



Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

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Our day camps feature:

- A unique opportunity to learn about the natural world, meet new friends, and have lots of fun!
- Experienced staff who provide a safe, educational, and noncompetitive camp environment.
- Small group nature study, environmental crafts, and cooperative games.
- A welcome and caring environment for your child.
- An experience that will last a lifetime.



Nature Day Camps 2009

For children ages 4-14

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
Topsfield

Shore Lea Nature Center
Marblehead

Essex County Greenbelt Cox Reservation
Essex



Have Fun In Nature!



Topsfield

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Theme Weeks for Pre K & K



Each week, campers will spend five fun-filled days exploring a different theme. On daily nature walks, campers learn about the natural world through hands-on activities that teach appreciation and respect for nature. Activities include nature investigations, songs, stories, and visits to the pond, forest, and meadow.

Sign up for one, or all, of these exciting weeks.

Discoverers – Half-day Camp

For children ages 4 & 5

Fee per session: Members: \$150 Nonmembers: \$208

Things with Wings

Hummingbirds hum, hawks soar, and dragonflies zip through the summer sky. Animals that fly are fun and exciting to investigate. Children will use nets, bug boxes, and homemade binoculars to discover for themselves what makes these animals so amazing. By designing their own flying animal, campers will realize the magic of flight.

Morning Session: June 22 - 26; 8:45 - 11:30 am

Afternoon Session: June 22 - 26; 12:15 - 3:00 pm

Furry Fun Time

Campers will have a wonderful time discovering the different mammals that live in our area. We'll focus on the differences between mammals and other animals, including special adaptations that help them climb, swim, and run. Mammals we're likely to see include deer, squirrels, groundhogs, and muskrats, and we'll observe the scat, tracks, and chews of many more.

Morning Session: July 20 - 24; 8:45 - 11:30 am

Afternoon Session: July 20 - 24; 12:15 - 3:00 pm

Young Naturalists – Full-day Camp

For children ages 5 & 6

Fee per session: Members: \$285 Nonmembers: \$343

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Amazing Creatures

Kids do not have to travel to the Amazon to see amazing creatures! Join us for a week of jaw-dropping stories about local animals and their amazing lives. Some creatures we're likely to encounter include the tiny ruby-throated hummingbird, with its ability to drink nectar with its long beak, and the white-tailed deer, with its long nimble legs that enable it to run through the forest at 40 miles per hour. Together, campers will discover it's a jungle right here.

Session I: June 29 - July 3

Session II: July 27 - 31

Wetland Wonders

Wet places are wonderful areas to look for frogs, herons, and dragonflies. Campers will discover how bugs breathe underwater and why beavers build dams. Water games and fun activities will excite your camper about the importance of wetlands.

Session I: July 6 - 10

Session II: August 3 - 7

Living on Lunch

Animals have important relationships with the plants they live among. Many insects eat the wildflowers they're living on, such as monarch butterfly caterpillars, which feed on milkweed. Campers will search for animals and link their dependence on plants that grow on the sanctuary. Some exciting observations might include woodpeckers pecking oak trees, woodchucks munching clover in a field, and bullfrogs searching for lunch from a lily pad.

Session I: July 13 - 17

Session II: August 10 - 14



Sign up for more than one full-day, theme week camp, ages 5 & 6, and you will receive 10% off the camp fee for each week. Offer is only good for individual campers attending multiple weeks.

Sign up for the afternoon Discoverers, ages 4 & 5, and you will receive 10% off the camp fee.

Theme Weeks for Ages 7 - 11

Join us for an exciting theme-based program to explore and learn about the variety of habitats and creatures of the sanctuary. Each week will blend outdoor exploration, age-appropriate activities, games, and crafts. The weeks are designed to increase knowledge and awareness of nature, while having fun and developing discovery and exploration skills.



Sign up for one, or all, of these exciting weeks.

