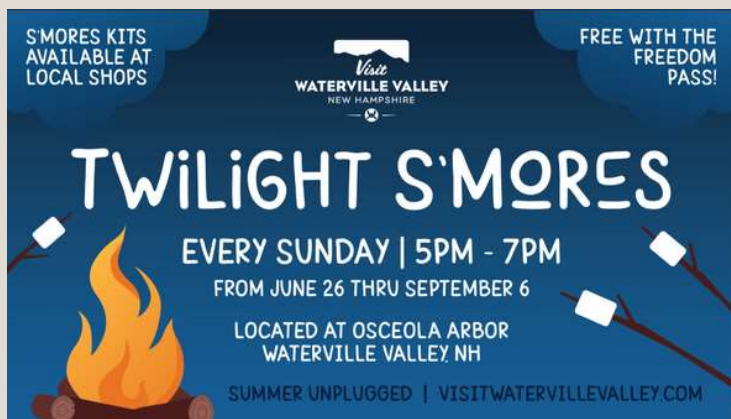


# TIE DYE

IN WATERVILLE VALLEY

**THURSDAYS 1:00-3:00PM**  
FROM JUNE 26-SEPT. 6  
IN TOWN SQUARE

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S'MORES KITS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SHOPS

Visit **WATERVILLE VALLEY**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FREE WITH THE FREEDOM PASS!

# TWILIGHT S'MORES

**EVERY SUNDAY | 5PM - 7PM**  
FROM JUNE 26 THRU SEPTEMBER 6

LOCATED AT OSCEOLA ARBOR  
WATERVILLE VALLEY NH

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## The Mannings

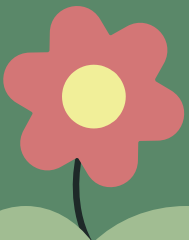
We want to show our appreciation to a dedicated IOWVA family. Thomas and Anna Manning are multi unit owners who have been enjoying the Inns of Waterville Valley for over thirty years. Now that they're retired, they enjoy hobbies such as cooking and gardening in their free time.



Thank you to Thomas and Anna Manning for their lovely contribution to our community. Aside from having a wonderful sense of humor that delights us whenever they stay, they recently donated the six patio chairs that are pictured on the left. Now everyone can enjoy the spring and summer weather by relaxing outside on these adorable chairs.



Thank you,  
IOWVA Team





PROUDLY BRINGS YOU

# New Year New Name

\$100 per spot

\$150 for 2 spots

Winner will be announced during  
the Annual Owners Meeting this  
June 2025.



*Help us raise money to go towards new things to  
better the Inns. Spots won't be sold after May  
31st, 2025*

**The winner of the raffle will get to not  
only name the infamous Moose for a  
year but also win a 1 week  
complimentary stay here at the Inns.  
Room/Week is upon our availability.  
Terms & Conditions apply. See next page.**

**Payment methods accepted: Check, Cash**



## TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY:

### **Spots will not be sold after May 31st, 2025**

- 1.) Spots are non-refundable.
- 2.) Winner will get to name the infamous moose in our lower lobby & win a 1 week FREE stay here at the Inns upon our availability!
- 3.) Prize cannot be exchanged for cash. Nor can it be redeemed to cover any maintenance fee(s).
- 4.) Winner will be informed via email and phone call.
- 5.) All contact info and Maintenance fees must be up to date.

By purchasing a raffle spot, you agree to be bound by these terms and rules. The Inns of Waterville Valley (46 Packard's Road, Waterville Valley, NH 03215) is conducting this raffle. Spots will be sold at 1 for \$100.00 or 2 for \$150.00 (if purchased in the same transaction). Funds are to be put toward upgrades for IOWVA. The Winner will be picked electronically by wheelofnames.com . You must be 18 or older to purchase a spot for the raffle or claim the prize. If you plan to assign your prize to someone else, or gift it, they must be 21 and over, and occupancy must not exceed room accommodations for the unit you are assigned. You do not need to be present at the time of the drawing to claim your winnings. Winner will have 10 days from the notification to arrange to claim their prize. Winner will be notified via contact info they supply at the time they purchase raffle spots. If the winner fails to claim their prize in the 10 day period for whatever reason, winner will forfeit the prize and an alternate winner will be selected. If a prize is forfeited, no compensation will be given and all decisions are final. If you owe money to IOWVA, the balance must be \$0 on your account to claim your prize. You do NOT have to be a current owner to participate in the raffle. To enter,

please:

call 603-236-8366

email [frontdesk@innsofwatervillevalley.com](mailto:frontdesk@innsofwatervillevalley.com)

or

come to the front desk during business hours (Mon- Fri 8:30 AM - 4 PM)

Payment methods accepted: Check, Cash







# Notes from Bob the Birder



Dear Friends,

Bob the birder here! Lucky you who are enjoying leisure time over these next three months. You may be sad that the snow is melting and the skiing will be on pause for a bit But, we are coming into the best three months of the birding year. Spring Migration.

