

*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

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5/5/12	Flower Pot Pincushions	F	19
5/12/12	Bird-a-thon Birds and Breakfast	All	19
5/20/12	Twelve Essential Species: Hickory and Hornbeam Natural Community	A	14

Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries

1/14/12	Bird Banding Demonstration	All	21
1/21/12	Eagles at Quabbin Reservoir	A	20
1/21/12	Watching Wildlife for Juniors	C	21
1/28/12	Lenox Mountain Snowshoe Hike	A	20
2/11/12	Bird Banding Demonstration	All	21
2/12/12	Eagles at Quabbin Reservoir	A	20
2/21/12	School Vacation Week—Winter Adventures	C	22
3/3/12	Bird Banding Demonstration	All	21
3/9/12	Birding the Rio Grande Valley and Texas South Coast	A	32
3/24/12	Watching Wildlife for Brownies	C	22
3/31/12	Bat House Making Workshop	All	22
4/6/12	Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows	A	21
4/13/12	Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows	A	21
4/14/12	Bird Banding Demonstration	All	21
4/17/12	School Vacation Week—Spring Stampede	C	22
4/18/12	Gardening Organically & Community Gardens Registration	A	21
4/19/12	Evening at the Beaver Ponds	All	22
4/20/12	Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows	A	21
4/21/12	Gardening Organically & Community Gardens Registration	A	21
4/25/12	New Mexico: Rio Grande Lowlands to Rocky Mountain Highlands	A	32
4/27/12	Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows	A	21
4/28/12	Canoe Meadows Cleanup Day	A	21
5/4/12	Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows	A	21
5/5/12	Pleasant Valley Cleanup Day	A	21
5/9/12	Evening at the Beaver Ponds	All	22
5/11/12	Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows	A	21
5/13/12	Wildflowers and Spring Changes	F	22
5/18/12	Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows	A	21
5/25/12	Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows	A	21

Connecticut River Valley

1/13/12*	Nature Photography: Beyond the Novice Level	A	23
1/14/12	Animal Tracking: Porcupine and Fisher	A	23
1/20/12	Mammal Tracking in the Northeast	A	24
1/21/12	Mammal Tracking in the Field	A	24
1/21/12	Tracking and Animals Signs at Laughing Brook	F	29
1/28/12	Owl Moon	A/C	30
1/28/12	Winter Raptors	A	24

2/4/12	Predator Ecology	A	24
2/5/12	Winter Crows	A	24
2/7/12	Evening At the Galápagos	A	24
2/11/12	Winter Wildlife	A/C	30
2/11/12	Project Wild: Mammal Tracking and Mammal Sounds	A	25
2/18/12	Waconah Falls State Forest Snowshoe Trek	All	30
2/18/12	Tracking and Animals Signs At Laughing Brook	F	30
2/21/12	February Vacation Days at Arcadia	C	30
2/25/12	Eagles at Quabbin	A	25
2/25/12	Animal Tracks	F	30
3/2/12*	Novice Digital Capture and Photoshop	A	25
3/3/12	Ecological Management Conference	A	25
3/3/12	Girl Scout Badge: Sky Search for Juniors	C	30
3/24/12	Dance of the American Woodcock	A	26
3/24/12	Spring Fling at Moran Wildlife Management Area	A	26
3/31/12	"The Big Night"	F	31
4/3/12	Vernal Pool Certification	A	26
4/7/12	Bear Swamp Reservation Discovery Hike	A	26
4/7/12	Ducks in the Valley	A	26
4/11/12	Bird Sounds... Songs and Calls	A	26
4/13/12*	Beyond Novice: Digital SLR and Photoshop Nature Photography	A	27
4/14/12	Ponding for Families	F	31
4/14/12*	Intensive Field Study Program	A	27
4/14/12	Keystone Arch Bridges Trail Hike	A	27
4/14/12	Great Blue Herons	A	27
4/17/12	April Vacation Days at Arcadia	C	31
4/21/12	Hallockville Pond Mill Trail Walk	A	28
4/21/12	Vernal Pools at Laughing Brook	F	31
4/22/12	Trees, Glorious Trees	F	31
4/24/12	Vernal Pool Discovery	F	30
4/28/12	Birding the Amherst Rail Trail	A	28
4/28/12	All State Volunteer Day at Laughing Brook	A	28
4/28/12	Windsor Bush Discovery Hike	A	28
4/29/12	Floodplain Forest Canoe Trip and Great Blue Heron Rookery Viewing	All	31
5/5/12	Spring Wildflowers at Laughing Brook	A	28
5/5/12	Spring Plant and Tree Identification at The Historic Becket Quarry and Forest Preserve	A	28
5/5/12*	Early-Morning Birding	A	29
5/5/12	South Hawley Ghost Town Hike	A	28
5/5/12	Spring Evening in the Meadows	A	28
5/9/12	Spring Wildflowers at Marion Sherman Lynes Wildlife Sanctuary	A	29
5/11/12	Birding by Canoe	A	29
5/19/12	Girl Scout Badges: Daisy Nature Walk	C	31
5/19/12	Spring Wildflowers at High Ledges	A	29
5/19/12	Quabbin Park Bird Walk	A	29

