

*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	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

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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.



Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Princeton / 978-464-2712

Explore habitat diversity and abundant wildlife in the Wachusett highlands.



News&Notes

CENTRAL REGION

Hey Day 2011 was a wonderful event thanks to many volunteers pitching in to make the busy day run smoothly. Despite a rainy day, 573 people of all ages attended, enjoying all of the offerings. The cow barn was filled with a spectacular show of art organized by the Princeton Art Society. Over 30 artists exhibited and sold their farm and rural landscape-themed pieces. The Friends of Princeton Firefighters again served up the popular Chicken BBQ and more. Bancroft School sponsored pony rides, Applewild School sponsored children's activities, the Princeton Girl Scouts organized pumpkin painting, Stimson Farm gave hayrides, and live music was provided by Patsy Mollica, Rachael Douglas, and Chuck & Mud. Additional sponsors and supporters included Barre Savings Bank, Clearview Farm, Heifer International, Red Apple Farm, Stillwater Farm, Union Music, and United Metals.

A new highlight this year is the 2012 Calendar produced through a team effort with the Princeton Art Society. This beautiful calendar debuted at Hey Day and includes artwork from the show. The calendar is a lovely combination of artistic styles and includes seasonal nature notes as well. Copies can be purchased at Wachusett Meadow or ordered over the phone by calling the sanctuary at 978-464-2712.

Each winter we look forward to another **Friday Night Lecture Series**. Please be sure to review the offerings. We have a wonderful lineup starting January 13, 7:30-9:00 pm. Join us!

Many thanks to the Crocker Family who just donated an Old Town canoe to our fleet. Canoes are available for rent on the sanctuary's Wildlife Pond from May through October.

Nature Note: For all who await the seasonal gift of birdsong, we remind you not to miss the remarkable soundscapes created by other species. For example, sanctuary visitors can easily hear 7 of the 10 frog species that occur in Massachusetts: spring peepers (peeps), wood frogs (quacks), gray treefrogs (short trills), American toads (long trills), pickerel frogs (snores), green frogs (banjo plucks), and bullfrogs (rolling bass). Come listen!

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

ADULT

Moonlight Snowshoe Hike at Pierpont Meadow

At Pierpont Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, January 7 / 6:30-8:30 pm

Leaders: Cindy Dunn, Conservation Coordinator, and Lisa Mattson, Naturalist

\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Pierpont Meadow's wide paths, meadow and waterfront vistas, resident owls, and towering pine groves are a wonderful setting for a moonlit winter walk. We hope for good snowshoe conditions, but we will hike with or without snow.

Snowshoes are available for rent for an additional \$2 per hour for members; \$4 per hour for nonmembers. Meet at Pierpont Meadow parking area on Marsh Road in Dudley.

Casual Walks for Adults

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Thursdays, January 12, 26, February 9, 23 & March 8 / 10:30 am-noon

Leaders: Sanctuary Volunteers

Free for members, \$3 nonmembers

Come and enjoy Wachusett Meadow's beautiful trails, seasonal natural history, and wildlife in these varied, relaxed-pace walks. If winter dates are snowy, participants are welcome to bring their own snowshoes or use some of ours. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch and picnic indoors after the hike.

This program is free for members and Princeton residents. Snowshoes are available for rent for an additional \$2 per hour for members and \$4 per hour for nonmembers.

Warm Woolen Mittens

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Friday, January 20 / 6:00-9:00 pm

Leader: Trish Miller, Textile Artist

\$9 members, \$13 nonmembers

Create warm woolen mittens from recycled felted sweaters with extra long cuffs to keep you warm. Patterns will be provided in various sizes and will be sewn by hand during class time. No sewing experience is necessary. Embellishment materials will be provided to decorate the mitten tops.

There is a \$10 materials fee for this program.

Friday-Night Lecture Series

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Fridays / 7:30-9:00 pm

\$7 members, \$10 nonmembers

Our popular lecture series continues with wonderful presenters and a great variety of subjects. Small groups allow easy opportunities for questions and a chance to meet and talk with speakers after the program.

Attracting Wildlife for Nature Photography

January 13

Leader: Gail Hansche Godin, Photographer/Naturalist

State of the Birds

January 27

Leader: Wayne Petersen, Director, Massachusetts Important Bird Areas Program

Inspiring Land Conservation Stories: Land for People & Wildlife

February 10

Leader: Bob Wilber, Director of Land Protection, Mass Audubon

New England Forests Through Time

February 24

Leader: John O'Keefe, Coordinator, Harvard Forest Fisher Museum of Forestry

Go Botany—A 21st Century Way to Learn about Plants

March 9

Leader: Elizabeth Farnsworth, Senior Research Ecologist, New England Wild Flower Society

Why Darwin? Why 1859?

