

# Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

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*Discover the wilds  
of Worcester and the  
surrounding area.*

## News&Notes

**Connecting with Nature Transforms People!** This statement was our guiding theme on Sunday afternoon, November 15, when Broad Meadow Brook invited all annual contributors to a celebration to thank them for their essential support. Advisory Board Chairman Deidre Loughlin welcomed everyone, guided walks were offered before and after the formal presentation, and homemade baked goods were provided by board members. Staff members and campers highlighted the summer, which boasted the largest enrollment ever. We heard directly from campers and viewed a lively power point show put together by Education Coordinator and Camp Director Lisa Carlin. The Junior Naturalist Award for excellence in environmental stewardship was presented to summer camper Jacob Lachapelle, who shared his hopes to become a camp counselor in years to come. The program concluded with eloquent remarks by special guest Samuel Jaffe, who spoke about his stunning caterpillar photos, currently on display at Broad Meadow Brook. Sam also commented on the important role Mass Audubon plays in both protecting land for conservation and wildlife habitat as well as providing superb educational programs.

**Neighborhood Outreach with help from the College of the Holy Cross.** Thanks to students enrolled in a class involving community service, we have undertaken several neighborhood outreach efforts to gather feedback and advice from our neighbors. Along the west side of the sanctuary, students have been handing out questionnaires to help us connect with neighbors located near parcels of land recently added to the sanctuary off of Granite St. In the north neighborhoods off of Massasoit Road and Greenfield Street, students have been helping us reach out to neighbors to help assess ways to reduce flooding and improve storm water management.

**Learn your bird songs!** Have you ever been out with accomplished birders and realized that they mostly identify the birds by hearing their songs? This spring we are offering a new program series to help you develop those skills. Starting Wednesday March 24, we will host a 6-part evening series of friendly bird call identification. We hope to host a recital at the end of the series where participants can imitate some of the many bird calls they have learned.

**Friday Morning Bird Walks Begin Again!** Starting in April, you can join Conservation Coordinator Martha Gach on Friday mornings from 7 to 9 for early morning bird walks on the sanctuary. These are free for members!

## ADULT

### Waterfowl Along the Blackstone National Corridor

*At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary*

**Thursday, January 7 / 7:00-8:30 pm**

**Saturday, January 9 / 7:00 am-noon**

**Leader:** Mark Lynch, Master Birder & Central Massachusetts Regional Coordinator, Breeding Bird Atlas

**\$10.00 members, \$12.00 nonmembers**

The Blackstone National Corridor is a unique national park that runs from Worcester south to Providence, Rhode Island, following the course of the Blackstone and Seekonk rivers. Though once seriously polluted, as the water quality has improved this area has once again become important to a wide variety of waterbirds such as geese, ducks, gulls, and even ospreys. In class we will look at how waterbirds utilize this urban waterway, what species breed and what species use the Blackstone as a flyway to and from the coast. The field trip to the southern end of the corridor in the urban locations of Providence and East Providence will search for a variety of migrant waterfowl such as wintering gulls, goldeneyes, buffleheads, mergansers, and maybe even a bald eagle or two.

*This is a moderate to advanced level birding class. Each student should have good binoculars (8x40), field guides, and if possible a spotting scope.*

*Snow date for field trip is Sunday, Jan. 10.*

### Winter Birding Trip to Plum Island

*At Plum Island*

**Saturday, January 23 / 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

**Leaders:** Alex Dunn, Natural History Guide and Birder & Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide

**\$30.00 members, \$37.00 nonmembers**

Winter can be a great time to go birdwatching. Leave the driving to us as we explore the winter birds in several Important Bird Areas (IBAs) along the coast of Massachusetts. We'll explore Plum Island, a birding hot spot and part of the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, in search of waterfowl that are attracted to this area. Also be on the lookout for shrikes, snowy owls, and snow buntings. We will make a brief stop at Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats Education Center to check local sightings.

