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## Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Fast Facts:

<b>Founded:</b>	1966
<b>Size:</b>	232 acres of fields, forests, and wetlands
<b>Mission:</b>	The mission of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is to advance understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world.
<b>Staff:</b>	19 full time year-round; 12 part-time, 24 seasonal
<b>Volunteers:</b>	354 volunteers giving over 8,700 hours in 2016
<b>Outreach:</b>	Annual offsite programs at schools, camps, ski areas, scouting troops, businesses, and other groups reaching 8,642 people in 2016
<b>Program Attendance:</b>	Over 17,000 guests served through school field trips, special events, and other programs at the Science Center
<b>Trail Attendance:</b>	Almost 61,000 guests in 2016
<b>Cruise Passengers:</b>	Approximately 10,000 guests in 2016
<b>Programs:</b>	Home of Blue Heron School – New Hampshire's first nature-based Montessori school
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nhnature.org">www.nhnature.org</a>
<b>Trail Hours:</b>	May 1 through November 1, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last trail admission at 3:30 p.m.)
<b>Accreditation:</b>	AZA Accreditation, Received September 2006, September 2011, and September 2016. Only AZA Accredited Institution in Northern New England.
<b>Exhibit Animals:</b>	Barred owl, white-footed mouse, mink, painted turtle, spotted turtle, various fish and amphibians, coyote, red fox, gray fox, fisher, bobcat, mountain lion, white-tailed deer, river otter, black bear, black-crowned night heron, cattle egret, great horned owl, red-tailed hawk, broad-winged hawk, red-shouldered hawk, goshawk, bald eagle, turkey vulture
<b>Lake Cruises:</b>	May through October Explore Squam; Nature of the Lakes; Loon Cruise; Dinner and Sunset Cruise; Lake Explorers family cruise (Bald Eagle Adventure Cruise cancelled in 2017 due to nest failure)