March 30

Leader: John Baker, Research Associate Professor, Department of Biology & Environmental Science, Clark University

Spirit of the Northwest

April 13

Leader: Gail Hansche Godin, Photographer/Naturalist

Twelve Essential Species— Winter Nesting and Feeder Birds—Our Hardy Residents

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

January 26 / 7-9 pm

Field Trip: January 28 / 1-4 pm

Leader: Joe Choiniere, Property Manager, Central Sanctuaries

Fee is per session:

Thursday Evening Session, \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Saturday Field Trip Session, \$9 members, \$13 nonmembers

Black-capped chickadees sing early; by February the brilliant northern cardinals are singing; winter wrens and golden-crowned kinglets hide in forests; and barred and great horned owls are active—all this in winter. We will find them!

Moonlight Snowshoeing for Adults

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, February 4 / 7:00-9:00 pm

Leaders: Cindy Dunn, Conservation Coordinator, and Lisa Mattson, Naturalist

\$6 members, \$9 nonmembers

Our winter woods and meadows are exceptionally beautiful when they are hushed by a blanket of snow, and permeated by moonlight and shadows. We hope for good snowshoe conditions, but we will hike with or without. Please dress for the weather. Warm-up hot chocolate provided!

Snowshoes are available for rent for an additional \$2 per hour for members and \$4 per hour for nonmembers.

Beginner Tracking and Animal Signs for Adults

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, February 11 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Leader: Bruce Palmer, Tracker/Naturalist

\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Over 30 resident mammals and birds leave tracks at the winter sanctuary. We are unaware of some of them until the new snow reveals their presence. You'll learn to identify a dozen animals by their tracks and help collect information on sanctuary wildlife and habitats.

Snowshoeing for Adults

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, February 18 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Leader: Sanctuary Staff

\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

We'll travel over deep snow to areas of the sanctuary little visited in winter to observe tracks, evergreen plants, kinglet flocks, and the stillness of the winter woods.

Snowshoes are available for rent for an additional \$2 per hour for members; \$4 per hour for nonmembers.

Botanical Illustration Class

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, March 11 / 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, March 18 / 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Leader: Lisa Webb, Wildlife Artist

\$9 members, \$13 nonmembers

Fee is per class.

Come and learn botanical illustration. You'll learn lighting and composition techniques to help you produce beautiful and accurate drawings. We'll use colored pencils to draw plant specimens in this 2-part session. If you are new to colored pencil, you'll learn methods of working with this exciting medium. These classes are best for intermediate and advanced students.

Participants may attend either of the sessions but are encouraged to attend both. Materials list will be sent to participants upon registration.



Twelve Essential Species

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Sundays / noon-4:00 pm

Leader: Joe Choiniere, Property Manager,
Central Sanctuaries

Fee is per session: \$12 members, \$17 nonmembers

Forests—Habitats, Communities, and Biodiversity

A Cumulative Course in Nature Study

This monthly series will cover every aspect of forest natural history from tree identification to forest exploration. We'll visit forests of many types and learn keystone species of birds, mammals, herps, insects, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and fungi.

Frozen Forests

February 26

Many of our wetland forests, including red maple woodlands, are inaccessible until the ice freezes, when they become great places to look for signs of moose, bobcats, and other mammals.

Dress for winter weather; snowshoes optional.

Winter Tree Identification and Measurement

March 25

Trees are easy to recognize by bark and buds, two characteristics most easily seen in winter. After an indoor introduction, we'll identify trees on the sanctuary and measure height, girth, and branch spread for a few arboreal giants.

Trees Have Flowers?

April 22

Yes, trees do have colorful flowers. Red maple, aspen, elm, and basswood are among the earliest to bloom and produce seeds. We'll look for signs of tree flowers both close up and across distant hills on a hike up Brown Hill.

Hickory and Hornbeam Natural Community

May 20

These two species of trees, one large in stature and the other much smaller, form an interesting forest type that is quite rare in the Northeast. Their residents include our bobcat, ebony spleenwort fern, and giant millipedes. We'll explore this forest off trail.

