

*Central and Western
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This program catalog includes programs offered by Mass Audubon sanctuaries in the Central and Western regions of the state, as well as a listing of our international trips. This spring/summer edition lists programs, classes, and events that take place from January - May 12. Don't forget, you may access information about upcoming Mass Audubon programs across the state on our website at www.massaudubon.org.

The program listings are organized by region (see inside front cover for a map of regions and sanctuaries). In addition, a chronological listing of programs by sanctuary can be found on pages 2 & 3.

Within each region, programs are arranged by audience type and are classified as either Adult programs, or Children, Families, and All Ages programs. All Ages programs are designed for everyone, unless otherwise noted. The programs are then listed chronologically within each region and within each audience category.

When multiple sessions of the same program are offered, they are grouped and listed together.

Program registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Take a moment to browse the catalog and enjoy Mass Audubon's broad array of programs. Please let us know if you have suggestions on how we can make it easier to find programs that interest you.

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Program Listings by Sanctuary

Audience Key

- A** / Adult **A/C** / Adult-Child Pair
C / Children **All** / All
F / Family **HS** / Home School

Date Session Name Audience Pg #

Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

1/10/12*	Discovering Nature as a Preschooler—Winter.	C	8
1/12/12	Nature Adventures for 5-7 Year Olds.	C	9
1/12/12	Homeschool Program—Snowshoe the Sanctuary. . .	HS	8
1/14/12	Snowshoeing For Families.	F	9
1/18/12*	Third Week Wonders: Feed the Birds!	A/C	9
1/21/12	Owl Prowl	F	10
1/28/12	Winter Birding Trip to Plum Island.	A	6
1/29/12	Snowshoeing For Families.	F	9
2/4/12	Sanctuary Walk	All	10
2/5/12	Worcester Walks: Broad Meadow Brook to the Blackstone on Snowshoes.	All	11
2/9/12*	Homeschool Program—CSI Broad Meadow Brook. .	HS	8
2/9/12	Nature Adventures for 5-7 Year Olds.	C	9
2/11/12	Snowshoeing For Families.	F	9
2/15/12*	Third Week Wonders: Whose Clues? Tracks in the Snow.	A/C	9
2/19/12	Snowshoeing and Winter Tracking at Burncoat Pond	All	10
2/20/12*	February Vacation Week	C	10
2/25/12	Winter Ducks at Sachuest Point	A	6
2/28/12*	Discovering Nature as a Preschooler—Spring One. .	C	8
3/1/12*	March Birding in Massachusetts.	A	7
3/8/12	Nature Adventures for 5-7 Year Olds.	C	9
3/17/12	Fuzzy Yolks Needle Felting	C	10
3/21/12*	Third Week Wonders: The Misunderstood Skunk. . .	A/C	9
3/24/12	Sanctuary Walk	All	10
3/24/12	Winter Birding Along the South Shore.	A	7
4/6/12*	Friday Morning Birds	A	7
4/7/12	Saturday-Morning Bird Walk for Adults.	A	7
4/12/12	Homeschool Program—Wicked Big Puddles	HS	8
4/12/12	Nature Adventures for 5-7 Year Olds.	C	9
4/13/12	Blooming Flowers Needle Felting	A	7
4/16/12*	April Vacation Week	C	11
4/22/12	Worcester Walks: East Side Trail	All	11
4/24/12*	Discovering Nature as a Preschooler—Spring Two. . .	C	8
4/25/12*	Third Week Wonders: Animals and Their Hiding Places	A/C	9
4/26/12	Dance of the Woodcock	All	11
4/28/12	Sanctuary Walk	All	10
5/5/12	Saturday-Morning Bird Walk for Adults.	A	7
5/5/12	Pileated Woodpeckers at Boynton Park.	All	11
5/5/12	Meet Mark Blazis	All	11
5/6/12	Birdwatching at Mount Auburn Cemetery.	A	7
5/10/12	Homeschool Program—The Elusive Bobcat.	HS	8
5/10/12	Nature Adventures for 5-7 Year Olds.	C	9
5/12/12	Spring Birding at Broad Meadow Brook.	A	8
5/16/12*	Third Week Wonders: Poking in Ponds.	A/C	9

