

Have Fun in Nature!



Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
Nature Day Camps
2012

For children ages 4 - 14

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 **Mass Audubon**
Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts

Topsfield

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

Ipswich River is one of Mass Audubon's largest sanctuaries, with more than 2,000 acres. Twelve miles of interconnecting trails allow campers to experience forests, meadows, and wetlands, and the plants and animals that live in them. Eight miles of the Ipswich River meander through the sanctuary, and many camp sessions incorporate canoe trips on this beautiful, slow-flowing river. Campers will also visit the ever-popular Rockery, a huge rock structure beside a peaceful pond. The sanctuary is only minutes from US Rt. 1 in Topsfield.

Ipswich River Day Camps are designed to provide campers with a unique opportunity to learn about nature, meet new friends, and have fun. Experienced staff encourage an educational, noncompetitive camp environment and an experience that will last a lifetime.

NEW Extended Day Option for campers in full-day sessions in Topsfield

Need an extra hour before you can pick up your camper? New this summer is a 4:00 pm pickup option for campers in full-day sessions. Preregistration is required.

Fee per session: \$25 per week, \$6 per day

Discoverers – Half-day Camp

For children ages 4 & 5

Fee per session: Members: \$150 Nonmembers: \$215

**Sign up for the afternoon Discoverers, and receive 10% off!*

Things with Wings

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



Morning Session: June 25 - 29: 8:45 - 11:30 am

Afternoon Session: June 25 - 29: 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 droppings, tracks, and chews of many more.

Morning Session: July 23 - 27: 8:45 - 11:30 am

Afternoon Session: July 23 - 27: 12:15 - 3:00 pm*

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NEW Rolling Morning Check-in, Topsfield

Campers are welcome to check in for camp anytime between 8:45 and 9:00 am each day.

Young Naturalists – Full-day Camp

For children ages 5 & 6

Fee per session: Members: \$285 Nonmembers: \$350

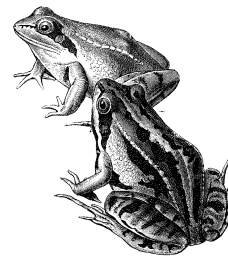
The camp day runs from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Cool Colorful Critters

How many colors can you find outside? Campers will search for green frogs, bluebirds, red-backed salamanders, gray squirrels, and all the other colorful critters of the sanctuary. Then they'll create their own colorful nature art.

Session I: July 2 - 6

Session II: August 6 - 10



NEW Awesome Animals

You don't have to travel to the Amazon to see awesome animals. Join us to learn about local creatures and their amazing lives. Animals we'll encounter include the tiny ruby-throated hummingbird, the majestic white-tailed deer, and the awesome snapping turtle. Campers will discover it's a jungle right here!

Session I: July 9 - 13

Session II: August 13 - 17

A Buggy Good Time

Campers will search through fields, forests, and wetlands to discover bugs including butterflies, grasshoppers, pill bugs, slugs, snails, and more. We'll use nets and bug jars to gain a better understanding of how these animals live.

Session I: July 16 - 20

Session II: August 20 - 24

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.

July 30 - August 3



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

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Theme Weeks for Ages 7 - 11

Join us for an exciting theme-based program to explore and learn about a variety of habitats and creatures. Each week will blend outdoor exploration, age-appropriate activities, games, and crafts. The sessions 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.

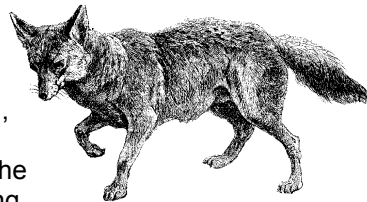
Into The Wild

For children ages 7 - 11

Fee: Members: \$250 Nonmembers: \$315

The camp day runs from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

The wilds of Topsfield are rich with wildlife. Using equipment including nets, microscopes, and binoculars, we'll search for interesting insects, fantastic flowers, beautiful birds, awesome amphibians, and more. Special activities this week include paddling on the Ipswich River to Perkins Island and meeting birds of prey with raptor rehabilitator Pat Bade. The camp will be divided into two groups, one for 7 and 8 year-olds and the other for 9 - 11 year-olds.



June 25 - 29

A Closer Look

For children ages 7 - 11

Fee: Members: \$280 Nonmembers: \$345

The camp day runs from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Take a closer 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 7 - 8 year-old group will spend a morning on a lobster boat cruise, while the 9 - 11 year-old group will experience a whale watch out of Gloucester.

August 6 - 10

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Investigators

For children ages 7 & 8

Fee per session: Members: \$250 Nonmembers: \$315

The camp day runs from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

NEW Nature's Symphony

Animal sounds are all around us. Unfortunately, lots of people ignore these wonderful natural noises. This week, campers will use their ears and become more familiar with birdsongs, bug buzzes, and chipmunk chatter. Using natural materials, we'll make instruments and create a language of our very own.