Spring Needle Felting Project

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Friday, March 30 / 6:00-9:00 pm

Leader: Trish Miller, Textile Artist
\$9 members, \$13 nonmembers

Come learn the basics of dimensional needle felting as you create a 6-inch spring bunny, felted from sheep roving. No experience in felting necessary. No patterns will be used so each bunny will be unique and full of personality.

There is a \$15 materials fee for this program.

Casual Walks for Adults in Spring

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Thursdays, April 5, 19, May 3 & 17 / 10:30 am-noon

Leaders: Sanctuary volunteers

Free for members, \$3 nonmembers

Come and enjoy Wachusett Meadow's beautiful trails, seasonal natural history, and wildlife in these varied, relaxed-paced walks. Birds, amphibians, and ephemeral woodland wildflowers all appear in spring. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch and picnic with us after the hike.

Free for Mass Audubon members and Princeton residents.

Canoe the East Branch of the Ware River

At Ware River, Princeton

Sunday, April 29 / 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Leaders: Sanctuary Staff

\$12 members, \$18 nonmembers

Discover this spectacular canoeing and hiking area located on the west side of Princeton. Wildlife sightings abound, and April is a wonderful time to be out on the water. If time permits, we will explore some of the walking trails along the river. We'll provide canoes, PFDs, and paddles.

We'll meet at Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary and carpool to our destination.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND ALL AGES

Wachusett Meadow Nature Adventures for Young Folks

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Open to children ages: 3.5 to 6

Leader: Chris Eaton, Education Coordinator & Camp Director

On nature walks, we'll discover what the outdoors has to offer. We'll do activities, sing songs, play a game, eat a snack, and have circle time. Call 978-464-2712.

Winter Sessions

Tuesdays, January 3 to March 13

9:30-11:30 am or 12:45-2:45 pm

(10-minute leeway for pickup) 10 class sessions
\$108 members, \$173 nonmembers

Thursdays, January 5 to March 15

9:30-11:30 am or 12:45-2:45 pm

(10-minute leeway for pickup) 10 class sessions
\$108 members, \$173 nonmembers

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 3 to March 15

9:30-11:30 am or 12:45-2:45 pm

(10-minute leeway for pickup) 20 class sessions
\$196 members, \$261 nonmembers

Lunch option available for all sessions for an additional \$7 per day.

Homeschool Programs at Wachusett Meadow

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Fridays / 1:00-3:00 pm

Open to all ages. We welcome the entire family.

Leader: Chris Eaton, Education Coordinator and Camp Director

children \$8 members, \$12 nonmembers

These programs are free for adults unless otherwise noted.



Winter—

What Is It? And What Causes It?

January 13

We will learn about this most difficult time of year. How can it be so cold when the sun is actually close to the earth? We'll go out and experience winter.

Do Animals Wear Scarves?

January 27

How do animals survive winter? Do they stay, leave, or adapt to the bitter cold? We'll go outside and look for animal signs.

Do Insects Freeze in Winter?

February 10

Learn what insects do to survive until spring. Create an insect with its unique adaptations. Look for insects outside.

Who Lives Under the Snow?

February 17

The subnivean layer is a hidden environment. Learn who lives there and make a diorama to show what is going on in this secret world. Follow some tunnels in the snow if weather permits.

Skulls Are Amazing

March 9

Explore the world of skulls using Richard Wolniewicz's book, *Field Guide to Skulls and Bones*, and the genuine article. There will be a treasure hunt outside to find some skulls that we will identify. Bring in your own skulls or bones that you have collected.

Create a Wind Garden

March 23

Make several creations that will fly in the wind. Hang them outside and then take them home. The wind turbines on the mountain are strongest in the winter, producing almost half of the town of Princeton's electrical use.

Water and Its Wonders

April 13

Use a watershed model and learn about its connections to our lives. How does the farmer affect our water supply? Make a watershed model of your own to take home. Play the "water cycle game."

Materials fee: \$5.

Flower Power

April 27

How can flowers be powerful when they can't even move? Learn about some of the most unusual plants around, such as African living stones, pitcher plants, and sensitive plants. We will start at the sanctuary and then travel 35 minutes to a wonderful greenhouse of these unusual plants. The owner, Abby Rorer, will tell you all about the plants she loves.

Materials fee: \$5 for your own sensitive plant to take home.

Stencil a T-Shirt

May 11

Learn the art of stenciling as you decorate a T-shirt to take home. There will be a variety of animal tracks and dinosaurs to choose from, as well as leaves and spider webs. We will learn about both animal tracks and dinosaurs before stenciling.