Date Session Name Audience Pg #

Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

1/3/12*	Wachusett Meadow Nature Adventures for Young Folks Winter Session on Tuesdays	C	14
1/5/12*	Wachusett Meadow Nature Adventures for Young Folks Winter Session on Thursdays	C	14
1/7/12	Moonlight Snowshoe Hike at Pierpont Meadow.	A	12
1/12/12*	Casual Walks for Adults	A	12
1/13/12*	Preschool Story Hours	A/C	15
1/13/12*	Homeschool Programs at Wachusett Meadow	HS	15
1/13/12*	Friday Night Lecture Series	A	13
1/14/12*	Exploring the Natural Treasures of Gardner, Fitchburg, and Hubbardston	F	16-17
1/14/12	Snowshoeing for Families	F	17
1/20/12	Warm Woolen Mittens.	A	12
1/21/12	Winter Open House.	All	17
1/26/12*	Twelve Essential Species: Winter Nesting Birds and Feeder Birds	A	13
1/29/12	True Love Needle Felting.	F	17
2/4/12	Moonlight Snowshoeing for Adults	A	13
2/5/12	Cross-Country Ski to Four Corners Conservation Area.	F	17
2/11/12	Beginner Tracking and Signs for Adults	A	13
2/18/12	Snowshoeing for Adults	A	13
2/18/12	Owl Prowl	A/C	17
2/21/12*	February School Vacation Days 1, 3, or 4-Day Programs	C	18
2/25/12	Tracking for Families	F	18
2/26/12	Twelve Essential Species: Frozen Forests.	A	14
2/26/12	Snowshoeing for Families	F	17
3/2/12	Enjoy the Night Sky-Introduction to the Stars.	F	18
3/3/12	Day Camp Sign-up Day	All	18
3/11/12*	Botanical Illustration Class	A	13
3/20/12*	Wachusett Meadow Nature Adventures for Young Folks Spring Session on Tuesdays	C	18
3/21/12*	Spring Woodcock Watches	All	18
3/22/12*	Wachusett Meadow Nature Adventures for Young Folks Spring Session on Thursdays	C	18
3/25/12	Twelve Essential Species: Winter Tree Identification and Measurement.	A	14
3/30/12	Spring Needle Felting Project.	A	14
4/5/12*	Casual Walks for Adults in Spring	A	14
4/14/12	Sheep Shearing Open House.	All	19
4/17/12*	April School Vacation Days 1, 3, or 4-Day Programs	C	19
4/17/12*	April Vacation Photography/Computer Camp.	C	19
4/22/12	Earth Day Hike	All	19
4/22/12	Twelve Essential Species: Trees Have Flowers?	A	14
4/28/12	Greener Thumbs-Landscaping for Wildlife	F	19
4/29/12	Canoe the East Branch of the Ware River.	A	14

*Multiple sessions, refer to catalog page number for all dates

Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

414 Massasoit Road, Worcester, MA 01604 / 508-753-6087

PROGRAMS FOR SCOUTS

Broad Meadow Brook offers badge workshops and programs for all levels of scouting, also overnights and service opportunities too! Contact Sheryl or Martha at 508-753-6087 for more information.

Workshop Dates / **January 14**, Brownies: Animals
February 15, Juniors: Sky Search / **March 17**, Brownies:
Eco-Explorer / **April 14**, Juniors: All About Birds
May 19, Brownies: Water Everywhere



BIRDING TRIPS

Leave the driving to us and come explore the coast for winter birds or Mount Auburn for migrating warblers.

Plum Island—January 28
Winter Ducks at Sachuest Point—February 25
South Shore—March 24
Mount Auburn Cemetery—May 6

VOLUNTEER DAYS AT WACHUSETT MEADOW AND BROAD MEADOW BROOK

WACHUSETT MEADOW

Property/Ecological Management Volunteers

Every Tuesday / 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Contact Cindy Dunn, 978-464-2712, ext. 8707

Sanctuary Property Project Volunteers

Third Sunday of every month / 1:00-4:00 pm
Contact Joe Choiniere, 978-464-2712, ext. 8700

BROAD MEADOW BROOK Volunteer Days

Every Wednesday / 10 am-noon
First Saturday of every month / 9 am-noon
Contact Martha Gach, 508-753-6087, ext. 22

TRY SNOWSHOEING

Explore **Broad Meadow Brook**
and **Wachusett Meadow** on snowshoes.

Come on your own or join one of our programs.
Snowshoes are available for rent at both sites. \$2/hour
per members and \$4/hour per pair nonmembers.

Call Broad Meadow Brook at 508-753-6087
or Wachusett Meadow at 978-464-2712

WATERFRONT COTTAGE FOR RENT

Waterfront cottage
at Pierpont Meadow
Wildlife Sanctuary in
Dudley. Available mid-
May through September.
Call 978-464-2712,
ext. 8702, for more information and availability.