*Bring lunch, binoculars, and a field guide. Dress in layers for the cold weather. Be ready to leave at 9:00 am sharp from Broad Meadow Brook.*

**Broad Meadow Brook / Adult****Basics of Winter Gull Identification***At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary***Thursday, February 11 / 7:00-9:00 pm**

Leader: Mark Lynch, Master Birder &amp; Central Massachusetts Regional Coordinator Breeding Bird Atlas

\$10.00 members, \$12.00 nonmembers

The field identification of gulls presents some of the toughest challenges a birder can face. This workshop will focus on some of the basics of gull identification, review resources on gull IDs and look at some of the more interesting species that show up along the Massachusetts coast in the winter. The Saturday field trip will visit Cape Ann, a winter gull mecca for birders all over the Northeast. This class is for any serious birder wishing to review gulls.

*Students should have good binoculars (8x40) and a spotting scope. Bring your field guide and a notebook to class.*

*Field trip February 13, snow date February 14.*

**Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge in Winter***At Sachuest Point NWR***Saturday, February 27 / 9:00 am-5:00 pm**

Leaders: Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide &amp; Rick Walker, Birder

\$30.00 members, \$37.00 nonmembers

While spending a winter day at the shore may not be for everyone, Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge is one of the best places in southern New England to see harlequin ducks. In addition, common eiders, black and white-winged scoters, northern harriers, buffleheads, and long-tailed ducks are commonly observed just offshore. This will not be a high-powered birding trip but a winter day at the shore with birding as just one of the natural history activities we'll indulge in!

*Limited to nine participants; van transportation from Broad Meadow Brook provided. Dress warmly, bring a bag lunch, and be ready to leave at 9:00 am sharp from Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary.*

**Winter Birding at Halibut Point State Park***At Halibut Point State Park, Rockport***Sunday, March 14 / 7:45 am-3:00 pm**

Leaders: Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide &amp; Rebecca Smith, Natural History Guide

\$30.00 members, \$37.00 nonmembers

Come join us for a fun trip into Rockport to visit beautiful Halibut Point State Park to see winter visitors like harlequin ducks, eiders and other waterfowl. We'll be rewarded for braving some blustery weather by enjoying the dramatic seascape views from this historic granite quarry. After birding and exploring the trails, we'll head to the harbor to warm up with lunch at a local café.

*Bring money for lunch, binoculars, water bottle, snack, and field guides. Van will leave BMB promptly at 7:45 am.*

**Greening Up Your Yard Naturally: Easy Composting for Healthy Landscapes***At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary***Tuesday, March 16 / 7:00-9:00 pm**

Open to families with children ages 16 and up

*Cosponsor: Mass Department of Environmental Protection*

Leader: Mass Audubon staff

\$5.00 members, \$7.00 nonmembers

Reduce household waste by as much as half and create healthy soil by making and using compost. Learn how to turn coffee grounds, tea bags, fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells, yard waste, and even paper towels into "black gold" that will transform your soil into rich fertile earth. This workshop will cover composting, different types of bins, indoor worm composting for apartment dwellers, and how to use compost to eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and irrigation in your yard and garden. Receive materials you can use to promote home composting in your community.

**Birding By Ear***At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary***Wednesdays, March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, & 28 / 7:00-8:30 pm**

Leader: Deb Cary, Sanctuary Director &amp; Guests

\$30.00 members, \$42.00 nonmembers

Get yourself ready for spring! Come and learn to recognize and imitate a wide range of common bird calls. This fun series of six workshops will culminate with a recital at which participants will perform for a select audience and demonstrate their newfound skills.

**Birding Hot Spots along the Quabog River***At Quabog River***Saturday, March 27 / 7:45 am-2:00 pm**

Leaders: Alex Dunn, Natural History Guide and Birder &amp; Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide

\$25.00 members, \$32.00 nonmembers

Break out of the winter doldrums and discover the fields, marshes, and ponds along the Quabog River. Hunt for ducks, hawks and eagles along with early migrants like palm warblers, phoebes, and turkey vultures. Explore hidden habitat gems before the bugs, heat, and reeds make them unreachable. Bring boots and warm clothing.

