



July is Wild About Wildlife Month!

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My ideal summer day was reading on the porch.”

~ Harold E. Varmus

Mr. Varmus is an American scientist and winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine in 1989. He also served as the 14th Director of the National Cancer Institute, appointed by President Barack Obama. Mr. Varmus received numerous scientific awards, but surprisingly, he was not always a scientist. He graduated from Amherst College, with a B.A. in English literature, and earned his graduate degree in English at Harvard University. Only later did he turn his interest to science. His deep love of reading, however, remained a constant from his early life.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 America's first zoo, the Philadelphia Zoo, opens in 1874 	2 Tom Sawyer Fence Painting Weekend, Hannibal, MO, July 1st through 4th
3	4 Independence Day 	5	6	7	8	9
10 Don't Step on a Bee Day 	11 Harper Lee's novel, To Kill a Mockingbird, is published in 1960	12 	13	14 National Summer Learning Day #KeepKidsLearning	15 National I Love Horses Day 	16 World Snake Day
17	18	19 	20 "One giant leap for mankind" in 1969, as Neil Armstrong first steps on the moon	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 International Tiger Day 	30 National Mutt Day
31 Happy Birthday to Harry Potter and author, J.K. Rowling						

July is Wild About Wildlife Month. Take advantage of the warm weather to explore nearby natural areas and learn about local wildlife, from frogs and turtles around the pond to butterflies and honeybees in your own backyard. If you're up for something more wild, plan a trip to the zoo to see wildlife from around the world. July is a great time to attend events, or get involved in projects, that improve the environmental health of your community. Small efforts to safeguard the environment can have big benefits for wildlife. And, don't forget to keep reading and writing! There are many wonderful books about wildlife.