BIRD-A-THON!

May 11-12

The great spring fundraiser!

Support your favorite sanctuary or team.
The event raises critical funds that support our
conservation, education, and advocacy efforts.
Learn more at www.massaudubon.org/birdathon

SUMMER DAY CAMPS



Call to learn more or download
brochures and registration forms at
www.massaudubon.org/camp

Broad Meadow Brook 508-753-6087 / Worcester Camp Discount Day

Saturday, March 10 / 11:30 am-3:30 pm
Register in person at Broad Meadow Brook and
complete your paperwork to receive a discount
on your day camp fee. Questions? Call 508-753-6087.

Wachusett Meadow 978-464-2712 / Princeton

One-week sessions for ages 3.5-17, beginning June 20.
Specialty Camps such as Art & Nature,
Woodworking & Nature, and Digital Photography
& Nature. Sessions fill quickly so sign-up early.

Pleasant Valley 413-637-0320 / Lenox

Nature Camp accommodates children ages 5-14.
Camp begins July 2.

Arcadia 413-584-3009 / Easthampton

Arcadia Day Camp will have one and two week sessions for
children ages 4-12. Sessions are from June 25-August 31.
You can call for a brochure or download one
from the Mass Audubon website.

Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Worcester / 508-753-6087

Discover the wilds of Worcester and the surrounding area.

News&Notes

CENTRAL REGION

Come see our new Solar Pavilion—a wonderful new gathering area thanks to the generosity of the St. Gobain Company, with additional donations by Northern Construction for tree removal and many volunteer hours by others. **We are making great progress toward establishing this outdoor classroom.** The roof has a large array of solar panels and adds to our existing photovoltaic array on the main visitor center. Three cheers for alternative energy and many thanks to St. Gobain for this wonderful addition to the sanctuary!

Hats off to Blue Cross /Blue Shield! **Broad Meadow Brook's new Nature Play Area** was the focus for 43 people who helped plant rhododendrons, spread wood chips on the trails, build the play platforms, dig postholes, and basically transformed the newly designated wooded play space. It rained half the day but no one complained; everyone was incredibly cheerful and energetic. What a boost for us. Thank you Blue Cross/Blue Shield!

Another round of thanks to the Middlesex School, St. Johns High School, the Bancroft School and South High School who have recently sent volunteer groups to help out on projects.

Our **4th Annual Barbara Walker Butterfly Festival** held in August was a blast—252 adults and 139 children enjoyed a full day of butterfly-related educational activities and fun, all made possible by 58 volunteers and several local businesses that stepped up to sponsor the event. Give a cheer for Barrows Hardware, Camosse Masonry Supply, CC Lowell Art Supplies, Framed in Tatnuck, McDonald's, Neil Rosenblum Goldsmiths/Designers, Southern Exposure Nursery, and Standard Auto. A special thanks to Sam Jaffe for his spectacular caterpillar display.

Nature Note: With snow on the ground, look for coyote tracks and scat up on the power lines where they show up in the snow. In late winter/early spring look for swarms of tiny jumping black dots on top of the snow, especially along Enchanted Forest trail. They are snow fleas, which move around by activating a spring underneath their body.

ADULT



Winter Birding Trip to Plum Island

At Plum Island

Saturday, January 28 / 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Leader: Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide

\$30 members, \$37 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 go to 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. We'll also be on the lookout for shrikes, snowy owls, and snow buntings.

Bring lunch, binoculars, and a field guide. Be sure to dress in warm layers for the cold weather.

Winter Ducks at Sachuest Point

At Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, February 25 / 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Leader: Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide

\$30 members, \$37 nonmembers

Join us as we once again make a trip to the fantastic coast of Rhode Island to explore Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge for harlequin ducks, eiders, surf scoters, and scaup bobbing in choppy, cold waters. Turn your lenses to shore and spy on purple sandpipers crawling over the exposed rocks. Be prepared for bitterly cold winds, but, hey, it really is fun!

Bring lunch, binoculars, and a field guide. Dress in layers for the cold weather.

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Birding from Winter into Spring: March Birding in Massachusetts

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 / 7:00-8:30 pm

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

\$70 members, \$90 nonmembers

March is the transitional month between the snow, ice and freezing temperatures of a New England winter and the first mild weather of spring. It is also the month in which the first migrants arrive and many of our wintering species stage for a migration north. And the very first migrant song can be heard in this month. March is an exciting and challenging time to bird. This class will focus on early spring bird migration as well as other natural signs of the changing of the seasons. For middle-advanced level birders. Field trips will be on weekends, weather-permitting.