*Bring lunch, water, boots and warm clothing.*

## Greening Up Your Yard Naturally: Get Your Lawn Off Drugs!

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 1 / 7:00-9:00 pm**

Leader: Mass Audubon Staff

\$5.00 members, \$7.00 nonmembers

Learn how to have a beautiful yard without using chemicals that may harm children, pets, and the environment. You can maintain your lawn without using polluting herbicides and/or pesticides. Topics covered include soils, nontoxic pest controls, insect control, and turfgrass establishment and maintenance. Using these methods, you can protect the health of your family and the water resources in your watershed.

This program is part of the Campaign for a Fishable/Swimmable Blackstone River by 2015.

## April Birding Across the State

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29  
7:00-8:30 pm**

Leader: Mark Lynch, Master Birder & Central Massachusetts Regional Coordinator, Breeding Bird Atlas  
\$50.00 members, \$65.00 nonmembers

April birding in Massachusetts is a bounty of avian treats. This month includes the first important warbler and sparrow movements, flocks of waterfowl edging ever north, woodcocks displaying and nesting ospreys, red-tailed hawks and bald eagles. The classes will focus on spring migration and song. The field trips will visit the southern Berkshires, Westport, Quabbin reservoir, and the farms, fields and marshes of the Brookfields.

*This is a moderate to advanced level class. Participants will need good binoculars (8x40), a spotting scope, and field guides.*

*Field trips will be either Saturdays or Sundays depending on weather conditions. We will meet at the field trip destinations.*

**PREREGISTRATION** required for all programs unless otherwise stated.

**DON'T FORGET** to check your program's location. Some of our programs are not held at the sanctuaries that are sponsoring them.

## Saturday-Morning Bird Walk for Adults

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Saturdays, April 3, 17, May 1, & June 5  
7:00 am-9:30 am**

Leader: Alex Dunn, Birder & Natural History Guide

Free for members, \$5.00 nonmembers

Explore the sanctuary grounds in search of birds during this program for casual and novice birders alike. Come discover the immense variety of birdlife that exists at this large urban sanctuary. We'll teach you the basics of birding and bird identification during an easy-to-moderate walk along the trails.

*Free for members. Bring binoculars and field guides, if you have them. Wear appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle.*

## Greening Up Your Yard Naturally: Rain Gardens and Water Gardens

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 22 / 7:00-9:00 pm**

Leader: Donna Williams, Conservation Advocacy Coordinator  
\$5.00 members, \$7.00 nonmembers

Come learn how rain gardens and water gardens provide wildlife habitat and help improve water quality in local waterways. Rain gardens are depressions designed to collect storm-water runoff and infiltrate it into the ground, with their wet- and dry-tolerant native plants attracting wildlife to your yard. A water garden will provide your landscaping with a unique aquatic habitat, acting as a magnet for frogs, dragonflies, birds, mammals, and more.

While you're here, take a look at our demonstration rain garden and water garden.

This program is part of the Campaign for a Fishable/Swimmable Blackstone River by 2015.

## Birding the Midstate Trail

At Worcester County

**Saturday, April 24 / 7:45 am-2:00 pm**

Leaders: Alex Dunn, Natural History Guide and Birder & Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide  
\$25.00 members, \$32.00 nonmembers

Join us for a day of birdwatching, short hikes, and exploration along the 95-mile trail connecting Rhode Island to New Hampshire. April is a perfect time of year to look for returning migrants along with ducks, raptors, and sparrows. Departing from Broad Meadow Brook, we'll arrive at Hodges Village Dam in Oxford and work our way north, stopping at Mass Audubon's Burncoat Pond Sanctuary, Moore State Park, Harding Hill, and Barre Falls Dam. Open to beginner and intermediate bird watchers or those looking to explore Worcester County's backyard wilderness.

*Please note we will do several 1- to 2-mile hikes so proper footwear, clothing, water, and food are required.*

## Friday Morning Birds and More

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Fridays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, & 14  
7:00-9:00 am**

Leader: Martha Gach

Free for members, \$5.00 nonmembers

This weekly bird walk helps document the sanctuary birds over the season, keeping tabs on our regulars and an eye out for rare visitors. Help us confirm spring arrivals and migrating warblers. Most of the time, we'll explore different corners of the sanctuary, but we may take trips to look at nearby areas. Birders of all levels are welcome!