Material Fee: \$5 for the T-shirts and supplies.

Preschool Story Hour

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Fridays / 10:30-11:30 am

Open to children 2.5 to 5 years old with parents

Leader: Chris Eaton, Education Coordinator & Camp Director
\$7 members, \$10 nonmembers

Come enjoy an hour of fun with your youngster, focusing on nature. We'll read a book, do a craft, and go for a walk.

Price includes adult/child pair; \$2 for each additional child.

The Mitten by Jan Brett

January 13

Ice and Its Beautiful Crystals

January 27

The Wonder of Snow

February 10

Color in Winter

February 17

Winter Birds

March 9

Salamanders Migrate

March 23

Wind—It Pollinates

April 13

Rain Showers

April 27

Turtles

May 11

Exploring the Natural Treasures of Gardner, Fitchburg, and Hubbardston

Mass Audubon will again be partnering with the North County Land Trust (NCLT) to offer a series of family programs at conservation land in Fitchburg, Gardner, and *NEW THIS YEAR* Hubbardston! We hope you and your family will join us to explore the beautiful woodland trails in north-central Massachusetts.

Fees: In order to promote new programs and encourage new members, our programs in Gardner and Hubbardston will be free. In Fitchburg, the suggested donation is \$6 (members 16 and up), \$9 nonmembers Mass Audubon, NCLT, and Nashua River Watershed Association children \$4 members, \$7 nonmembers

Family Snowshoe Walk

Flat Rock Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, January 14 / 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Snow date January 21 / 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Cosponsor: North County Land Trust

\$6 members, \$9 nonmembers

children \$4 members, \$7 nonmembers

If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Winter is an excellent time to explore the trails at Flat Rock while getting some great exercise and fresh air! We'll look for the tracks of deer, squirrels, rabbits, the less common moose, and fishers. A limited number of snowshoes are available for rent; please reserve at least 3 days in advance. Rental: \$2 per hour for members; \$4 per hour for nonmembers.

This will be a winter hike if the snow is not adequate. Meet at the Flat Rock Wildlife Sanctuary kiosk at the entrance to the Main Path, located behind the Health Alliance Hospital, Burbank Campus, 275 Nichols Road, Fitchburg.

Family Snowshoe Walk

Rome Conservation Area, Gardner

Sunday, January 15 / 1:00-3:30 pm

Snow date: Sunday, January 22 / 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Cosponsor: North County Land Trust

Open to families with children ages 7 and up

Free for members and nonmembers

Winter nature hikes at the Rome Conservation Area are new this year! This 175-acre property is owned and managed by the North County Land Trust and is open for passive recreational use all year. Please join us as we explore the winter landscape, looking for signs of wildlife within the quiet forest. A limited number of snowshoes are available for rent; please reserve at least 3 days in advance. Rental: \$2 per hour for members; \$4 per hour for nonmembers.

This will be a winter hike if snow is not adequate. Meet at the end of Brookside Drive in the Wilder Brook Estates development off Clark Street in Gardner. Please call for specific directions.

Family Snowshoe Walk

Underwood Road Conservation Area in Hubbardston

Saturday, February 4 / 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Cosponsor: North County Land Trust

Free for members and nonmembers

Be among the first to hike on this newly acquired conservation land! This property was recently placed into conservation by the North County Land Trust and is now open for passive recreational use. Together, we'll be nature detectives, searching for animal tracks, scat, and other signs of wildlife. We hope you will join us for some great exercise, fresh air, and FUN! Dress in layers; bring hats, gloves, water, and a light snack. A limited number of snowshoes are available for rent; please reserve at least 3 days in advance. Rental: \$2 per hour for members; \$4 per hour for nonmembers.

This will be a winter hike if snow is not adequate. Directions: Take exit 22 from Route 2, head south on MA 68 for 3.5 miles. Take a left onto Morgan Road; then the next left onto Underwood Road. Please call for specific directions.

Snowshoeing by Moonlight

At Crocker Conservation Area, Fitchburg

Sunday, February 5 / 7:00- 8:30 pm

Cosponsor: North County Land Trust

\$6 members, \$9 nonmembers

children \$4 members, \$7 nonmembers

There is nothing quite like the forest on a winter evening with the full moon reflecting off the snow. If its a cloudless night, this will be a most memorable evening. Snowshoe experience is not required. A limited number of snowshoes are available for rent; please reserve at least 3 days in advance. Rental: \$2 per hour for members; \$4 per hour for nonmembers.