## Spring Migration

Spring Migration is the time of year when millions of birds travel north from their wintering grounds in the southern U.S., Central America, and beyond to breed in the northern forests, wetlands, and coastlines. This migration peaks from Late April through early June, bringing a surge of colorful songbirds, shorebirds and raptors right through the White Mountains and nearby shores of New Hampshire.

Some birds stay and breed in New Hampshire but many are just passing through on their long journey to northern breeding territories where food is abundant and nesting competition is lower.

## TOOLS FOR BIRDING



In my last newsletter, I promised you that I would share some of the tools I use for locating, identifying, counting and keeping records on the birds I find.

There are many so I will explain two of them here and in my next newsletter explain a few more.

### 1) E-BIRD APP

First, I recommend that you download the free “E-bird” app onto your phone. This app serves as an interface with the Cornell University database. Imagine half a million people reporting the birds they see on a daily basis into a database that is tracking birds’ movements. Cornell can use this data to map bird migration, study the effects of climate changes, changes in food supply, water availability, etc. E-bird will also serve as a perfect record keeper for what you find.

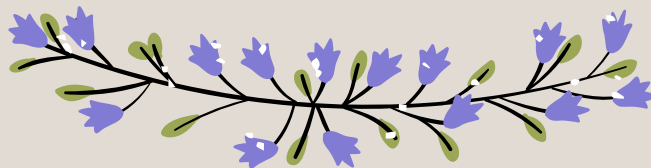
To use the app you simply download it, open it, select “Start Checklist”, and enter your location from a drop-down menu. Every possible bird for the region you are in is on a list. Just select them as you see them and enter the number of birds of that one specie you are seeing.

### 2) MERLIN APP

The second app which I find to be useful is the Merlin app. This app is also supported by Cornell and it allows you to identify birds that you see by their sound or by a photo if you can capture one. You simply open the app and hit the “sound” button. I caution that this app isn’t perfect. It is maybe 80% accurate? If the app “hears” a particular bird, you should consider that a clue for the bird you are trying to find.



# BIRDING HOTSPOTS



When I last wrote, I told you about Quincy Bog in Rumney, and Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson/Whitefield. I encourage you to visit them.

Before closing I would like to suggest a few other birding “Hotspots”, as well.

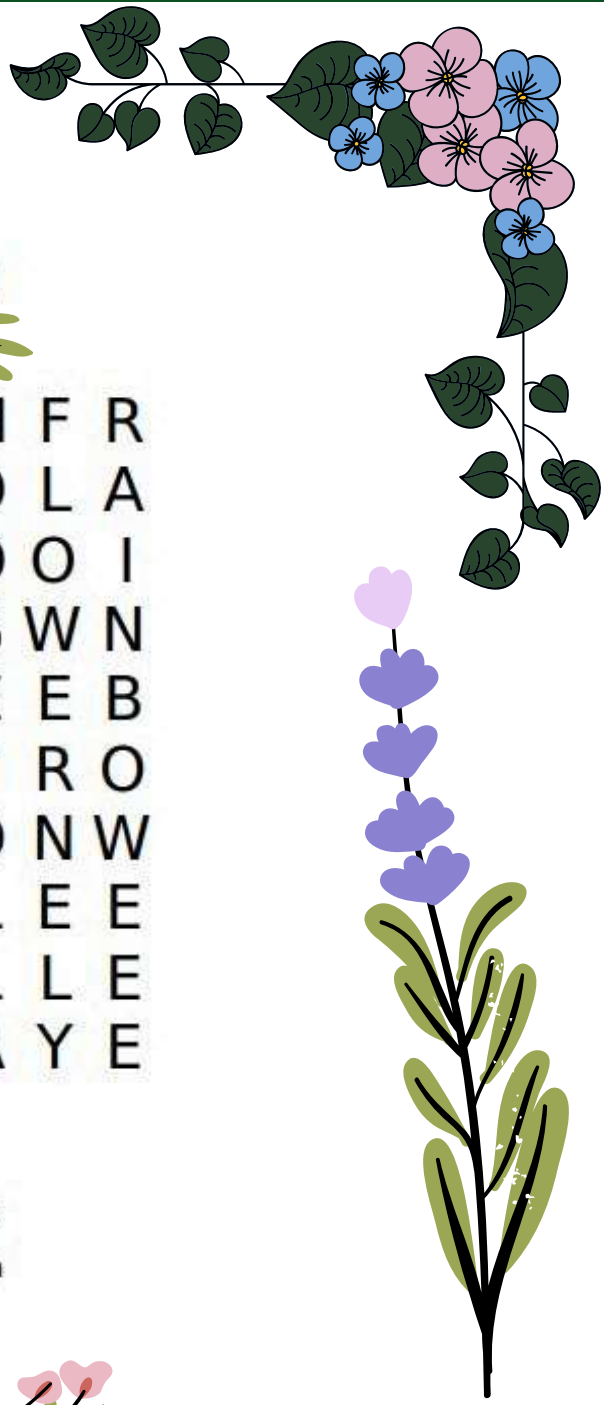
When traveling to Waterville Valley from points south you might consider “birding” Odiorne Point State Park in Rye, NH. On my way home to Massachusetts from the Inns last October, I stopped by there. I identified 18 species. In the spring time however, I could imagine many more being present.

