

Program Fees

Pre-registration is required for all programs. There is a minimum of 8 participants for each program. One adult for every 5 children is free; additional adults will be charged the



program fee.

1.5 hours (Guided Walks) \$6/person

2 hours (Brownie Try-its) \$7/person

3.5 hours (Junior Badges) \$12/person

To Register/Schedule a Program

We offer many programs on Saturdays from November to April. For a list of dates of currently scheduled programs, please contact

Jane Higgins at 617-489-5050, ext. 203, jhiggins@massaudubon.org or visit the Patriot's Trail website at www.ptgirlscouts.org. In addition to these pre-scheduled programs, we can also plan a program to fit your schedule. Call for availability.

All programs must be booked at least two weeks in advance. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is due upon registration. Programs may be rescheduled due to severe or inclement weather. Refunds will be issued if you notify us of your cancellation at least one week before the program is scheduled.

Habitat

Habitat is a Mass Audubon education center and wildlife sanctuary located on 87 acres in Belmont. In support of its mission to protect the nature of Massachusetts, Habitat provides diverse education programs and maintains wildlife habitat, walking trails, and formal gardens. Habitat also offers a wide variety of programs and field trips for adults, families, and children in natural history, the environment, and horticulture. It also delivers outreach programs to schools and other groups in the community.

For more information, please contact us at:

Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary
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617-489-5050
habitat@massaudubon.org

Mass Audubon

The Massachusetts Audubon Society is the largest conservation organization in New England, concentrating its efforts on protecting the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Mass Audubon protects more than 29,000 acres of conservation land, conducts educational programs for 250,000 children and adults annually, and advocates for sound environmental policies at the local, state, and federal levels. Established in 1896 and supported by 65,000 member households, Mass Audubon maintains 41 wildlife sanctuaries that are open to the public and serve as the base for its conservation, education, and advocacy work across the state. For more information or to become a member, call 800-AUDUBON (283-8266) or visit the website at www.massaudubon.org.



Scout Programs

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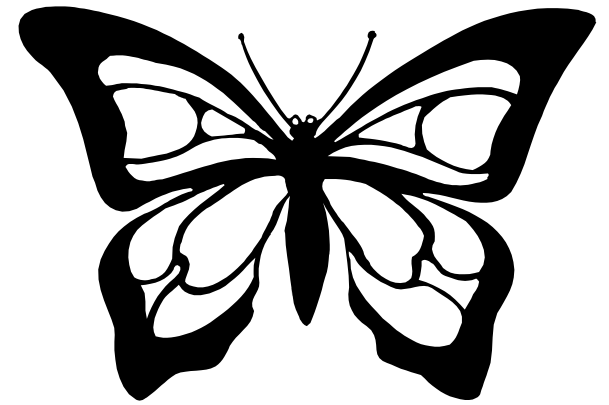
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Habitat is an ideal place to bring your scout troop. Through hands-on activities, games and outdoor explorations, scouts learn about nature and our place in it. We have developed many programs based on Girl Scouts USA requirements to help your troop achieve their badges. For each program, we will complete the required number of activities to receive a badge. Badges may be purchased through your Girl Scout Store. Although we do not currently offer programs for cub or boy scouts, we are eager to design a program to meet your needs.



Brownies

Seasonal Guided Walks—*Please contact us for available dates.*

Maple Sugaring: Come learn about the science and history of maple sugaring. Through hands-on activities, a puppet show, and a visit to a tapped tree, learn the parts of a maple tree, how sap is tapped and made into syrup, and how maple sugaring was discovered.

Magical Spring Pools: Discover vernal pools, those magical ponds that appear for only a short time in the spring. Learn why these pools are critical to wildlife and why they need to be protected. Visit a vernal pool and collect samples of amphibians, insects, and crustaceans to observe, identify, and release.



Try-it Programs

Animals: Practice communicating and moving like different animals. Visit Habitat's resident animals and discover their habitat needs.

Requirements 2, 3, 4 and 5



Earth & Sky: Learn about the rock cycle and how fossils are formed. Discover why the sun's energy is important to us. Investigate how different organisms fly through the air with the greatest of ease.

Requirements 2, 3, 5 and 6

Eco-Explorer: What do all living things need to survive? Food, water and shelter. Examine how plants and animals depend on each other. Build mini-shelters of our own, using natural materials.

Requirements 1, 2, 3 and 4

Outdoor Adventurer: Use your senses to discover the different textures, shapes, colors, smells and sounds in nature. Learn how to dress for the weather and to build a shelter.

Requirements 1, 3, 4 and 5

Science Wonders: What makes thunder and how are bubbles formed? Learn about different states of matter and create your own slime. Learn the importance of recycling and make recycled paper. This program occurs indoors only.

Requirements 2, 3, 4 and 5

Senses: How do we learn about our world around us? By using our senses! Animals also use their senses to discover their world. Who has the best hearing? Who can detect different smells?

Requirements 1, 2, 3 and 4.



Water Everywhere: Water can be found almost anywhere you look. Head to the pond or vernal pool to look for creatures. Learn where water can be found and how important it is to our survival.

Requirements 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Juniors

Earth Connections: Discover how everything--living and non-living--is connected in an ecosystem. Learn to identify 10 species of trees by their leaves and fruit.
Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7

Finding Your Way: What would you do if you got lost? Learn how to read different types of maps, use a compass and create maps and trails of your own.
Requirements 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, and 9.

Frosty Fun: How do people and animals adapt to the winter? Learn about cold weather injuries and what to do to prevent them. Investigate the grounds for signs of animals, while snowshoeing.

Requirements 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10.



Outdoor Creativity: Let nature inspire your creativity. Study famous artists and Native American folklore inspired by nature. Stroll through Habitat's lovely flower gardens and preserve samples.

Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

Rocks rock: Discover the ground beneath your feet. Investigate the types of rocks and how they form. Learn about fossils and create your own.

Requirements 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10

Water Wonders: Dive in! Investigate the ponds and vernal pools. Learn about the properties of water and participate in a water taste test.

Requirements 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, and 10.



Wildlife: Examine the classes of animals and determine their adaptations, while visiting Habitat's resident animals. Learn about endangered species and discuss ways to help them in our everyday lives.

Requirements 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Your Outdoor Surroundings: Hike around Habitat, using your senses, to discover nature's mysteries. Classify objects in different ways. Learn how to 'leave no trace' and ways to preserve our natural areas.
Requirements 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9.