This will be a winter hike if snow is not adequate. Meet at the Crocker Conservation Area kiosk at the top of Flat Rock Road (past Applewild School on Prospect Street). Please call for specific directions.

Family Nature Detective Series

At Flat Rock Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, April 1 / 1:30-3:30 pm

Cosponsor: North County Land Trust.

\$6 members, \$9 nonmembers

children \$4 members, \$7 nonmembers

Join us for our 2nd Annual Search for Big Night and the Wicked Big Puddle. Why are salamanders, wood frogs, and fairy shrimp so keen on finding a wide puddle in the woods each spring? Do they really march out all on the same night? Come and find out more about this fascinating cycle of life and learn all about the importance of vernal pools! Please wear rubber boots, and bring nets, hand lenses, field guides if you have them, and a sense of wonder!

Meet at the Flat Rock Wildlife Sanctuary entrance at 529 Ashburnham Road, Fitchburg. Call for specific directions.



Celebrate the Earth— Earth Day Family Walk

At Lake Wampanaog Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, April 22 / 1:30-3:30 am

Cosponsor: North County Land Trust

Free for members and nonmembers

children free for members and nonmembers

Bring your sketch pad, camera, and, if you'd like, a favorite poem to share. We'll take a closer look at nature's beauty, seeking spring wildflowers and colorful birds that have returned. Dress for the weather and bring water and a snack.

Directions: Meet at the Mass Audubon kiosk at the end of Raymond Street in Gardner. Take route 140 to Stone St, to Wheeler St, to Kelton St., to Raymond St.

Full Moon Night Walk and Owl Prowl

At Underwood Road Conservation Area, Hubbardston

Saturday, May 5 / 7:00-9:00 pm

Cosponsor: North County Land Trust

Free for members and nonmembers

Come and learn how to call in a barred owl, and, if we're lucky, we'll see one fly in to "check us out"! Dress warmly in layers. Optional: bring binoculars and a flashlight covered with a red cloth.

Directions: Take exit 22 from Route 2; head south on Massachusetts 68 for 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Morgan Road; take your next left onto Underwood Road. Call for specific directions.

Birds of Spring

At Crocker Conservation Area, Fitchburg

Saturday, May 12 / 8:00-10:00 am

Cosponsor: North County Land Trust

\$6 members, \$9 nonmembers

children \$4 members, \$7 nonmembers

Join expert birder Clay Hobart during Mass Audubon's annual spring birding event to learn more about how to seek out our colorful spring birds. Beginner and advanced birders are welcome! Dress for the weather. Bring water and binoculars.

Snowshoeing for Families

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, January 14 / 1:00 -3:00 pm

No snow date: Sunday, January 29 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Sunday, February 26 / 1:00-3:00 pm

No snow date: Sunday, March 4 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Open to families with children ages 7 and up

Leader: Bill Moss, Naturalist

\$6 members, \$12 nonmembers

children \$3 members, \$4 nonmembers

Winter is an excellent time of year to explore the sanctuary on snowshoes. If you have never snowshoed before, let us introduce you to this great winter activity. Learn about equipment and safety then head outside. All levels of experience are welcome.

Snowshoes are available for rent for an additional \$2 per hour for member adults; \$4 for nonmember adults, and free for children.

Winter Open House

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, January 21 / 1:00-4:00 pm

Leaders: Sanctuary Staff

\$15 member families, \$21 nonmember families

\$4 member individuals, \$6 nonmember individuals

Join us in celebration of the spectacular winter beauty of Wachusett Meadow. We'll have sledding (we'll provide the sleds), snowshoeing, cross-country skiing on select trails, tracking hikes, ice cutting on Wildlife Pond, ice skating (if conditions permit so bring your skates), a bonfire for toasting marshmallows, kid's games, and more!

Snow date: January 22, 1-4 pm.

True Love—Needle Felting

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, January 29 / 1:00-4:00 pm

Open to families with children 7 and up

Leader: Trish Miller, Textile Artist

Adult/child pair \$10 members, \$14 nonmembers

Come create a Valentine's Day gift for that special someone. Children will use felting needles (in safety holder) and sheep roving to "color in" a Valentine design on recycled wool material. The material will then be sewn and stuffed into a finished pillow.

There is a \$10 materials fee for this program.