*Meet at the Visitor Center. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Binoculars and field guides are recommended but not required.*

## Spring's New Exercise Hike at Burncoat Pond

At Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 25 / 1:00-5:00 pm**

Leaders: Christy Barnes & Tammy Fleming Maus,  
Natural History Guides

\$12.00 members, \$16.00 nonmembers

This is one hike you don't want to miss. Join us as we actively explore one of Burncoat Pond's newest loop trails which officially opened last fall. The trail brings us through the meadow, by the beaver pond and into the beautiful beechwood forests; the destination is one of the most spectacular places on the sanctuary, overlooking the pond itself. Since this is a fitness walk, we'll stretch before and after and may take advantage of the natural terrain for other exercises as well!

*Meet at the end of Polar Spring Road just before the gate. Polar Spring is the dirt road adjacent to the Spencer Country Inn on Route 9 at the Spencer/Leicester line. Appropriate footwear, water, and a snack are recommended.*

## Birdwatching at Mount Auburn Cemetery

At Mount Auburn Cemetery

**Saturday, May 8 / 7:00 am-noon**

Leaders: Alex Dunn, Natural History Guide and Birder & Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide

\$30.00 members, \$37.00 nonmembers

Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is a national historic landmark and has been a mecca for birds and birdwatchers since it was founded in 1831. May is Mount Auburn's glory month, with an impressive variety of spring migrants that rest and feed at the cemetery, en route to breeding grounds in the forests of northern New England and Canada.

*Meet at Broad Meadow Brook at 6:45 am to ride in the van or meet at 8:00 am at Mount Auburn Cemetery entrance.*

## CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ALL AGES

### Owl Prowl

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Saturday, January 23 / 6:30-8:30 pm**

Open to families with children ages 5 and up

Leaders: Dianne Davis, Natural History Guide & Martha Gach,  
Conservation Coordinator

\$5.00 members, \$7.00 nonmembers

children \$3.00 members, \$4.00 nonmembers

Are owls wise? Can they really turn their heads all the way around? How do they fly so silently? Find out at this evening program for families. Play owl games and learn some fun facts. We'll practice owl calls inside then search the sanctuary for these magnificent creatures of the night.

*Bring a flashlight and dress warmly in layers to be outdoors for about an hour.*

### Discovering Nature as a Preschooler

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Open to children ages 4 to 5

6 class sessions

Leader: Tammy Fleming Maus

children \$85.00 members, \$100.00 nonmembers

This six-week series of nature classes is designed for young children ages 4 to 5 unaccompanied by a parent. Each week brings a new focus, but we'll always begin indoors with games, activities, or crafts, and then explore the great outdoors on Broad Meadow Brook's clearly marked trails. This is a wonderful opportunity for young children to learn about nature, and meet other children, in a safe, caring environment.

Tammy Fleming Maus, a mother and grandmother, has been sharing her love of nature with children at Broad Meadow Brook for the last five years and is a seasoned Discovering Nature teacher.

#### Winter

Tuesday, January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, & 23  
9:30 am-noon

No class February 16

#### Spring Session One

Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, April 6, & 13  
9:30 am-noon

No class March 30

#### Spring Session Two

Tuesday, April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, & June 1  
9:30 am-noon

## Nature Adventures for 5's & 6's

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Thursdays, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, & May 13 / 12:45-2:45 pm**

Open to children ages 5 to 6

Leader: Natural History Guide

children \$10.00 members, \$15.00 nonmembers

Join us the second Thursday of each month for this exciting new program designed especially for five and six year olds. Each month we'll focus on a new nature topic. We'll explore our topic indoors—with investigations, crafts, and activities—and outdoors in Broad Meadow Brook's beautiful 400-acre wildlife sanctuary. These classes will provide in-depth learning in a supportive social environment.

## Snowshoeing For Families

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Sunday, January 24 / 1:30-3:30 pm**

**Saturday, February 13 / 10:00 am-noon**

Open to families with children ages 5 and up

Leader: BMB Staff

\$7.00 members, \$9.00 nonmembers

children \$4.00 members, \$5.00 nonmembers

If you can walk, you can snowshoe! We'll teach you how to use snowshoes and practice in our field before heading out onto the trails. We will teach you how to look for signs of wildlife as we enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary in winter! If Mother Nature does not provide us with enough snow, we will go for a hike.