Investigators

For children ages 7 & 8

Fee per session: Members: \$245 Nonmembers: \$303

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

A Buggy Good Time

Join us for a week of exploration as we search for bugs! Campers will look for and learn about butterflies, grasshoppers, pill bugs, and slugs, and take a canoe trip to search for dragonflies. We'll use nets, bug boxes, and microscopes to gain a better understanding of how these animals live.

Session I: June 22 - 26

Session II: July 20 - 24

Aqua Animals

Spend a week searching for animals that live underwater. We'll explore vernal pools, ponds, swamps, and the Ipswich River for animals that live below a wetland's surface. A visit to the ocean to explore tide pools will complete this wet and wild week!

Session I: June 29 - July 3

Session II: July 13 - 17

Carnivore Camp

Meat-eating animals fascinate nature lovers of all ages. Campers will hit the trails in search of snakes, frogs, hawks, weasels, and dragonflies, and watch them as they hunt prey. Carnivore skulls, shells, and feathers will be used for hands-on observation to determine the special hunting strategies of these animals.

Session I: July 6 - 10

Session II: July 27 - 31

WOW

Sign up for more than one theme week camp, ages 7-11, and you will receive 10% off the camp fee for each week. Offer is only good for individual campers attending multiple weeks.

Naturalists

For children ages 9 - 11

Fee per session: Members: \$245 Nonmembers: \$303

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Herpetology Time

If you like frogs, turtles, salamanders, and snakes, you just might be a herpetologist. Join us for a week of discovering amphibians and reptiles. We'll spend a day learning about vernal pools and how you can help protect them, and canoe the Ipswich River to search for basking turtles.

Session I: June 22 - 26

Session II: July 20 - 24



Animal Architects

People are not the only animals that build structures for survival. This week highlights amazing animal architects that live on the sanctuary. Together, we'll search for beaver dams and lodges, bird nests, insect galls, and more. A special trip to a tide pool will allow campers to compare ocean homes to freshwater homes.

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Session II: July 13 - 17

Woods Walkers

Native people had a strong connection to the natural world, and much can be learned from their history and lore. Each day we'll have a new focus including building a wetu shelter, paddling the Ipswich River, and quietly walking through the woods. The week will be highlighted with an afternoon visit from Native American storyteller Pat Bade and a live owl.

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NEW!

Creating Art in Nature Weeks

We bring together an artist educator and naturalist to co-teach these programs. Families are invited to a Friday afternoon art show.

Natural Landscape Art Week: August 10 - 14

Join us for a week of creating beautiful landscapes. Campers will learn how to use various mediums such as charcoal to create textured drawings of woodlands, and watercolors to paint a wetland scene, while creating the illusion of perspective.

Animal Art Week: August 17 - 21

Nature and art come together as we watch animals of the sanctuary and then create based on observation. Campers will use papier-mâché to design animal puppets and illustrate feather texture as they paint a favorite bird.

A Closer Look

One-week program for children ages 7 - 11*

Fee: Members: \$280

Nonmembers: \$338

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Take a close look at nature by focusing on a new exciting topic each day. Campers will explore with special guest naturalists including a tracker to search for mammal signs, and an insect specialist to learn amazing facts about butterflies. As a special day, the seven- and eight-year-old group will spend a morning on a lobster boat cruise, while the nine, ten and eleven-year-old group will experience a whale watch out of Gloucester.

August 3 - 7 *The 10% theme-week discount does not apply.

Canoe Adventurers

For children ages 12 - 14

Canoe program participants must know how to swim.

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.



Ipswich River Adventures

Spend a week exploring the Ipswich River and learning how to canoe. Each day, campers will explore different areas of this quiet meandering river, learn paddling strokes, river safety, and have fun. We'll discover the insects, birds, mammals, and plants that live in the backwaters and islands of the river.

August 3 - 7 Fee: Members: \$305 Nonmembers: \$363

Further River Adventures

Designed for those who have completed Ipswich River Adventures or have canoe experience, this camp will increase canoeing skills. Campers will paddle new sections of the Ipswich River and a salt water creek. On daily canoe trips we'll see frogs, turtles, and other animals that inhabit the river, shore, and islands. An overnight campout will highlight this week as we pitch tents, enjoy s'mores over a campfire, and observe nocturnal animals.