Session I: July 2 - 6

Session II: July 23 - 27

NSI — Nature Scene Investigator

Have you ever wondered what kind of animal ate the pine cones and acorns in your yard? Or what's that "scat" in the garden? And what kind of animal tracks are those? Together we'll be NSI agents, solving as many nature mysteries as we can find. The week's highlight will be an afternoon visit with Native American storyteller Pat Bade and a live owl.

Session I: July 9 - 13

Session II: July 30 - August 3



Beavers, Otters, and Muskrats, Oh My!

Wetlands are home to many different groups of animals, and none are more interesting than the wetland mammals. Campers will visit wetlands and explore an abandoned beaver lodge, scan the cattail swamps for muskrats, and search for signs of otter activity. We'll also construct and test our own beaver dam and enjoy a day paddling on the Ipswich River.

July 16 - 20



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

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Naturalists

For children ages 9 - 11

Fee per session: Members: \$250 Nonmembers: \$315

The camp day runs from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

NEW Wily Wetland Predators

What do snapping turtles, mink, northern water snakes, and pickerel all have in common? They're wetland predators! We'll spend the week scouring the sanctuary's wetlands for evidence of these fascinating carnivores while learning how they hunt. And we may see some of these wily animals as we paddle canoes downstream to Colt Island.

Session I: July 2 - 6

Session II: July 23 - 27

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 walking through the woods. One of the week's many highlights will be an afternoon visit with Native American storyteller Pat Bade and a live owl.

Session I: July 9 - 13

Session II: July 30 - August 3

Winged Wonders

Have you ever wondered what it takes to fly? Armed with binoculars and sweep nets, campers will search the sanctuary for owls, great blue herons, butterflies, dragonflies, and more gravity-defying animals in an attempt to unlock the secrets of flight. We'll work on daily craft projects including a homemade bird-feeder. The week will be highlighted with a paddle on the Ipswich River to look for wetland flyers.

July 16 - 20



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Creating Art in Nature

For children ages 7 - 11

Fee per session: Members: \$250 Nonmembers: \$315

The camp day runs from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

This popular program is co-taught by an artist-educator and a naturalist. Families are invited to a Friday afternoon art show.



Natural Landscape Art Week: August 13 - 17

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

Animal Art Week: August 20 - 24

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

Two-Week Programs for Ages 7 - 11

Ipswich River Trekkers

For children ages 7 - 11

Fee per session: Members: \$455 Nonmembers: \$520

The camp day runs from 8:45 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 to Perkins Island. While on the island we'll have lunch, play games, and build gnome homes. 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 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: July 9 - 20

Session II: July 23 - August 3

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Traveling Adventures

For children ages 12 - 14

Fee per session: Members: \$375 Nonmembers: \$440

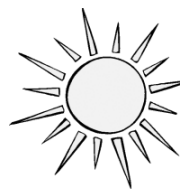
The camp day runs from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Traveling Adventures are led by Staff Educator/Naturalist
Andrew Prazar

New Cape Ann Adventures: July 2 - 6

Join us for a week of exploring the rocky coast of Cape Ann. We'll visit unique sites such as the ghost town at Dogtown Common, Halibut Point State Park, and many of the other small coastal reservations that contain beaches, tide pools, and salt marshes.

Campers will also have the opportunity to march in Manchester's Fourth of July parade! Please note that this program will meet at Mass Audubon's Endicott Wildlife Sanctuary in Wenham for easier access to these Cape Ann areas.



Teen Traveling Adventures I: July 9 - 13

Expand your horizons with a series of day trips to exciting areas. We'll start our week with an exploration of Cedar Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in Wenham, combined with team-building games and activities. Later in the week, we'll hike in the Middlesex Fells Reservation and summit Mt. Pawtuckaway (an extinct volcano) in New Hampshire. Closer to home, we will go letterboxing in Ravenswood Park and explore the coast with a trip to Plum Island. We'll cap off our week with a Friday evening boat trip aboard the *Erica Lee* during which we'll investigate the marine life of the Merrimack River.

Teen Traveling Adventures II: July 16 - 20

This week, campers will take a variety of exciting day trip adventures. We'll begin with a day of exploring the sanctuary and engaging in team-building activities. The first trip is to the Trustees of Reservations' Crane Estate in Ipswich, where we'll explore the coast and go for a swim. Next we'll go north to Odiorne Point State Park in Rye, New Hampshire to search the rocky shore and hike maritime woodlands. Then we're off to Wildwood, Mass Audubon's overnight camp, where we'll climb nearby Mt. Monadnock. The group will camp out Thursday night and enjoy an evening of storytelling and s'mores around a campfire.



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Canoe Adventures

For children ages 12 - 14

Program participants must know how to swim.