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

Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

113 Goodnow Road, Princeton, MA 01541 / 978-464-2712

Open House Events at Wachusett Meadow, Princeton

WINTER OPEN HOUSE

January 21 / 1:00-4:00 pm

Snow date January 22 / 1:00-4:00 pm



SHEEP SHEARING OPEN HOUSE

April 14 / 1:00-4:00 pm

Rain date April 15 / 1:00-4:00 pm

Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries

472 West Mountain Road, Lenox, MA 01240 / 413-637-0320

SPRING CLEANUP DAYS

We need your help! Each spring, we prepare Canoe Meadows and Pleasant Valley for the upcoming busy summer season.

We rely on volunteers to assist us with the various projects. Tools and gloves will be available for use.

Be sure to wear appropriate footwear. A pizza lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Please let us know if you'll be able to help out (call 413-637-0320 or email berkshires@massaudubon.org).

Canoe Meadows Cleanup Day

At Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, April 28 / 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Pleasant Valley Cleanup Day

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, May 5 / 9:00 am-1:00 pm

SNOWSHOE RENTAL AT PLEASANT VALLEY

Get out and enjoy the crystalline beauty of the winter season on a pair of snowshoes. If you don't have your own, you can rent them for use on the sanctuary. The fee is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Both adult and children's snowshoes are available.

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary

127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA 01027 / 413-584-3009

PUFFINS AND THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE NORTHERN COAST OF MAINE

We are planning a travel program to the coast of Maine where we hope to get close views of Atlantic puffins, razor billed auks,



and common and arctic terns. We will also take a day to explore coastal wetlands focusing on birds, botany and more.

This trip will be led by John Green and Patti Steinman. Watch the website, next catalogue or call for more information.

ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE / MARCH 3, 9:00 AM-NOON

Come listen to the up-to-date research that has been happening both at Arcadia and in the local area.

ARCADIA NATURE PRESCHOOL

Imagine tapping maple trees, looking for salamanders, and raising chickens! These plus more are what our preschoolers are doing daily! We are taking registrations for our unique nature preschool for the 2012-2013 school-year. Children ages

3-5 attend two-three- or five mornings a week from 9:00 am-noon. If your child loves nature and the outdoors, please be sure to call and find out about our informative open houses and meet the teachers.

BIRD-A-THON

The CRVS will once again participate in Mass Audubon's annual Bird-a-thon, held May 11-12.

If you would like to join a team, please call Patti at 413-584-3009 ext. 814. This is a fun competition in which several Mass Audubon sanctuaries have teams throughout the state counting birds. This is also a fund raiser for each sanctuary. Please consider sponsoring one of our teams which will benefit the programs that we do here.

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

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.

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.



Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries

Main office: Pleasant Valley, Lenox / 413-637-0320

Wildlife Sanctuaries

*Pleasant Valley,
Canoe Meadows,
& Lime Kiln Farm*

News&Notes

On September 10, 225 volunteers from SABIC, General Dynamics, and Berkshire Bank combined their talents and labor for **Canoe Meadows Volunteer Day**. **Dennis Arseneau and Craig Wojcicki led the effort**. Pittsfield Boy Scouts also participated. The project was supported by a cash donation from SABIC. Additional funding came from Berkshire Bank, The Green Pastures Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Pittsfield Garden Tour, and numerous individuals. The crew constructed a pavilion at the community gardens site and built four universal-access raised garden beds, eight picnic tables, 200 nest boxes, and two dozen scarecrows. Volunteers also poured two concrete pads for universal-access toilets, installed two bike racks, improved parking areas, refurbished the wildlife observation building, cleared trails, removed and recycled old metal fencing, culled invasive plants, and more. Contractors who donated their labor included Tim Baity, Fred and Jeff Viner, Steve Supranowicz, Brian Filiault, Jeff Holden, David DeGiorgis, and Shane Oates. Local suppliers who made materials available at reduced cost included L.P. Adams Lumber, Lane Construction, John S. Lane, Jr., and Clemente Fane. Thanks also to George and Andy Noble.

Congratulations to Glenda Anderson and Robert E. Harrison who were recognized as dual Volunteers of the Year for 2011. Glenda donated nearly 250 hours of her time to help us with admissions and office projects at Pleasant Valley. Robert, who served eight years on our Sanctuary Committee, was a vital member of the Crickets, Critters, and Cocktails III Gala committee, as well as donating the architectural design for the new Canoe Meadows pavilion.

Kudos to the entire Gala event committee and especially to co-chairs Al Bauman and Mary Garnish who pulled off another highly successful event attended by 130 people on July 31. Thanks also to Courtney Addy who headed up a great silent auction. The gala raised \$19,500 for Berkshire Sanctuaries.

Registration is already underway for the **2012 camp season**. Contact us for a Pleasant Valley Nature Camp flyer (call 413-637-0320 or email berkshires@massaudubon.org).

Help feather our nest by supporting our Berkshire Sanctuaries team for **Mass Audubon's Bird-a-thon event** on May 11-12. Contact us for a pledge form.

ADULT

Eagles at Quabbin Reservoir

At Quabbin Reservoir

Saturday, January 21 / 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, February 12 / 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Leader: René Laubach

\$15 members, \$20 nonmembers

Each year up to 30 bald eagles find enough food to winter at Quabbin Reservoir in central Massachusetts. For this trip, we will first stop at the Quabbin Visitor Center to learn a bit about the reservoir's history and receive an update on the most recent eagle locations. Afterward, we will drive to various lookout points to search for eagles. In addition, we will take short walks (perhaps on snowshoes) in search of signs of wildlife such as ruffed grouse, wild turkeys, porcupines, and coyotes. If the reservoir is not frozen, we may see waterfowl as well.

For those leaving from Berkshire County, space for the first five registrants will be available in the sanctuary van. We will depart from Lee at 8:30 am. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. The leader will have one to share. Dress very warmly. Directions will be sent upon registration.

Lenox Mountain Snowshoe Hike

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, January 28 / 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Leader: René Laubach

\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Strap on your snowshoes and join us for a strenuous hike to the snowy summit of Lenox Mountain (2,116 feet). This hike follows the Overbrook Trail three miles round-trip through northern hardwood forest for an elevation gain of 840 feet. We'll track wildlife, identify trees by their bark, and finally take in a 50-mile view (on a clear day) from the top.

Bring your own snowshoes or use ours.

Dress appropriately in synthetic or wool clothing, and in layers. Bring snowshoes and binoculars if you have them. Bring water and a snack.

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

Bird Walks at Canoe Meadows

At Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary

Fridays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 / 8:00-10:00 am

May 4, 11, 18, 25 / 7:00-9:00 am

Leader: Noreen Mole

Free for members, \$3 nonmembers

Spring and fall are the seasons to look for migrants of all kinds, especially the beautiful wood-warblers. Walk past wetlands and meadows and through woodlands observing changes in bird species each week. Preregistration is not required.