*Please wear boots and other clothing appropriate for winter. Hot chocolate and coffee will be available. Family rate: \$22 member / \$28 nonmember. Price includes snowshoe rental.*

## Tracking Mammals East of Worcester

At Mass Wildlife Headquarters, Westborough

**Sunday, February 7 / 1:30-3:30 pm**

Open to families with children ages 8 and up

Cosponsor: Westboro Community Land Trust

Leaders: WCLT Board Member & Martha Gach, Conservation Coordinator

Free for members, \$4.00 nonmembers

children free for members, \$2.00 nonmembers

Come explore the wilds of Westborough as we search for animal tracks and signs at the Wildlife Management Area at Mass Wildlife's Headquarters on Rabbit Hill Road. If there's enough snow, you're welcome to bring snowshoes for an afternoon of family fun!

*Free to members of Mass Audubon and Westborough Community Land Trust, \$8/family max for nonmembers. Open to adults and families with children ages 6 and up. Snow date February 14.*

## Third Week Wonders: Broad Meadow Brook Preschool Story Hour Series

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**10:00-11:00 am**

Open to children ages 3 to 5

Leaders: Kathy Kennedy & Kristin Steinmetz

children \$7.00 members, \$10.00 nonmembers

\$2 each additional child.

If you are between the ages of 3 and 5, bring your favorite adult for a thematic hour of a story, an activity, and a naturalist-led walk. Choose from the third Wednesday, Thursday, or Saturday of each month.

*Be prepared to go outside.*

### Tracks in the Snow: Who's Been Here?

**Wednesday, January 20**

**Thursday, January 21**

**Saturday, January 23**

### Groundhog's Shadow

**Wednesday, February 24**

**Thursday, February 25**

**Saturday, February 27**

### Bird Chorus

**Wednesday, March 17**

**Thursday, March 18**

**Saturday, March 20**

### Slithering Salamanders, Leaping Frogs

**Wednesday, April 14**

**Thursday, April 15**

**Saturday, April 17**

## Snowshoeing and Winter Tracking at Burncoat Pond

At Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

**Saturday, February 27 / 1:30-4:00 am**

Open to families with children ages 6 and up

Leader: Tammy Fleming Maus, Natural History Guide

\$8.00 members, \$10.00 nonmembers

children \$6.00 members, \$8.00 nonmembers

Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary has some wonderful open spaces perfect for using snowshoes to explore the lifestyles of its many animal residents. We'll have animal pelts on hand to enhance identification of our findings. If no snow we will explore the newly updated woodland trails for seasonal wonders.

*Family rate: \$28/M, \$36/NM. Bring your own snowshoes and receive \$2/person off when registering. Meet at the end of Polar Spring Road, just before the gate. Located off Route 9 at the Leicester/Spencer Line, Polar Spring is the dirt road adjacent to the Spencer Country Inn.*

## Homeschool Programs at Broad Meadow Brook

### *At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary*

Open to children ages 5 to 13

Leader: Kristin Steinmetz, Natural History Guide  
*children \$8.00 members, \$12.00 nonmembers*

Broad Meadow Brook's homeschool programs offer a friendly, cooperative learning environment for people of all ages! Our homeschool programs are designed for the homeschooling family. Parents are encouraged to attend with the student(s), but students may stay on their own if a medical form is on file with the sanctuary.

Advance registration is required by calling 508-753-6087. At the end of all programs, students will receive follow-up information and activities so the learning can continue at home. Program fees per class for each participating child are \$8 Mass Audubon member / \$12 nonmember.

We look forward to learning with you!

### **Sanctuary on Snowshoes**

**Thursday, January 14 / 10:00 am-noon**  
**Thursday, January 21 / 1:00-3:00 pm**

Try snowshoeing! No experience necessary. Snowshoes and basic instruction will be provided. After some practice, we'll snowshoe the trails, looking for overwintering songbirds, active mammals, and tracks in the snow. (In the event that we don't have snow cover, we will still learn basic snowshoe technique and take a winter ecology hike on foot.) For all ages.