Winter Birding Along the South Shore

At Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, March 24 / noon-8:00 pm

Leader: Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor
and Natural History Guide

\$30 members, \$37 nonmembers

Bundle up and head east to the beaches and grasslands of southeastern Massachusetts. The localities we visit will depend on recent local sightings, but we will start out at Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, which attracts a variety of songbirds, waterfowl, and raptors. The itinerary could include Duxbury Beach and Plymouth Harbor, where we will look for wintering waterfowl. We will return to Daniel Webster at dusk to check for short-eared owls and northern harriers.

Bring a lunch, a water bottle, binoculars, and field guides. Dress in layers for the cold weather.

Friday Morning Birds

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Fridays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 & May 4, 11, 18, & 25
7:00-9:00 am**

Leader: Martha Gach, Conservation Coordinator
Free for members, \$5 nonmembers

Enjoy a leisurely birding experience and help document the sanctuary birds over the season. This weekly walk helps us confirm which birds are migrating and which are year-round residents. We'll explore different corners of the sanctuary each week—you never know what we will find. 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.

Saturday-Morning Bird Walk for Adults

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturdays, April 7 & May 5 / 7:00-9:30 am

Leader: Mass Audubon Naturalists

Free for members, \$5 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.

Blooming Flowers Needle Felting

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Friday, April 13 / 6:00-9:00 pm

Cosponsor: Heartfelt Designs

Leader: Trish Miller, Textile Artist

\$9 members, \$12 nonmembers

Learn the basics of needle felting on a flat surface and create a spring candle mat filled with flowers. Colorful sheep roving will be used to create free-form flowers in a design of the participant's choice. No experience is necessary. Candle holder and candle included.

\$15 materials fee is due at registration.

Birdwatching at Mount Auburn Cemetery

At Mount Auburn Cemetery

Sunday, May 6 / 7:00 am-noon

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

\$25 members, \$32 nonmembers

Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge 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 at 8:00 am at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Spring Birding at Broad Meadow Brook

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, May 12 / 7:00-10:00 am

Leader: Martha Gach, Conservation Coordinator
\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers, or \$1 per species

Join us for the traditional Bird-a-thon blitz on New England's largest urban wildlife sanctuary. It's warbler season—how many species will we find? All program fees go to support Mass Audubon educational programs.

Wear sturdy shoes and bring water, binoculars, and your favorite field guide. We also have binoculars to lend.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ALL AGES

Discovering Nature as a Preschooler

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Winter

**Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7
& 14 / 9:30 am-noon**

Spring Session One

**Tuesdays, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27
& April 3 / 9:30 am-noon**

Spring Session Two

**Tuesdays, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
9:30 am-noon**

Open to children ages 4 to 5

6 class sessions

Leader: Tammy Fleming Maus, Natural History Guide
children \$85 members, \$100 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 youngsters to learn about nature and meet other children in a safe, caring environment.

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

Homeschool Programs at Broad Meadow Brook

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Open to children ages 8-13

children \$8 members, \$12 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 welcome to attend, 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. We look forward to learning with you!

Snowshoe the Sanctuary

Thursday, January 12 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Leader: Kristin Steinmetz, Natural History Guide

Use snowshoes to explore the natural beauty of the sanctuary in winter. Look for tracks, watch winter wildlife, and cure your cabin fever! No experience necessary. We provide the snowshoes and basic instruction, if needed. Parents are welcome to snowshoe with us. (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.)

CSI—Broad Meadow Brook

Thursdays, February 9 & March 8 / 1:00-3:00 pm

2 class sessions

Leader: Elizabeth Lynch, Natural History Guide
children \$16 members, \$24 nonmembers

Become an expert investigator in this two-part class. In the first class, learn to classify fingerprints and shoeprints and relate your knowledge to animal tracking. In the second class, examine bite marks and impressions and compare them to the jaws of various animals. Finally, solve the mystery and announce who committed the "crime" at BMB!

Wicked Big Puddles

Thursday, April 12 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Leader: Kristin Steinmetz, Natural History Guide

Sanctuary pools are the key to survival for several beloved species like the wood frog and spotted salamander. We'll explore a certified vernal pool and assess how its inhabitants are faring. Then we'll examine a newer wetland area on the sanctuary and determine if it, too, might be a vernal pool. Bring an extra set of clothes, just in case we get wet.