August 10 - 14 Fee: Members: \$320 Nonmembers: \$378

Canoe and Kayak Adventures

Beat the heat and join us on the water! This program is also designed for those who have previous canoeing experience. Campers will increase their canoeing skills, paddle new sections of the river, learn about river life, and tackle team-building challenges. Then we're off to Wildwood, Mass Audubon's sleepover camp, where we'll spend two days swimming and kayaking in beautiful Hubbard Pond. We'll hike and explore forest and wetlands and try our hand on the popular high ropes course.

August 17 - 21 Fee: Members: \$360 Nonmembers: \$418

Ipswich River Trekkers - Two-Week Camp

For children ages 7 - 11

Fee per session: Members: \$425

Nonmembers: \$483

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Campers will explore the sanctuary with the same group for two whole weeks! Exciting activities include learning how to paddle a canoe up the Ipswich River where we'll have lunch, play games, and explore an island. We'll enjoy an afternoon listening to Native American stories told by Pat Bade, and meet one of her live owls. Trekkers will spend a day at the ocean discovering tide pools and the creatures that live in them. Hikes to the Rockery, fields, forests, and wetlands to search for animals will round out this great program.

Campers are divided into small groups, and the activities are appropriate to their age level. All campers will join together for group projects and games each afternoon.

Session I:	June 22 - July 3
Session II:	July 6 - July 17
Session III:	July 20 - 31

Essex

Essex County Greenbelt Cox Reservation

Essex Salt Marsh Camp

For children ages 7 - 10

Fee per session: Members: \$200

Nonmembers: \$258

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.

NEW LONGER DAY!

Grab your boots and join us as we discover all the amazing coastal creatures that live at the Cox Reservation, located on the Essex River. An artist's studio barn provides a unique base for our camp. Children will explore river, salt marsh, and upland habitats, with many opportunities to participate in sensory awareness activities, play games, create art, and learn with special guest naturalists. A program highlight is a day spent exploring Choate Island, part of The Trustees of Reservations Crane Wildlife Refuge. We will take a boat ride over to the island, to hike and investigate the island's plants, animals, and amazing history.

Session I:	August 3 - 7
Session II:	August 10 - 14



Marblehead Shore Lea Nature Center



Your child will love exploring the forest, field, pond, and coastal surroundings of the Shore Lea Nature Center in Marblehead. We'll wander the Wyman Woods trails, watch the turtles in Hawthorn Pond, and search a salt marsh for herons and egrets at Forest River.

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Shore Lea Young Explorers

For children ages 5 & 6

Fee: \$245

Young Explorers: July 6 - 10

This camp is designed to stimulate the natural interest young children have in the world around them. Campers will take nature hikes, go on scavenger hunts, and participate in songs and sensory awareness activities to learn more about our native habitats. Nature crafts and games will round out this week of fun and discovery.

Shore Lea Explorers

For children ages 7 - 10

Fee: \$245

Into the Wild: July 13 - 17

The wilds of Marblehead are rich with lots of cool creatures. Using scientific equipment including nets, microscopes, and binoculars, we'll search for interesting insects, fantastic flowers, beautiful birds, awesome amphibians, and more. As we explore the wilds we'll discover the interactions between plants and animals that live here while taking hikes, playing games, and making crafts.

Nature and Art: July 20 - 24

Spend a week discovering the beauty of nature while unlocking your artistic creativity. By closely investigating the Shore Lea Nature Center surroundings, campers will hone their appreciation for nature while developing an inspiration for art. We'll explore various habitats, observing each one for its content, structures, and patterns. These findings will become the subjects for campers as they learn techniques for drawing, painting, sculpture, and other media.