### **Barking Up Trees**

**Thursday, February 25 / 1:00-3:00 pm**

Get up close and personal with "the skins" of trees. We'll discover some of the fabulous properties of bark and make some unusual "bark art." For all ages.

### **Backyard Bandits**

**Thursday, March 18 / 1:00-3:00 pm**

Baby squirrels are born this month in holes in tree cavities! Eastern gray squirrels are everywhere, but how much do we really know about them? We'll sing a song, hear a squirrel story, make a squirrel tail, and go on an acorn hunt to learn more about these amazing animals and how they live. Ages 5-8.

### **Nature Photography**

**Thursdays, April 8, & April 15 / 1:00-3:00 pm**

2 class sessions

Leaders: Gail Hansche Godin, Nature Photographer & Kristin Steinmetz, Natural History Guide  
*children \$16.00 members, \$24.00 nonmembers*

Would you like to capture the beauty of nature forever? Learn tips and tricks for better nature photography with Mass Audubon photographer, Gail Hansche Godin. We'll take photos outside and share our work inside. Bring your camera. This is a two-session class for ages 8 and above.

### **Creating Places for Butterflies, Birds, and Other Winged Creatures**

**Thursday, May 6 / 1:00-3:00 pm**

Whether you live in an apartment or on a farm, learn to fill your space with plants, treats, and homes that winged animals love. Then sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. We'll create a variety of samples to take home, so you can get started right away. All ages.

## **Snowshoeing and Winter Tracking at Elm Hill Farm**

### *At Elm Hill Farm Wildlife Sanctuary*

**Sunday, February 28 / 1:30-4:00 pm**

Open to families with children ages 6 and up  
 Leader: Tammy Fleming Maus, Natural History Guide  
*\$8.00 members, \$10.00 nonmembers*  
*children \$6.00 members, \$8.00 nonmembers*

Try snowshoeing as we look for tracks and signs of the creatures that live in this vast 1,000-acre sanctuary. If no snow, we'll examine pelts and explore the woods for scratches, rubs, and other clues to the animals that are out and about in winter.

**Wear boots and layered winter clothing. Family rate: \$28 member, \$36 nonmember. Bring your own snowshoes and receive \$2 per person off when registering. Meet at Elm Hill Farm's horse barns (on the hill), adjacent to Elm Hill Center, 26 East Main Street, Brookfield (off Route 148 North).**

## **February Vacation Week**

### *At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary*

**February Vacation Week**  
**Monday-Friday, February 15-19**  
**9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Open to children ages 6 to 11

Leaders: BMB staff

*children \$35.00 members per day, \$45.00 nonmembers per day*

Need something to do during school vacation week? Come to Broad Meadow Brook where we will explore the sanctuary by foot or even snowshoe if the weather cooperates! Every day will feature a new theme, and this week promises to be filled with new discoveries and new friends as well!

**Parents will be sent additional information upon registration. Children will need to have a medical form on file, and they will need to bring a snack and lunch. If you sign up for all five days, the cost is \$150 for members and \$200 for nonmembers.**

## Vernal Pool Prowl

At Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

**Sundays, April 18, & May 16 / 1:30-4:00 pm**

Open to families with children ages 6 and up

Leader: Tammy Fleming-Maus, Natural History Guide

\$7.00 members, \$9.00 nonmembers

children \$5.00 members, \$7.00 nonmembers

Learn what unique and important roles vernal pools play in our ecosystem. Wood frogs and mole salamanders are just samples of animals that only breed in these temporary bodies of water and rely on them as nurseries for their young. Two visits to the vernal pool are planned, one month apart, to witness the amazing progression from one month to the next.

*Appropriate footwear and drinking water recommended.*

## April Vacation Week

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Monday-Friday, April 19-23**

**9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Open to children ages 6 to 11

Leaders: BMB staff

children \$35.00 members per day, \$45.00 nonmembers per day

Need something to do during school vacation week? Come to Broad Meadow Brook where we will explore the sanctuary to see what is waking up! Every day will feature a new theme, and this week promises to be filled with new discoveries and new friends as well!