The Elusive Bobcat

Thursday, May 10 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Leader: Kristin Steinmetz, Natural History Guide

Learn all about bobcats, the only wild felines in Massachusetts. Bobcats are shy and elusive, so it's unlikely we'll see one on the sanctuary. Instead, we'll examine an antique, stuffed specimen and track casts. Then we'll search the woods for tracks, scent markings, and possible den sites. Do bobcats live at Broad Meadow Brook? You decide.

Nature Adventures for 5 to 7 Year Olds

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Thursdays, January 12, February 9, March 8,
April 12, May 10 / 1:00-3:00 pm**

Open to children ages 5 to 7

Leader: Jody Barnard, Natural History Guide
children \$8 members, \$12 nonmembers per class

Join us the second Thursday of each month for a hands-on nature program designed especially for five, six, and seven year olds. Each month we'll focus on a new nature topic. We'll explore our topic indoors—using 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. (Homeschool classes for 8 to 13 year olds meet at the same time.)

Snowshoeing For Families

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Three dates to choose from:

Saturday, January 14 / 10:00 am-noon

Sunday, January 29 / 1:30-3:30 pm

Saturday, February 11 / 10:00 am-noon

Open to families with children ages 5 and up

Leader: Broad Meadow Brook Naturalists

\$6 members, \$7 nonmembers

children \$4 members, \$5 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 demonstrate 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: \$20 members / \$24 nonmembers. Price includes snowshoe rental.



Third Week Wonders: Broad Meadow Brook Preschool Series

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

10:00-11:00 am

Open to families with children ages 3 and up

Leaders: Kristin Steinmetz and Kathy Kennedy,
Natural History Guides

children \$7 members, \$10 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.

Feed the Birds

Wednesday, January 18

Thursday, January 19

Saturday, January 21

Whose Clues? Tracks in the Snow

Wednesday, February 15

Thursday, February 16

Saturday, February 18

The Misunderstood Skunk

Wednesday, March 21

Thursday, March 22

Saturday, March 24

Animals and Their Hiding Places

Wednesday, April 25

Thursday, April 26

Saturday, April 28

Poking in Ponds

Wednesday, May 16

Thursday, May 17

Saturday, May 19

PREREGISTRATION required for all programs unless otherwise stated.

Owl Prowl

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, January 21 / 6:30-8:30 pm

Open to families with children ages 5 and up
Leaders: Dianne Davis, Natural History Guide,
and Martha Gach, Conservation Coordinator
\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers
children \$4 members, \$6 nonmembers

Are owls wise? How do they fly so silently? Can they really turn their heads all the way around? 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 (we'll be outdoors for about an hour). Maximum fee per family is \$20 members, \$28 nonmembers.

Sanctuary Walk

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, February 4 / 9:30 am-noon

Saturday, March 24 / 9:30 am-noon

Saturday, April 28 / 9:30 am-noon

Open to families with children ages 8 and up
Free for members, \$5 nonmembers
children free for members, \$3 nonmembers

Join Lisa Carlin, education coordinator, for a moderate-paced hike through Broad Meadow Brook. We will see what is happening on the sanctuary and stop to enjoy any interesting or unusual sites we come upon. Come to one or all three!

We will be hiking approximately 3 miles. Please bring water and come dressed for the weather. If we have snow, bring your snowshoes or rent them here.

Pre-registration is not required

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Snowshoeing and Winter Tracking at Burncoat Pond

At Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, February 19 / 1:30-4:00 pm

Open to families with children ages 6 and up
Leader: Tammy Fleming Maus, Natural History Guide
\$7 members, \$10 nonmembers
children \$5 members, \$8 nonmembers

Burncoat Pond Wildlife Sanctuary has wonderful open spaces, perfect for using snowshoes to explore the diverse habitats there. We'll have materials on hand to delve deeper into what we find. No snow? Don't worry! We will explore the woodland trails for seasonal wonders.

Family rate: \$24 members, \$36 nonmembers. Snowshoes provided or bring your own and get \$2 per person off when you register for the program. 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.

February Vacation Week

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

**Monday-Friday, February 20-24
9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Open to children ages 6 to 11
Leaders: Broad Meadow Brook Staff
children \$42 members per day, \$52 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 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!

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 \$185 for members and \$235 for nonmembers.