Bring binoculars; beginners welcome.

Gardening Organically & Community Gardens Registration

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 18 / 7:00-8:30 pm

Saturday, April 21 / 2:30-4:00 pm

Leader: Diane Wetzel

\$5 members, \$6 nonmembers

All new participants in the Community Gardens Project must register for this program in order to garden at the Community Gardens. It is also strongly recommended as a refresher for those who have not participated in the program in several years. Diane Wetzel, master gardener and a community gardener herself, will share information about the benefits of organic gardening and impart practical information on how to adopt this approach. Those who have attended this program in the past may register for a garden by mail but are encouraged to attend the session as well.

This program is free for those registering for the Canoe Meadows Community Gardens.

Canoe Meadows Cleanup Day

At Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, April 28 / 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Leader: Janice Cullen

Free for members and nonmembers

We need your help! Each spring, we prepare our properties for the upcoming busy summer and fall seasons. We rely on volunteers to help us with the various projects throughout the day. Tools and gloves will be available for use. A pizza lunch will be provided for all.

Wear appropriate footwear. Because lunch is provided, preregistration is requested. This is a free program.

PREREGISTRATION required for all programs unless otherwise stated.

Pleasant Valley Cleanup Day

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, May 5 / 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Leader: Janice Cullen

Free for members and nonmembers

We need your help! Help us prepare our beautiful properties for the busy upcoming summer and fall seasons. Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of projects throughout the sanctuary; tools and gloves will be available for use. A pizza lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Wear appropriate footwear. Because lunch is provided, preregistration is requested. This is a free program.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ALL AGES

Watching Wildlife for Juniors

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, January 21 / 10:00 am-noon

Leader: Gayle Tardif-Raser

children \$10 members, \$10 nonmembers



Learn about wildlife's winter adaptations, and search for signs of wildlife activity while snowshoeing at Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Scouts will start out by planning proper dress for the winter outdoors and end the morning with hot cocoa and graham crackers.

Snowshoes will be provided. Be sure to dress very warmly. Call Pleasant Valley to register 413-637-0320.

Bird Banding Demonstration

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

**Saturdays, January 14, February 11,
March 3, April 14 / 10:00 am-noon**

Open to families with children ages 3 and up

Leaders: Christyna Laubach and volunteers

Free for members, \$4 nonmembers

children free for members, \$3 nonmembers

Here's a chance to observe handheld birds. Join us as we demonstrate the proper use of mist nets and band the birds that are captured. You will learn what valuable information can be obtained by this fieldwork. Participants will help gather data and release the birds unharmed. Free with regular sanctuary admission. Participants are free to come and go during the program.

Not recommended for children under 3.

School Vacation Week— Winter Adventures

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Tuesday-Friday, February 21, 22, 23, 24

10:00 am-3:00 pm

Open to children ages 9 to 11

Leader: Gayle Tardif-Raser

children \$160 members, \$200 nonmembers

Join us outdoors this week as we explore Pleasant Valley in winter. Each day we'll learn about the wildlife that is found in the cold and snow, and the adaptations that enable them to survive. We'll also play outdoors and snowshoe to various parts of the sanctuary—and be outside as much as possible.

Dress for cold weather and bring a lunch and two snacks each day.



Bat House Making Workshop

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, March 31 / 1:30-3:00 pm

Open to families with children ages 5 and up

Leader: René Laubach

\$15 members, \$20 nonmembers

children free for members and nonmembers

Having bat houses on your property is a way to enjoy observing these useful predators of flying insects (such as mosquitoes) at your own home. Beginner and expert woodworkers are welcome to join René, bat enthusiast, as he demonstrates how to construct a bat house for your property. He will begin the program with a slide show about bats in our area and their natural history. Proper care and placement of your bat house will also be discussed.

Fee is per bat box and includes building materials. Bring a hammer if you have one.