*Parents will be sent additional information upon registration. Children must have a medical form on file, and will need to bring a snack and lunch. If you sign up for all five days, the cost is \$150 for members and \$200 for nonmembers.*

## Flying High with Worcester's Peregrine Falcons

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 25 / 2:00-3:30 pm**

Leader: Emily Eaton, Photographer

\$3.00 members, \$5.00 nonmembers

children free for members and nonmembers

Worcester has had a pair of peregrine falcons nesting here since 2004 and they have had chicks every year! The falcons have seen good times and suffered through some traumatic events. Come and learn their story through lots of pictures, personal stories, and some fun facts.

*Free for children under 12 years old when accompanied by an adult.*

## Pileated Woodpeckers at Boynton Park

At Boynton Park, Worcester

**Saturday, May 1 / 8:00-10:00 am**

Open to families with children ages 8 and up

Leader: Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor

\$6.00 members, \$8.00 nonmembers

children \$4.00 members, \$6.00 nonmembers

Boynton Park is one of the few locations in Worcester where this crow-sized woodpecker can reliably be found. The pileated woodpecker maintains large territories and needs mature trees for nesting. We'll look for its distinctive feeding signs as well as other wildlife as we enjoy this beautiful park in spring.

*Meet at the parking lot of Boynton Park at the end of Howard Street.*

## Flowers for Mom

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Saturday, May 8 / 10:00 am-noon**

Leader: Lisa Carlin, Education Coordinator

\$8.00 members, \$10.00 nonmembers

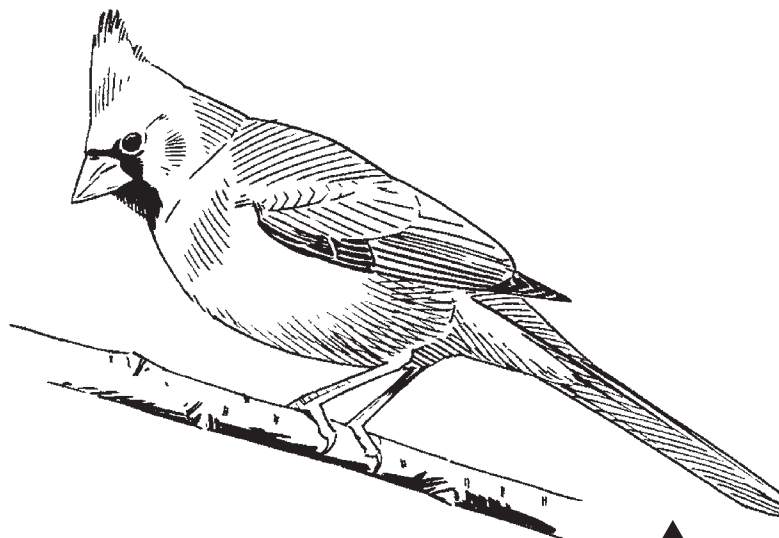
children \$5.00 members, \$6.00 nonmembers

Celebrate your mom by spending the morning with her at Broad Meadow Brook. We will begin with a gentle family hike to view the wildflowers in bloom. After the hike, moms will be invited to sit and relax on our deck, while dad (or another adult) and kids will make some special gifts just for mom. This program is sure to make her smile!

*Appropriate for all ages. Wear shoes for walking. Family rate: \$25 member / \$30 nonmember.*

**DON'T FORGET** to check your program's location. Some of our programs are not held at the sanctuaries that are sponsoring them.

**PREREGISTRATION** required for all programs unless otherwise stated.



# Registration Procedures and Policy Guidelines

## Registration

Advance registration with full payment is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. You may call in advance to inquire about space availability, but we cannot hold a space for you until we have received your payment in full. Please register early because many programs fill quickly. If you are registering for a class and less than one week remains before the program begins, please call the sanctuary hosting the program to confirm that space is available. If you are not a Mass Audubon member, you may join when you register and pay the member program fee.

## Three Easy Ways to Register!

**By Telephone:** Call the sanctuary that is hosting the program. Our staff will be happy to complete your registration by telephone using MasterCard or VISA. Have your course and credit card information ready.