Fuzzy Yolks Needle Felting

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, March 17 / 10:00 am-noon

Open to children ages 7 to 16
Cosponsor: Heartfelt Designs
Leader: Trish Miller, Textile Artist
children \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Join Trish Miller to learn the basics of needle felting while creating decorated holiday eggs for spring. Each child will use felting needles in a safety holder. We will create designs over egg forms using brightly colored sheep roving.

\$10 materials fee is due at registration.

April Vacation Week

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Monday-Friday, April 16-20
9:00 am-3:00 pm

Open to children ages 6 to 11

Leaders: BMB Staff

children \$42 members per day, \$52 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 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 \$185 for members and \$235 for nonmembers.

Worcester Walks

Leader: Deb Cary, Director, Central Sanctuaries

Free for members, \$5 nonmembers

children free for members, \$3 nonmembers

Come explore Worcester's wonderful open spaces!

Broad Meadow Brook to the Blackstone on Snowshoes

At Broad Meadow Brook

Sunday, February 5 / noon-4:00 pm

Open to families with children ages 8 and above

Start at the Broad Meadow Brook Visitor Center on Massasoit Road and travel three miles through the sanctuary across Granite Street and on to the Blackstone Bikeway. Take a van ride back or return on foot. Snowshoes available if needed.

The East Side Trail

At East Side Trail

Sunday, April 22 / noon-4:00 pm

Open to families with children ages 12 and up

Start at the newly established Lake Quinsigamond trailhead on North Lake Avenue by the Coal Mine Brook bridge. Walk up along the brook, over Plantation Street, up through Green Hill Park, and down Belmont Hill into East Park on Shrewsbury Street. Take a van ride back or return on foot.

PREREGISTRATION required for all programs unless otherwise stated.

Dance of the Woodcock

At River Bend Farm

Thursday, April 26 / 7:30-9:00 pm

Open to families with children ages 8 and up

Leader: Sheryl Farnam, Birding Instructor and Natural History Guide

\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

children free for members and nonmembers

Love is in the air as the sun sets in early spring and the male American woodcock, a member of the sandpiper family, performs his aerial mating display. We will visit breeding grounds at River Bend Farm in Uxbridge to view the performance of this spring ritual. As sunset nears, you can hear the male woodcock *peenting* before he spirals 300 feet up into the night sky.

Don't miss the spectacular show of this amazing shorebird!

Meet Mark Blazis, Naturalist and Writer

At Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, May 5 / 7:00-8:30 pm

Open to families with children ages 8 and up

Leader: Mark Blazis, Naturalist and Author

\$4 members, \$6 nonmembers

children \$2 members, \$3 nonmembers

Mark Blazis is a writer and naturalist, a self-described tree-hugger, and a wildflower lover. He is an avid birdwatcher and tags migrating birds every spring and fall, delicately handling a multitude of feathered fauna as they travel through Massachusetts. But he is seeing a decline in bird habitat and some of the beautiful flowers of his youth. Mark also is a deer hunter. Listen to Mark describe his complex odyssey into this pastime while making an argument for why bird and flower habitat is in decline. How can we promote healthy populations of deer to the benefit and sustainability of all wildlife?

Pileated Woodpeckers at Boynton Park

At Boynton Park

Saturday, May 5 / 8:00-10:00 am

Open to families with children ages 8 and up

Leader: Sheryl Farnam, Natural History Guide and Birding Instructor

\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

children \$4 members, \$6 nonmembers

Join us as we go in search of the largest woodpecker in Massachusetts. 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.



North America: Outside New England

Birding the Rio Grande Valley and Texas South Coast

In South Texas

March 9-17 / 9 days

Cosponsor: Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Leaders: René Laubach and Doug Williams

\$1,895 members, \$1,995 nonmembers



Our travels will take us to some of the finest birding localities in the most bird-rich state in the union—from the vast salt marshes and bays of Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, where we'll see wintering whooping cranes from aboard the *MV Skimmer*; and the sandy barrier beaches of 100-mile-long Padre Island, where shorebirds and waders abound; to the subtropical Rio Grande Valley, where green jays, Altamira orioles, least grebes, and great kiskadees are common; and the South Texas Plains with their desert-scrub birdlife. The vibrant cultural mix of the border region will also enrich our adventure.

Our departure city is Corpus Christi, Texas. Fee includes double occupancy lodging for eight nights, all breakfasts and lunches, some dinners, entrance fees, and van transportation.

Single supplement \$400 extra. Contact Pleasant Valley for details and an itinerary: 413-637-0320.

