

OTHER OFFERINGS

Sugaring Off

The Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary's Scout Sugaring Off program is designed to allow scouts a firsthand experience in the delicious tradition of maple sugaring. We begin with a lively indoor introduction to the basic concepts of maple sugaring, including which trees are used and why, how sap flows, and the maple syrup-making process itself. Next, our guides will lead outdoor walks to observe trees and wildlife in late winter, and to see and taste sap as it is being collected. We end the tour with a visit to our sugarhouse to see just how sap is turned into maple syrup, and of course, for a sweet sample of fresh syrup.

Dates: Tuesdays and Wednesdays: February & March

Time: 3:30-4:30 pm

Limit: 75 per tour

Fee: \$6.50 per person

Evening Programs

Discuss nocturnal wildlife, night vision, and night hiking skills during an evening program. Experiences may include calling for owls, listening for choruses of spring peepers and other frogs, watching beavers at work, and enjoying other seasonal highlights. These programs are offered on Friday and Saturday evenings

Fee: \$7.00 per person (1.5 hours)

Canoeing

Canoe the Ipswich River, exploring the animals and plants of the floodplain forests and marshes. Stop in the backwaters and sample the rich aquatic life to learn more about what lives under the water. Investigate natural and human influences and learn how to protect the river's resources (3.5 hours or let us design a program to meet specific badge requirements)

Fee: \$345 per group, or \$23 per scout for groups larger than 15 participants. Shorter programs are available at \$125 per hour. Fee includes canoe rental, PFD, paddle, and two Mass Audubon instructors.

Overnight Programs

Spend the night at Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary. Take a hike and learn about the diverse habitats of our property. We have a field that is perfect for camping under the stars. A rest room and water source are located a short walk away. Participate in a morning and evening hike led by a staff naturalist.

Outdoor overnights (May, June, September, and October only) Maximum 14 tents and 28 people (children + adults)

Schedule: Overnights begin at 5:00 pm and end at 9:00 am the following morning.

Fees:

No program option: \$16/person, minimum fee: \$160

Night Hike option: \$18/person, minimum fee: \$180

Night and Morning Hike option: \$20/person, minimum fee: \$200

Hikes are 1.5 hours and begin at 7:00 pm and 7:00 am



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GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS 2009-2010

Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield invites you to join our qualified staff as they lead scout groups through the diverse habitats of our property. We specialize in providing outdoor and environmental programs for scouts. Our programs are designed to cover badge and merit requirements for the Girl Scouts USA and Boy Scouts of America. Some of our programs blend perfectly with the entire list of requirements for a specific badge and others address certain aspects of an achievement or badge. Note: Some of the activities have been adapted to cover the desired content, but may not be executed exactly as outlined in your manual. The sanctuary has 2,267 acres and 12 miles of trails.

Dates & Times:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

3:30-5:00 pm (also early release days)

Weekend Scout programs: Morning and Afternoons

Location: Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

Fee: \$70/troop (1 to 10 scouts, including siblings), \$7/each additional scout or sibling. No fee for adults. 1.5 hour program limited to 15 scouts. Siblings must be 5 years or older to attend. Please limit your chaperones to 5 adults who will be accompanying your troop on program. Also, please carpool when possible.

Fee: \$80/troop 2 hour program

The following is a listing of scout programs that we offer. If the nature based badge or activity is not listed we will be happy to design and conduct a program that meets the needs of the individual scout group.

DAISIES

Habitat Hike

Explore the different habitats of the sanctuary and take a closer look at what the plants and animals are doing, depending on the season.

Pond Dipping

Equipped with strainers, buckets, and hand lenses, discover what lives in our freshwater habitats. Take a closer look at the creatures that wriggle and swim through Waterfowl Pond.

Backyard Birds

View birds from our bird-viewing window, observation tower, and trails. We'll take a closer look at feathers, nests, and bird mounts, and learn to identify some of our local birds.

Beavers

Discover what life is like for the largest rodent in North America. We will observe up close a beaver mount, lodge, dam, and scent mounds. As a group we will build our own beaver lodge.

Animal Tracking

Snow or no snow, learn about tracks and the animals that made them. We'll explore the forest trails and meadows in search of nibbles, animal homes, and scat.

BROWNIES

Earth and Sky

Discover the many wonders that occur above our heads and below our feet. Who lives where, and why should we care? Activities – 1, 3, 4, 5

Eco-Explorer

Ecology is the study of how plants and animals live together in the environment. Participate in a scavenger hunt and look for living and non-living things. Create a food chain and discover what a habitat is and why it is so important to our native wildlife. Activities 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Plants

What are seeds? Where do plants come from? We'll explore sprouting plants, make plant rubbings, and look for different types of leaves. Activities 1, 2, 3, 4

Senses

Take a sensory hike to discover some of nature's mysteries. What does a cricket sound like? How does it feel to be without sight? Describe the scent of a fresh leaf. In this program we will experiment with some new and different sensory experiences. We'll use all of our senses and design sound maps as we walk along the trails. Activities 1, 2, 3, 4

Outdoor Adventure

Learn what it takes to be an outdoor adventurer. We'll build a shelter, go on a hike, and explore the outdoors using all of our senses. Activities 3, 4, 5

Watching Wildlife

Improve your observation skills as we focus on watching the animals found at the sanctuary. Learn how they build their homes, communicate, and get ready for the seasons. Activities 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Water Everywhere

Discover the importance of water and the many organisms that rely on it. We will visit our wetland habitats and find out what lives there. Using buckets and strainers, we'll explore a pond and search for creatures in the water. Activity 5

JUNIORS

Earth Connections

Discover the forest layers as you learn how to identify plants and trees, and find out what a tree's rings can teach you. Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8

Frosty Fun

Enjoy the outdoors when it is cold outside. Hike the trails and learn to recognize the tracks of our local animals. Take an up-close look at snowflakes using hand lenses and microscopes. Requirements 3, 6

Outdoor Creativity

Learn how nature can inspire creativity in you and others using art and poetry. Tour our butterfly and bird gardens. Requirements 1, 3, 7, 10

Your Outdoor Surroundings

Take a hike and enjoy the outdoors. Participants will have fun as they hike the trails of Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, and observe the organisms around them. Requirements 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

CADETTES AND SENIORS

From Shore to Sea

Explore the rocky shore, sandy beach, and salt marsh. Learn about the animals and plants in each habitat and compare their similarities and differences at an appropriate site near you. Skill Builder 1

Wildlife

Explore a forest, field, and wetland habitat, and conduct and record observations. Learn to identify animals and plants, and recognize tracks in snow or mud. Skill Builder 1, 2, 3, 4

All About Birds

Hike the trails of the sanctuary and learn to identify birds by their size, calls and behavior using binoculars and spotting scopes. Skill builder 2, 3 Technology 1

Note: Cadettes and seniors may also take part in our family and adult programs listed in our sanctuary brochure if content is related to requirements. Scouts must be accompanied by an adult.



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2009-2010 SCOUT REGISTRATION FORM

Please duplicate and complete a separate registration form for each group.

Scout Group Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Leader Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

PROGRAM NAME: _____

PROGRAM FEE: _____

1st Choice: Date/Time: _____

2nd Choice: Date/Time: _____

3rd Choice: Date/Time: _____

of Scouts: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Siblings: _____

Enclose \$15.00 non-refundable deposit: _____

Please make checks payable to Mass Audubon.

Balance due upon arrival: _____

MasterCard, Visa or Discover: Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Return this form to:

Scout Programs, Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, 87 Perkins Row Topsfield, MA 01983

Attn: Angela Walsh