Two other Hotspots that I had success at were Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary in Grafton, NH (20 species noted), and (because I wanted to say that I birded in Vermont), North Thetford Landing in Orange, Vermont. It is so beautiful there along the river and I noted 19 species of birds. A wonderful day-trip from the Inns.

So, get outside! Wander around hike and picnic with binoculars around your neck and your Merlin and E-bird apps open and ready!

Happy Birding.  
-Bob





## Word Search



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waterville  
sunshine  
rainbow  
moose

chickadee  
melting  
flower

butterfly  
umbrella  
picnic





## SPRINGTIME BIRD FACTS

1

Crows, Ravens, and most the members of the Corvid family can mimic speech better than parrots. This is why there's stories and poems about hearing voices in the woods or ravens saying "Nevermore".

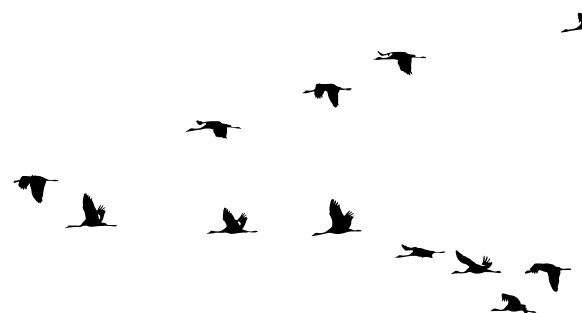
2

Loons have solid bones to aid them in diving for fish. They can dive up to 200ft underwater and can stay underwater for five minutes.



3

The sound commonly used in movies for eagles is actually the sound of New Hampshire's state raptor, the red tailed hawk.



## FAQ:

**Q:** Do owners have golf privileges?

**A:** No. Owners will pay Waterville Valley Golf Club House to play golf. Please check [www.wvclubhouse/golf](http://www.wvclubhouse/golf) for the 2025 non-member rates.

**Q:** Do we have AC?

**A:** No, we do not.

**Q:** Can you bring a pet?

**A:** No, we do not allow pets. We allow Service animals; a specifically trained animal (usually a dog) that preforms a task for a specific disability.

**Q:** Why can't you give your registration form and credit card information the day we get there to check in?

**A:** Here at the Inns we conduct a "Self Check-In" and travel your time. We have anticipated your arrival and all your information is due Monday before your Friday arrival. Your unit is ready and waiting for after 4pm check-in. Welcome to your home away in the mountains, We do not staff on the weekends.

Keys will be provided in key-box,

**Q:** What is there to do in the Summer?

**A:** There are so many wonderful summer activities-fish, swim, hike, bike, disc golf, pickle ball, tennis and golf to name a few. Check out the WV Chowder fest or Heart of 603 Scavenger Hunt: <https://buytickets.at/centralnewhampshirechambero.../1642972>.



**Q:** How can you join the fundraising committee?

**A:** This is not driven by the board. The office staff can't wait to see what the Committee does! Please contact Carol Dusablon today to join the committee! [cbdusablon@gmail.com](mailto:cbdusablon@gmail.com) (401)225-5085





## A message from the General Manager!

Dear Awesome Inns of Waterville Valley Owners,

Spring has sprung at the Inns of Waterville Valley and around town. Skis are being put away and the bikes are coming out. The sun is shining and the air is warm.

The Inns team is doing our part as well to invite the new season awaiting owners, exchange guests and renters. We are in the middle of “maintenance weeks” as we wipe off the snow and bring out the chairs. Housekeeping has been doing Spring cleaning on your units and maintenance has been opening the windows and getting the units ready for your anticipated arrival.

It is so refreshing to see owners come together and participate. How can you help? Write an article for the newsletter or join the Fundraising Committee. Please enrich the Inns community in different ways, we are looking forward to your vision. We are here to support you.

A special “thank you” to Maya Russell. She not just stepped in, but jumped in to create the newsletter and join the team in the office.

Here is to a fantastic Spring full of new memories.

Happy trails,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail Kent".

General Manager, Gail Kent