New Mexico: Rio Grande Lowlands to Rocky Mountain Highlands

In New Mexico

April 25-May 3 / 9 days

Cosponsor: Wildwood Camp

Leaders: René Laubach and Bob Speare

\$1,850 members, \$1,950 nonmembers

Aptly named Land of Enchantment, New Mexico has it all, except a coastline. This tremendously scenic state encompasses the snow-capped Rocky Mountains, fascinating Chihuahuan Desert, vast plains, the Rio Grande River, ancient Anasazi cliff dwellings, and the multicultural ambiance of Santa Fe and other towns and villages.

Our tour includes visits to the beautiful Gila National Forest, which features Mexican specialties among its birdlife; wildlife-rich Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge on the Rio Grande; and beautiful Bandelier National Monument in the mountains near Los Alamos.

In addition to enjoying the incredible scenery, wonderful birding, and general nature study, we will visit archaeological sites during our tour of this truly enchanting land.

Our departure city is Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fee includes double-occupancy lodging for eight nights (single supplement \$400 extra), all breakfasts and lunches, some dinners, entrance fees, and van transportation.

For more information and to register, contact Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries, 413-637-0320.

Natural History Travel / 800-289-9504

For more information and a complete list of our International Tours visit www.massaudubon.org/travel or call 800-289-9504.

Ecuador Birding / February 27 - March 11

Honduras: Copan and Cotingas / March 1 - 9

Peru Tambopata Research Center / March 1 - 11

Panama / March 8 - 16

Death Valley and Mojave Desert: Photography and Nature / March 10 - 17

Jamaica: Birding the Backroads / March 23 - 31

Galápagos / April 13 - 22

Pacific Northwest—North Cascades / June 4 - 15

New Zealand / October 28 - November 14

Trinidad / January 2013

Patagonia / January 2013

... and many more!



Central Sanctuaries

Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary

Massasoit Road, Worcester, 403 Acres

Explore over 400 acres of woods, fields, streams, and marsh and 6 miles of well-marked trails. Interpretive exhibits welcome you in the lobby of the visitor center including a large 3-D model of the entire sanctuary and a wall-to-ceiling map of the Blackstone River watershed. Nature-related gifts, children's books, assorted field guides, and conservation advocacy and community resource information are available.

Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary

414 Massasoit Road
Worcester, MA 01604
508-753-6087 Office
508-755-0148 Fax
bmbrook@massaudubon.org

Directions

From the Mass Turnpike (Rt. I-90): Take exit 11 (Millbury) and go left onto Rt. 122 north. Turn left onto Rt. 20 west. Turn right at the traffic light onto Massasoit Road.

From Rt. I-290: Take exit 14 (Rt. 122 south/Grafton Street). Bear right at the rotary and stay on Rt. 122. At intersection, bear right onto Massasoit Road. Follow Massasoit Road past the playground and the park on the left. The sanctuary entrance is located five houses past the park on the right.

By public transportation: Take bus #22 (Millbury) from the Worcester Regional Transit Authority to the Massasoit Road stop. The sanctuary is located at 414 Massasoit Road.

Hours

Nature Center:

Tuesday through Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, Sunday, 12:30 to 4 pm

Trails: Open every day, dawn to dusk

Admission

\$4 for nonmember adults; \$3 for nonmember children (3-12) and senior citizens (65 and older). Free for Mass Audubon members and Worcester residents.

Burncoat Pond

Polar Springs Road, Spencer, 220 Acres

Follow the Midstate Trail to access the sanctuary's trails on this mostly wooded property. Look for otters, beavers, or great blue herons on the Beaver Bend Trail or enjoy an extended walk on the Laurel and Kalmia loop trails.

From Worcester: Take Rt. 9 west to the Spencer/Leicester town line and take an immediate left onto Polar Spring Road. Park in the designated roadside parking area on the left side of the road.

Cook's Canyon

South Street, Barre, 60 Acres

A short easy hike takes you to the edge of a ravine and waterfall formed by Galloway Brook.

From Worcester: Take Rt. 122 north to Barre Center and take a left onto South Street. The parking lot is located approximately .3 miles on your left.

Eagle Lake

Causeway Street, Holden, 332 Acres

Two loop trails allow you the option of a short or long hike. Enjoy walking along Asnebumskit Brook, do some birding, or marvel at some of the large trees.

From Worcester: Take Route 122A to Holden. Continue through Holden Center then take the second left after Wachusett Regional High School onto Causeway Street. Cross the causeway and continue to the small roadside parking area a short distance on your left.