**By Mail:** Completely fill out the registration form and return it with your check, money order, or credit card authorization (MasterCard and VISA only) to the sanctuary that is hosting the program you are registering for. All checks and money orders should be made payable to Mass Audubon. You may download additional copies of the registration form at [www.massaudubon.org/registrationform](http://www.massaudubon.org/registrationform).

**In Person:** Stop by the sanctuary that is hosting the program you are interested in and register in person. Please call ahead to make sure the office is open. Note: Registering in person should be done prior to the program start date because registering the day of, in many cases, will be too late.

## Confirmation Information

Written confirmation will not be sent for every program. If you would like to receive written confirmation, please let the sanctuary know at the time of registration. You will be notified if you do not get into a program as a result of restrictions on class size or if your name has been placed on a wait list. Please read all future correspondence carefully because it may contain information pertinent to your program such as what to bring or wear, directions to a location, etc.

## Filled Programs/Wait Lists

Most programs have minimum and maximum enrollments depending on the type of class and instructional techniques. Some programs have wait lists. If the program of your choice is full, you will be placed on a wait list when there is one. If you do not wish to remain on the wait list, please notify the sanctuary hosting the program and a refund will be issued. We will notify you at least 24 hours in advance of the program only if space becomes available. If space does not open up, you will receive a full refund within three weeks of the program date.

## Cancellation/Refund

To receive a program refund if you no longer plan to attend, you must notify the sanctuary hosting the program at least one week prior to the first class. Each sanctuary reserves the right to change programs, schedules, and instructors or to cancel programs due to low enrollment. A full refund will be processed if the sanctuary cancels the program. Refunds require approximately three weeks for processing. Please be aware the summer camps and vacation week programs have a separate refund policy. Please refer to camp brochure or call the specific sanctuary for this information.

## Inclement Weather

Most programs are held rain or shine; please dress accordingly. If a program is cancelled as a result of extreme weather conditions, an attempt to notify all participants will be made and full refunds will be issued. If you have any questions about the status of a program, please call the sanctuary hosting the program directly. For programs that list a rain date or cloud date, we recommend that you hold the alternate date open. Refunds will not be issued if the class is switched to its alternate date and you are not able to attend.

## Additional Questions?

If you have additional questions about registration policies, or have a question about a particular program, please call the sanctuary hosting the program directly.

## Where to Send Registration Forms

Download registration forms at [www.massaudubon.org/registrationform](http://www.massaudubon.org/registrationform)

### For Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries:

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary  
472 West Mountain Road  
Lenox, MA 01240-2037  
413-637-0320 Office

### For Connecticut River Valley Wildlife Sanctuaries:

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary  
127 Combs Road  
Easthampton, MA 01027  
413-584-3009 Office  
800-710-4550

### For Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary:

Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary  
113 Goodnow Road  
Princeton, MA 01541  
978-464-2712 Office

### For Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary:

Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary  
414 Massasoit Road  
Worcester, MA 01604-3546  
508-753-6087 Office



# REGISTRATION FORM

for Central and Western Massachusetts

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Registration is processed through the sanctuary offering the program. Therefore, please submit a separate registration form for each individual sanctuary. We recommend that you photocopy this form prior to completing it.

Download additional copies:  
[www.massaudubon.org/registrationform](http://www.massaudubon.org/registrationform)

### INDIVIDUAL'S INFORMATION

Circle one: Dr. / Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. / Miss

Adult name / Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**MASS AUDUBON MEMBER?**  YES  NO

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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### SESSION INFORMATION

Program/ Session Name	Date(s) and Time	Participant's Full Name (Adult or Child)	Child's Date of Birth and Age	Session Fee

<b>Total Program Fee(s)</b>	
<b>Membership Fee</b>	
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>	

### WHERE TO SEND REGISTRATION FORM

Please send registration/payment to:

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 Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary  
 472 West Mountain Road  
 Lenox, MA 01240-2037  
 (413) 637-0320 Office

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 Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary  
 113 Goodnow Road  
 Princeton, MA 01541  
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 414 Massasoit Road  
 Worcester, MA 01604-3546  
 (508) 753-6087 Office

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**MasterCard, Discover, or VISA**

Name on  
 Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_