Cross-Country Ski to Four Corners Conservation Area

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, February 5 / 1:00-4:00 pm

Open to families with children 12 and up

Leader: Deb Cary, Director, Central Sanctuaries

Free for members and nonmembers

Join us for a cross-country skiing trip (or hike if no snow) along West Trail (former Goodnow Road) out to the Four Corners Conservation Area on Gates Road. We'll get a great view of Mount Wachusett from the fields at Four Corners and then travel through the woods to admire the winter waters of the East Branch of the Ware River. When we return to the visitor center, we'll enjoy hot chocolate.

Owl Prowl

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, February 18 / 5:00-7:00 pm

Leader: Sanctuary Staff

\$4 members, \$6 nonmembers

children \$2 members, \$3 nonmembers

This program is designed for children and their parents. We will read *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen, examine owl pellets, and take a walk in search of owls.

Family maximum is \$15 members, \$21 nonmembers.

February School Vacation Days at Wachusett Meadow

At Wachusett Meadow

**Tuesday-Friday, February 21, 22, 23, 24
9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Open to children ages 5 to 11

Leader: Chris Eaton, Education Coordinator and Camp Director

Choose 1, 3, or 4 days:

1-day option (Friday only)

\$36 members, \$50 nonmembers

3-day option (Tuesday-Thursday)

\$94 members, \$132 nonmembers

4-day option (Tuesday-Friday)

\$124 members, \$174 nonmembers

Come spend your vacation with us and explore what is happening in winter at the sanctuary. We'll play games, go hiking, do craft activities, and learn more about what winter is all about for plants, insects, and animals. Each day will have a different theme.

Bring 2 snacks and lunch, and dress appropriately for the weather. We'll be outside most of the day.

Tracking for Families



At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, February 25 / 1:00 -3:00 pm

Leader: Bruce Palmer, Tracker/Naturalist

\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

children \$3 members, \$4 nonmembers

Some animals leap and others bound, lope, gallop, shuffle, and slide across the snow in winter. Can you identify their footprints? This beginner tracking program for families will introduce the tracks and trails of our local wildlife.



Enjoy the Night Sky— Introduction to the Stars

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Friday, March 2 / 7:30-9:00 pm

Leader: Marcia Grenier, Natural History Guide

\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers

children \$2 members, \$3 nonmembers

Viewing the stars from Wachusett Meadow is spectacular. We'll review some of the constellations we hope to see and share interesting stories about these sparkling celestial images and why they have been so important to humans for thousands of years.

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

Day Camp Sign-up Day

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, March 3 / 1:00-4:00 pm

Leader: Day Camp Staff

Free for members and nonmembers

Returning camp families and those new to our program are invited to this early registration day. Camp staff will be on hand to answer questions and tour our buildings and grounds. Saving us time on administration will save you money! Campers registered at this event will receive a \$10 discount off the total camp fee (\$50 deposit is required to register). If you bring a copy of your child's most recent immunization record, we can even help you complete all camp paperwork that day.

Directions: Meet at the Crocker Conservation Area kiosk at the top of Flat Rock Road. Go a quarter-mile past Applewild School on Prospect St.; turn left onto Flat Rock Road. Please call for reservations.

Wachusett Meadow Nature Adventures for Young Folks

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Open to children ages: 3.5 to 6

Leader: Chris Eaton, Education Coordinator & Camp Director

Let your children learn about nature through the seasons. On nature walks, we'll discover what the outdoors has to offer. We'll do activities, sing songs, play a game, eat a snack, and have circle time. Call 978-464-2712.

Spring Sessions

Tuesdays, March 20 to June 5

9:30-11:30 am or 12:45-2:45 pm (10-minute leeway for pickup)

11 class sessions

\$119 members, \$177 nonmembers

Thursdays, March 22 to June 7

9:30-11:30 am or 12:45-2:45 pm (10-minute leeway for pickup)

11 class sessions

\$119 members, \$177 nonmembers

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 20 to June 7

9:30-11:30 am or 12:45-2:45 pm (10-minute leeway for pickup)

22 class sessions

\$216 members, \$274 nonmembers

Lunch option available for all sessions for an additional \$7 per day.

Spring Woodcock Watches

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Wednesdays, March 21, 28 / 7:00-8:00 pm

April 4, April 11 / 7:15-8:15 pm

Leaders: Sanctuary Staff

Free for members and nonmembers

Please join us at sunset for any or all of these evenings. From late March to late April, woodcocks put on incredible courtship flight displays, spiraling 200 feet into the air before descending rapidly to almost the same "launch site" on the ground! Bring binoculars if you have them.