Important Information For All Programs

Registration Procedures

All registrations will be stamped with the date of receipt and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Mass Audubon members will be given priority in registration. Join Mass Audubon at the family level or higher, and receive the member discount and priority by enclosing a check for \$58.00. Credit card registration can be taken by phone or fax. Registration must be accompanied by a \$50.00 nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit (per child, per program). **The balance of the camp fee is due by May 1.**

Please enclose one stamped, self-addressed, legal-sized envelope for each child registered for receipt of confirmation and health forms. Complete a separate application for each camper.

Refund Policy

Deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. No refunds of balances will be made after May 1 unless we are able to fill your space. No rebates will be given for incomplete attendance. If the program you desire is full when you apply, your payment will be refunded and your name placed on a waiting list. We reserve the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment. In this event, a full refund will be made.

Placement Policy

We will try to honor requests for one friend to be placed in the same group with your child, depending on experience and ages of both campers. Requests must be written on the Friend Request line located on the registration form.

Staff

Our staff teacher-naturalist, Scott Santino, returns for his eighth summer as Camp Coordinator. We take pride in offering a caring, organized, and educational program.

All staff chosen to teach in our programs are carefully selected for their competence in the fields of natural history, outdoor education, and leadership. Our counselors have teaching experience and a commitment to educating children about the natural world. Canoe programs are led by counselors who have been trained in Basic Water Rescue and Small Craft Safety. All programs meet Massachusetts state law and American Camp Association staff ratio guidelines.

2009 Day Camps - Registration Form

(PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CAMPER)

Child's Name _____ Sex _____ DOB _____ Age at Start of Camp _____ Grade Entering _____
 Guardian 1 _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Guardian 2 _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Home Phone _____ E-mail _____ Add Us To E-mail Newsletter
 Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Session Title _____
 Session Title _____
 Session Title _____
 Friend Request (See placement policy for details) _____
 Mass Audubon Family Member _____ Membership # _____ Exp. Date _____
 I am not a member and I wish to join. Enclosed is \$58 membership fee. \$ _____
 Enclosed is my per program deposit or full fee for camp \$ _____
 I would like to support Ipswich River's Day Camp Scholarship Fund. \$ _____
 Payment: Cash Check Make checks payable to Mass Audubon.
 Visa Mastercard Discover Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Signature _____
 Total Enclosed: \$ _____
 Please charge the tuition balance to my credit card on May 1.

Send this form to:
 Day Camp Programs
 Mass Audubon
 87 Perkins Row
 Topsfield, MA 01983-1999
 Phone: 978-887-9264
 Fax: 978-887-0875

Please send a camp scholarship application. I've enclosed the \$25 application fee.

Transportation

Directions to meeting sites and carpool lists are mailed out two weeks before the program begins, so that you may make arrangements with other parents in your community. Please tell us if you **do not** want your name and phone number on the carpool list.

Health Forms

Health forms will be sent upon receipt of registration. They must be filled out and returned prior to the first day of camp. **Children cannot be admitted to camp without properly completed health forms.**

Camp Scholarships

Camp scholarships are available to assist parents in sending children to camp. Please include a \$25.00 deposit with the registration. Call the sanctuary at 978-887-9264 for an application form or for more information. **Deadline for applications is April 3.** Applicants will be notified by May 8. Camp scholarships are made possible by the generous contributions of our members. All contributions are appreciated and are tax deductible.

State Licensing

The Ipswich River Summer Camp programs must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430) and be licensed by the appropriate town board of health. Information on these regulations can be obtained by calling (617) 983-6761.



ACA Accreditation

We are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality and health and safety issues, and requires us to review every facet of our operation. The Ipswich River Summer Camp programs have voluntarily submitted to this independent appraisal done by camp experts and have earned this mark of distinction.

Wildwood

There's more to explore at Wildwood, Mass Audubon's only overnight camp, in Rindge, New Hampshire. Choose one- or two-week overnight camp sessions for campers aged 9-14, one-week teen treks for campers aged 14-17, or three-week Leaders-in-Training programs for campers entering grades 10-12. Everyone is welcome at our four-day Family Camp programs. Go wild this summer! Call toll free 866-MAS-CAMP for more information, or visit Wildwood online at www.massaudubon.org/wildwood.