In a world filled with artificial light, come and try something different—a nighttime experience in a safe setting where fun abounds. Our naturalists love to explore trails in the night, just like the populations of animals that need to wake up, hunt, eat, drink, hide, and build nests for their young. Learn about nocturnal animals while discovering how your eyes function in the dark.

This program is offered on Friday evenings, October through June.

Fee: $380 for up to 28 people • Cost per addition person is $16.00
Maximum participants: 40

Evening Schedule

6:30  Troop arrives (already well fed), puts belongings in the Program Room, and makes nametags.

6:45–8:15  Naturalist gives an indoor briefing about the night hike, dispelling the myths of night and informing the troop about night vision. The troop will participate in fun, educational activities based on your previously-chosen theme: Owls or Frogs (frogs are spring only).

Meanwhile, it gets darker and darker outside—just the way we want it!

8:15–9:15  Night Hike on our trails with lots of sensory experiments that increase your awareness of sight, smells, and sounds. For many, it’s a BIG confidence booster!

9:15–9:30  Return to the Visitor Center and settle in for the evening.

Once our program is over, your fun doesn’t have to stop. There will be art supplies and nature books for your use. Troops generally prepare their late-night snacks and settle in for the night on the Nature Center floor (bring a mat and sleeping bag). Tables, chairs, kitchen with appliances, dishes, utensils, cleaning supplies, are all available for your use.

Departure time from the Program Room is 8:45 Saturday morning, but feel free to walk our trails in the daylight, too!

Programs are held in rain, shine, or snow. We will cancel only if severe weather makes traveling by car or walking outside unsafe.

For more information or to register, call Sheryl Pereira at 508.753.6087, ext. 5015