The camp day runs from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Ipswich River Adventures

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

August 13 - 17 Fee: Members: \$305 Nonmembers: \$370



Further River Adventures

Campers will paddle less-visited sections of the Ipswich River and take a day trip to a saltwater creek. On daily canoe trips we'll see frogs, turtles, and other animals that inhabit the river, shore, and islands.

Campers can cool off in the river with daily dips and learn water safety skills. An overnight campout will highlight this week as we pitch tents, enjoy s'mores over a campfire, and observe nocturnal animals on Perkins Island.

August 20 - 24 Fee: Members: \$320 Nonmembers: \$385



Counselor in Training Program*

Fee: Members: \$75 Nonmembers: \$140

For children ages 14 -16

Ipswich River's Counselor in Training (CIT) program is for teens who are looking to gain experience working with children. Participate in training sessions, lead games, assist camp groups, and learn to teach activities.

*An application is required and space is limited. Participants must commit to two consecutive weeks of camp. For more information and an application, contact Scott Santino at ssantino@massaudubon.org.

2012 Day Camps - Marblehead



Marblehead

Hammond Nature Center

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

Marblehead Young Explorers

For children ages 5 & 6

Fee: Members: \$255 Nonmembers: \$320

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

This camp is designed to encourage 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.

July 9 - 13

Marblehead Explorers

For children ages 7 - 10

Fee per session: Members: \$245 Nonmembers: \$310

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

Carnivore Camp: July 16 - 20

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 observations to explore the special hunting strategies of these animals.

NEW Adventure Camp: July 23 - 27

This week campers will become real adventurers. Together we'll use maps and compasses to find our way, build woodland shelters, and create our very own nature quest.

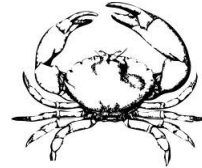
Nature and Art: July 30 - August 3

Spend a week discovering the beauty of nature while unlocking your artistic creativity. By closely investigating the natural surroundings, campers will be artistically inspired while developing an appreciation for nature. Our artists/naturalists will teach campers techniques for drawing, painting, sculpture, and creating in other media.

Essex

Essex County Greenbelt's Cox Reservation

Join us as we discover the amazing coastal creatures that live at the Essex County Greenbelt's Cox Reservation, located on the Essex River. An artist's studio barn provides a unique base for our games and activities.



Salt Marsh Young Explorers

For children ages 5 & 6

Fee: Members: \$235 Nonmembers: \$300

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

This camp is designed to encourage 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 about the salt marsh habitat. Nature crafts and games will round out this week of fun and discovery.

August 6 - 10



Salt Marsh Explorers

For children ages 7 - 10

Fee: Members: \$225 Nonmembers: \$290

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

Children will explore river, salt marsh, and upland habitats, while participating in sensory awareness activities, playing games, creating art, and looking for animals in these unique locations. The highlight of the week will be a day exploring Choate Island, part of The Trustees of Reservations' Crane Wildlife Refuge. We'll take a boat ride over, to hike and investigate the island's plants and animals and learn about its amazing history.

August 13 - 17

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. To join, please enclose a separate check for \$65. Credit card payment can be made by mail or phone. **Registration must be accompanied by a \$50 nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit (per child, per week). The balance of the camp fee is due by May 1.** When registering after May 1, payment is due in full. For identity safety assurance, fax and email submissions are not accepted. **Please 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. Refunds are not made for dismissal, failure to attend, absence, or sick days. All cancellations must be made in writing. 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 on the registration form.

Staff

Our staff Teacher-Naturalist, Scott Santino, returns for his eleventh summer as Camp Director. We take pride in offering a fun, caring, organized, and educational program.

All staff members 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 staff who have been trained in Basic Water Rescue and Small Craft Safety. All programs meet Massachusetts state law and American Camp Association staff to camper ratio guidelines.

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 will not be admitted to camp without properly completed health forms.**

Camp Scholarships

Camp scholarships are available. Call the sanctuary at 978-887-9264 for an application form or for more information. **Please include a \$25 deposit with the application. Deadline for applications is April 27.** Applicants will be notified by May 10 of scholarship decisions. Camp scholarships are made possible by the generous contributions of our members. Contributions are always 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 boards 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 to earn this mark of distinction.



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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, teen adventure trips for campers aged 14 - 17, or our 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.



Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 34,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 225,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Mass Audubon's mission and actions have expanded since our beginning in 1896 when our founders set out to stop the slaughter of birds for use on women's fashions. Today we are the largest conservation organization in New England. Our statewide network of wildlife sanctuaries, in 90 Massachusetts communities, welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our work. To support these important efforts, call 800-AUDUBON (283-8266) or visit www.massaudubon.org.

2012 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-newsletter

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____

Session Title _____

Session Title _____

Extended Day Option _____

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 \$65 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 Discover MasterCard Visa Discover Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

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

Signature _____ Total Enclosed \$

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

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

Please charge the tuition balance to my credit card on **May 1, 2012.**

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