Sheep Shearing Open House

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, April 14 / 1:00-4:00 pm

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

Leaders: Sanctuary Staff

\$15 member families, \$21 nonmember families

\$4 member individual, \$6 nonmember individual



Sheep grazing led to the development of many meadows on the sanctuary, and our current team of munchers help us maintain open habitat for wildlife. Come and meet Finch, Monarch, Taggley, and the rest of the flock. Learn how sheep are sheared and how those fleeces eventually become warm hats and mittens.

April School Vacation Days at Wachusett Meadow

At Wachusett Meadow

Tuesday-Friday, April 17, 18, 19, 20
9:00 am-3:00 pm

Open to children ages 5 to 11

Leader: Chris Eaton, Education Coordinator & Camp Director

Choose 1, 3, or 4 days:

1-day option (Friday only)

\$36 members, \$50 nonmembers

3-day option (Tuesday-Thursday)

\$94 members, \$132 nonmembers

4-day option (Tuesday-Friday)

\$124 members, \$174 nonmembers

Come spend your vacation with us and explore what is happening in spring at Wachusett Meadow. How does spring affect the fields and forests? Who is up and about or back from the south? We'll play games, hike, do craft activities, and spend lots of time outdoors. Each day will have a different theme.

Bring 2 snacks and lunch, and dress appropriately for the weather. We'll be outside most of the day.

April Vacation Photography/Computer Camp

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Tuesday-Friday, April 17, 18, 19, 20
9:00 am-3:00 pm

Open to ages 10 and up

Leader: Gail Hansche Godin, Photographer/Naturalist

\$144 members, \$202 nonmembers

Digital nature photography is fun and exciting. Learn how to improve your photography and process your images in your laptop. After a morning hike photographing wildlife, we will organize, enhance, and manipulate your images with Photoshop Elements. You will create a slide show of your images for a Friday viewing.

Must have a laptop to use (Mac or PC) with Photoshop Elements installed (I will help download if needed). Free 30-day trial software available online.

Earth Day Hike

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Sunday, April 22 / 1:00-3:00 pm

All ages welcome

Leader: Sanctuary Staff

Free for members and nonmembers

A celebration of land protected. Let us introduce you to the history, habitats, and wildlife of Wachusett Meadow.

Greener Thumbs—Landscaping for Wildlife

At Wachusett Meadow

Sunday, April 28 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Open to families with children ages 10 and up

Leader: Christy Barnes, Natural History Guide, and Lisa Van Dusen, Naturalist, Gardner

\$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

children \$3 members, \$4 nonmembers

Native plants are what attract and are most satisfying for our local wildlife. We will look at the broader picture of our backyards and talk about the overall structure and composition of plantings as habitats that encourage a variety of wildlife. Nine principles apply to making our yards and gardens safe and attractive to wild things, and we have many choices available to us for improving the height, color, and texture of our immediate landscape. A PowerPoint presentation will be followed by discussion with handouts and catalogs to peruse.

Flower Pot Pincushions

At Wachusett Meadow

Saturday, May 5 / 10:00 am-noon

Open to families with children 6 and up

Leader: Trish Miller, Textile Artist

Adult/child pair \$10 members, \$14 nonmembers

Learn the basics of needle felting on a flat surface to 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 necessary. Candle holder and candle included.

There is a \$10 materials fee for this program.

Bird-a-thon Birds and Breakfast

At Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, May 12 / 7:30-10:30 am

Leaders: Sanctuary Staff

\$11 members, \$13 nonmembers

children \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Join us for a morning guided walk (7:30-9:00 am) and then return to the sanctuary for a delicious breakfast and a chance to share your findings or just join us for breakfast. Proceeds benefit Bird-a-thon, our annual 24-hour fundraiser, which begins on Friday, May 11, at 6:00 pm, and ends on Saturday, May 12, at 6:00 pm. Call for information about Bird-a-thon, pledging, or joining a team.

Fee for breakfast only (begins at 9:00 am); \$5 adult members/nonmembers, \$3 child members/nonmembers

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

Sanctuary Information

Wachusett Meadow

Goodnow Road, Princeton, 1,200 Acres

This picturesque farm with historic house, barns, and resident sheep is surrounded by acres of open meadows, woodlands, and wetlands. Twelve miles of trails include many special features such as 1,300 foot Brown Hill summit, Glacial Boulder, an ancient white oak, and abundant wildlife.

Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary
113 Goodnow Road
Princeton, MA 01541
978-464-2712 Office
978-464-5981 Fax
wachusett@massaudubon.org

Hours

Nature Center:

Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday and Monday Holidays, 10 am to 4 pm
Sunday: 12:30-4 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 Princeton residents.

Western Sanctuaries

Connecticut River Valley Wildlife Sanctuaries:

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary

Combs Road, Easthampton, 755 Acres

Located in Northampton and Easthampton, this sanctuary protects more than 755 acres of floodplain forest, upland forest, cultivated grassland, and riparian habitat. This site includes a nature center, five miles of trails, and a handicap-accessible boardwalk.

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary
127 Combs Road
Easthampton, MA 01027
413-584-3009 Office
800-710-4550
413-584-0250 Fax
arcadia@massaudubon.org

Directions

Take the Mass. Turnpike (I-90) to exit 4 (Rt. I-91 north) to exit 18 (Rt. 5, Northampton). Take a right onto Rt. 5 south. After 1.4 miles, take a right onto East Street at the sign for Easthampton Center. Follow East Street for 1.2 miles and turn right onto Fort Hill Road at the Mass Audubon sign. Go 0.9 miles and bear right at the next Mass Audubon sign and turn left into the sanctuary.

Hours

Nature Center:

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

Trails: Open Tuesday through Sunday 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 Northampton and Easthampton residents.

Graves Farm Wildlife Sanctuary

Adams Road, Williamsburg, 637 Acres

Graves Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Williamsburg and Whately encompasses 637 acres of upland forest, old fields, and meadows. A figure-8 trail of a little more than a mile leads from the parking area and skirts along a field and into a mixed forest of spectacular pine, oak, and beech trees.

Contact Arcadia for more information.

Directions

From Rt. 9 in Williamsburg, MA take Depot Road (on north side of Rt. 9) to a 4-way intersection. Go right on Adams Road for .6 miles; a small parking lot is on the south side of the road at the Mass Audubon sign. The town does not permit parking along Adams Road.

Hours

Open every day, dawn to dusk

Admission

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

High Ledges

Off Patten Road, Shelburne, 616 acres

Numerous species of wildflowers and ferns can be observed along the four mile trail system. The "ledges" offers panoramic views of the Deerfield River valley and Mount Greylock.

Directions

From Greenfield: At the junction of Rt. 2 and I-91 in Greenfield continue west on Rt. 2 toward Shelburne for 6 miles. Take a right onto Little Mohawk Road and bear left at the next intersection onto Patten Road. Bear left at the following junction and then bear right, continuing on Patten Road. The sanctuary road is the second left (approximately 0.8 miles). A small parking area is located on your left. Parking area may be inaccessible from December to May due to snow or mud.

Lynes Wildlife Sanctuary

Edwards Road, Westhampton, 260 Acres

Marion S. Lynes Wildlife Sanctuary protects 260 acres in Westhampton. This old farm has succeeded to beautiful woodland habitat. Although the sanctuary is not open for general visitation, there is a nature trail and guided walks are regularly scheduled at the sanctuary.

Contact Arcadia for more information.

Directions

From I 91N: Take exit 17B toward Easthampton. Turn slight right onto I41W. Continue 4.8 miles. Turn right on Main St. (Rt. 10N). Continue .3 miles. Turn left on West St. Continue 1.2 mi. Turn right on Loudville Rd. Continue 3.2 mi. Turn left on Main Road (Rt. 66). Continue 2 miles. Turn left on Edwards Road. Continue .7 miles to the intersection of Crowley and Edwards. Mass Audubon Lynes Sanctuary parking is on the left on Edwards Road just past the Crowley intersection.

Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Main Street, Hampden, 356 Acres

Located in the town of Hampden, this sanctuary is composed of 356 acres of southern New England forest, meadow, and wetlands in the Scantic River watershed. Four miles of walking trails, a variety of state-listed species, and the former home of children's author and naturalist Thornton W. Burgess are all found there. Laughing Brook is a special place to go birding, enjoy wildflowers, participate in a program, observe wildlife, or photograph nature.

Contact Arcadia for more information.

Directions

From I-91 in Springfield: Take either exit 2 (northbound) or exit 4 (southbound) to Rt. 83. Rt. 83 quickly becomes Sumner Road. Follow Sumner Road/Allen Street for 8.1 miles (Sumner Road becomes Allen Street after 3.5 miles). Note: Allen Street curves to the right at an intersection near a McDonald's restaurant; bear right at that intersection and stay on Allen Street. At the end of 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.

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: _____

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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

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Signature: _____