

Oh, Deer! Colgate Capstone Presentation at Rogers Center

After months of research and data collection on deer abundance and tick-borne diseases at Rogers Center, the senior Environmental Studies capstone class at Colgate University is sharing their findings with the public. Guided by Dr. Catherine Cardelus, these students are unveiling the results with a presentation and public Q&A session.

“Oh, Deer! Ticks, Deer, and Disease: Understanding their Connection, and Tips for Staying Safe” will be presented at the Rogers Visitor Center on Saturday, December 7th at 1 pm.

Deer overabundance poses concern for the regeneration of forest ecosystems and can increase the prevalence of tick-borne illnesses. The senior capstone group assessed deer populations at Rogers Environmental Education Center and created a deer management plan to ensure future conservation.

Part of this project is an evaluation of community attitudes and perceptions of deer abundance, ticks, and tick-borne diseases. The students have used the responses from a publicly distributed survey to inform and develop potential management strategies and educational resources.

This has been an exciting partnership opportunity for both Colgate students and Rogers Center. Anyone interested in learning more is welcome to attend the presentation. ➡