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

Watching Wildlife for Brownies

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, March 24 / 10:00 am-noon

Leader: Gayle Tardif-Raser

children \$10 members, \$10 nonmembers

Brownies will learn about wildlife in spring and search for signs of spring on the sanctuary. Scouts will explore vernal pools and learn about these important habitats for the "Little Wildlife." We'll discuss native endangered and threatened species.

Dress for the weather. Call Pleasant Valley to register at 413-637-0320.

School Vacation Week Spring Stampede

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Tuesday-Friday, April 17, 18, 19, 20

10:00 am-3:00 pm

Open to children ages 6 to 8

Leader: Gayle Tardif-Raser

children \$160 members, \$200 nonmembers

Spring comes late to the Berkshires, and we'll be out in the great outdoors looking for new plant growth, bird arrivals, and emerging amphibians and reptiles. We'll play outdoors as much as possible.

Dress for the weather, wear mud boots, and bring a lunch and two snacks each day.

Evening at the Beaver Ponds

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Thursday, April 19 / 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday, May 9 / 6:30-8:00 pm

Leader: Florian "Butch" Ptak

\$4 members, \$6 nonmembers

children \$3 members, \$4 nonmembers

Enjoy an evening in the valley visiting the beaver ponds. Search for beavers and other kinds of wildlife that are attracted by the series of ponds that the beavers have created. Learn about the natural history of beavers and how they continue to change our landscape more than 75 years after their reintroduction.

Preregistration not required. Not recommended for children under age 3.

Wildflowers and Spring Changes

At Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, May 13 / 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Leader: Linda Cycz

\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers

children free for members and nonmembers

Bring your mother to Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary to admire the beginning of spring and the earliest spring blossoms in the woodlands. We will take a leisurely walk and, along the way, learn the natural history of these lovely spring wildflowers and other signs of spring.

After the walk, participants are welcome to stay for tea and muffins.

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!



From Boston/Worcester/Palmer: Take the Mass. Pike (I-90) to exit 8 in Palmer. Take a right into Palmer Center, then take Rt. 20 west (toward Springfield) 5.3 miles. Turn left (opposite the Wilbraham Fire Department) onto Main Street in Wilbraham. Go 6.6 miles on Main Street (which turns into Wilbraham Road in Hampden) to the stop sign and turn left onto Allen Street. After 0.2 miles on Allen Street (just past St. Mary's church in Hampden and by the Shell Station), take a left onto Main Street in Hampden. The sanctuary entrance is two miles down Main Street on the left.

Hours

Trails: Open every day, dawn to dusk.

Admission

\$3 for nonmember adults; \$2 for nonmember children (3-12) and senior citizens. Free for Mass Audubon members.

Roads End

Corbett Road, Worthington, 157 acres

An observant walker At Road's End may see signs of black bear on American Beech, ground scrapings of wild turkey or deer, gnawings of beaver or may discover past land uses. The sanctuary features two loop trails through a forested tract.

Directions

From Northampton: Follow Rt. 9 west through Northampton and Williamsburg. Take a left onto Rt. 143 west and follow it for approximately 12 miles to the intersection of Rt. 143 and Rt. 112 (Clark Road). Take a right on Rt. 112 and a quick left onto Corbett Road. There is seasonal parking at the end of Corbett Road.

Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries:

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

West Mountain Road, Lenox, 1,304 Acres

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox was established in 1929. It features seven miles of trails that wind over 1,300 acres of Berkshire uplands through old fields, northern hardwood forest, and along beaver swamps. It includes part of Lenox Mountain and the Yokun Brook valley, terraced with beaver ponds. The marble bedrock of the Berkshires nurtures rich plant diversity.

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary
472 West Mountain Road
Lenox, MA 01240-2037
413-637-0320 Office
413-637-0499 Fax
berkshires@massaudubon.org

Directions

From the Mass. Pike (Rt. I-90): Take exit 2 (Lee) and turn right after tollbooths. Follow Rt. 20 west for 6.6 miles (Rt. 20 merges with Rt. 7). Turn left onto W. Dugway Road and the sanctuary is 1.6 miles ahead on the right.