Flat Rock

Ashburnham Hill Road, Fitchburg, 361 Acres

An extensive trail system gives you numerous opportunities to enjoy the various habitats on this sanctuary. Explore the rocky balds, stroll through the hemlock groves, and hike along trails skirted by wetlands.

From Worcester: Take I-290 east to I-190 north. At the end of I-190 proceed west on Rt. 2 to Exit 31, Rt. 12 north to Fitchburg. Follow Rt. 12 for approximately 3.1 miles, take a right on Water St. and then a left onto Main St./Rt. 2A west. Continue to follow Main St and bear left at a traffic light when it becomes Rt. 2A west/Rt. 31 south. In approximately 0.5 miles bear slightly right onto Ashburnham Hill Road and continue onward until you see the Mass Audubon sign and parking area on your right.

Lake Wampanoag

Raymond Street, Gardner, 772 acres

Look for signs of moose along the Moosewood Wood Trail or enjoy the butterflies, dragonflies, birds, and wildflowers as you walk the mowed paths through the meadows.

From Worcester: Take I-290 east to I-90 north to Route 2 West. Follow Rt. 2 to Rt. 140 north (Exit 24B, Ashburnham/Winchendon). Follow Rt. 140 approximately 4.6 miles to Green St. and take a left onto Green St. Continue on Green St. for 0.4 miles and look for "Monadnock Trust" and "Camp Collier" signs. Turn left onto Eaton St. and proceed for 0.8 miles. When you see the "Camp Collier" sign bear right onto Raymond St. and park at the end of the road.

Lincoln Woods

Union Street, Leominster, 68 acres

This sanctuary protects a number of vernal pools that are breeding areas for wood frogs and spotted salamanders. A short trail system leads you through woodlands and around the vernal pools.

From Worcester: Take I-290 west to I-190 north. Take Exit 6, Rt. 12 north to Leominster. Continue for approximately 4.2 miles and take your left on Tisdale St. At the next intersection take a left onto Union St and immediately look for the Mass Audubon sign and parking area on your left.

Pierpont Meadow

Marsh Road, Dudley, 131 Acres

Bird the shrubby successional habitats along the Pierpont Pond cart path or along the field edges for towhees, catbirds, sparrows, and warblers or enjoy a short walk through meadow and forest while you look for additional wildlife.

From Worcester: Take I-290 to I-395. Follow Rt. I-395 south to Exit 4B toward Oxford Center. At the light in Oxford Center, go straight to Charlton Rd. Follow it for 0.7 miles and go left onto Dudley Rd. Go about 3 miles and take a right on Marsh Rd. Do not take George Marsh Rd. The sanctuary is 0.25 miles ahead on left.

Rutland Brook

Off Pat Connor Road, Petersham, 1,500 Acres

Rutland Brook Wildlife Sanctuary includes many diverse habitats such as woodlands, wetlands, brooks, and ledges. Combined with neighboring conservation lands the sanctuary is part of one of the largest parcels of contiguous protected land in central Massachusetts. Enjoy a short walk along boulder-strewn Rutland Brook or opt for a more strenuous hike to the base of Porcupine Ledge.

From Worcester: Take Rt. 122 north to Barre Center. From here continue north on Rt. 122, toward Petersham for approximately 5.1 miles and take a right on Pat Connor Road (before the bridge and waterfall). Continue along the road that runs parallel to the pond and park in the Mass Audubon parking area on your left.

All Sanctuaries in this section:

Hours

Trails open daily, dawn to dusk

For more information on sanctuaries in this section, call Central West Property Office at Wachusett Meadow: 978-464-2712 or visit www.massaudubon.org

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.

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

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



Mass Audubon

Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts

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

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: ____/____/____

Not currently a Mass Audubon member?

Join now and enjoy membership discounts and other great benefits. For details visit: www.massaudubon.org

INDIVIDUAL (\$48)

FAMILY (\$65)

SUPPORTER (\$70)

FAMILY PLUS (\$80)

SPONSOR (\$250)

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

WHERE TO SEND REGISTRATION FORM

Please send registration/payment to:

For Berkshire

Wildlife Sanctuaries:

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

For Wachusett Meadow

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For Connecticut River Valley

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

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

For your personal, financial security, please do not fax or email credit card information.

Total Program Fee(s)	
Membership Fee	
Total Amount Enclosed	

Check or Money Order
Please make all checks and money orders payable to Mass Audubon.

MasterCard, VISA, or Discover

Name on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Credit Card Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____