From the North: Take Rt. 7 and Rt. 20 south from Park Square in the center of Pittsfield for 4.9 miles. Turn right onto West Dugway Road and the sanctuary is 1.6 miles ahead on the right.

Hours (year round)

Office: Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. Open Holiday Mondays, 10 am to 4 pm. Open Mondays July through Columbus Day.

Hours

Trails: Open Tuesday through Sunday, and Monday holidays, dawn to dusk. July through Columbus Day, trails open seven days a week, dawn to dusk.

Admission

\$4 for nonmember adults; \$3 for nonmember children (2-12) and senior citizens (65 and older). Free for Mass Audubon members and Lenox residents.

Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary

Holmes Road, Pittsfield, 262 Acres

Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, established in 1975 in Pittsfield, consists of 262 acres of wetlands, fields, and forest along the Housatonic River. The property has three miles of trails and a wildlife observation building. There is a pit toilet and no indoor facilities. Parking is available only at Holmes Road. Note the visitor information board concerning other regulations.

Contact Pleasant Valley for more information.

Directions

From the Mass. Pike (I-90): Take exit 2 (Lee) and turn right after the toll-booths. Follow Rt. 20 north for eight miles (Rt. 20 merges with Rt. 7) to Holmes Road (Mobil gas station on the right). Proceed north on Holmes Road for 2.7 miles to sanctuary entrance on the right.

Hours

Trails: Open every day, except major holidays

Admission

\$3 for nonmember adults; \$2 for nonmember children (2-12) and senior citizens (65 and older). Free for Mass Audubon members and Pittsfield residents.

Lime Kiln Farm Wildlife Sanctuary

Silver Street, Sheffield, 250 Acres

The Lime Kiln Farm Wildlife Sanctuary features two miles of trails that traverse rolling hayfields, wooded and shrub swamps, limestone ridge and outcrops, upland deciduous and conifer forest, and former pastures. The diverse habitat attracts butterflies as well as pileated woodpeckers, alder flycatchers, and eastern bluebirds. White-tailed deer also wander among the trees and fields. Stunning views of nearby Mount Everett can be seen from the parking area and the vista point off the Taconic Vista Trail. For a brief time limestone was quarried and turned into lime in the kiln still standing onsite today. The sanctuary is part of the 14,000-acre Schenob Brook Drainage Basin Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Contact Pleasant Valley for more information.

Directions

From the Mass. Turnpike (Rt I-90): Take exit 2 (Lee). Turn left onto Rt. 20 and within 0.1-mile turn right onto Rt. 102. Follow Rt. 102 for 4.5 miles to Rt. 7 in Stockbridge. Continue on Rt. 7 through Great Barrington and into the center of Sheffield. From the center of Sheffield (at post office), drive an additional 1.1 miles on Rt. 7, turning right at Silver Street. Follow Silver Street for 1.1 miles to the sanctuary entrance on the right.

From the north: From Rt. 7/20 junction in Lenox, bear right onto Rt. 7 and travel 5.3 miles to Stockbridge. Continue on Rt. 7 through Great Barrington, and into the center of Sheffield. From the center of Sheffield (at post office), drive an additional 1.1 miles on Rt. 7, turning right at Silver Street. Follow Silver Street for 1.1 miles to the sanctuary entrance on the right.

From Connecticut: From the CT/MA border, follow Rt. 7 north for 3.6 miles to Silver Street on the left. Follow Silver Street for 1.1 miles to the sanctuary on the right.

Hours

Trails: Open every day, dawn to dusk

Admission

\$3 for nonmember adults; \$2 for nonmember children (2-12) and seniors (65 and older). Free for Mass Audubon members and Sheffield residents.

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



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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: ____/____/____

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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
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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

Wildlife Sanctuary:

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

For Connecticut River Valley

Wildlife Sanctuaries:

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

MasterCard, VISA, or Discover

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Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____