

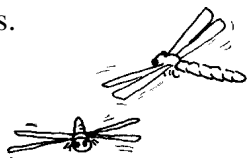
Learning is always fun at Moose Hill!

Moose Hill is an ideal setting for scout and community groups to explore the natural world. Many of our programs are specifically designed to fulfill badge requirements for Girl Scouts USA and the Boy Scouts of America. See enclosed listing.

Discovery/Badge Programs

This offering is a great introduction to the natural history of Moose Hill. Enthusiastic naturalists will lead your group on a trail adventure. Programs are offered weekends and weekday afternoons.

(1.5 -2 hours)



Choose from:

Scout Badge Programs

See enclosed sheet detailing which badges and requirements we can help you accomplish.

Animal Life

Look for signs of the season. Observe how the plants and animals respond to the season.

Animal Tracks and Signs

Train your eye to look for wildlife sign: tracks, scat, browse, and more.

Wetlands: Ponds, Vernal Pools, and Swamps

Discover what lives in aquatic habitats through gentle, hands-on exploration and observation games.

Map and Compass Basics

Learn how to use a compass and basic map reading skill.

Geology of Moose Hill

Explore the rock cycle and geologic features of Moose Hill.

Maple Sugaring - see description to right.

Maple Sugaring Programs

Weekday Sugaring Scout Walks (1.5 hours)

Weekdays, late February - late March 2009

1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.



Join us for the magic of maple sugaring. Discover why this is the right time to make maple syrup. Learn about the natural and cultural history of sugaring from original Native American methods up to present day technology. Come inside our sugar house and see the inner workings of our evaporator. (Please note that the evaporator will not be lit during these programs.) A taste of the final product will complete your program.

Weekend Special Event (1.5 hours)

Maple Sugaring Festival 2010

Sunday, March 14; Saturday, March 20; and Sunday, March 21

11 a.m. - 3 p.m, tours begin every 15 minutes (Pre-registration starts December 2009)

This special event weekend (available to everyone) features the wonders of maple sugaring. Learn about maple trees and why this is the right time to sugar. Visit with people dressed from and speaking about colonial and Native American sugaring practices. After experiencing the sweet steam from our sugar house, where we are turning sap into syrup, enjoy a sample of our pure maple syrup.

Other treats ("sap" dogs, pancakes with syrup, maple popcorn and more) will be available back at the Nature Center for a small additional fee. Additional free activities are offered back at the Nature Center too to complete the experience!

Evening Programs

Discuss nocturnal wildlife, constellations, night vision, and night hiking skills during an evening program. Experiences may include calling for owls, listening for singing choruses of spring peepers and other frogs, viewing spectacular firefly shows, and enjoying other seasonal highlights. These after-hours programs are offered weekends and weekday evenings.

(1.5 hours)

Choose from:

Night Walk at Moose Hill
Owls of New England



Eagle Scouts, Troop, or

Group Community Service Projects

There are many options available for individuals or groups who are interested in environmentally-related projects and community service work. Special arrangements can be made through Christine Turnbull, Sanctuary Director.

Indoor Overnight Programs

Spend the night inside the Nature Center during an indoor overnight! Experience a night hike, learn about nocturnal animals, night vision, and more. An hour-long program time the following morning will complete the experience. Call for a brochure for complete details.



Program Fees:

Pre-registration is required for all programs.

Discovery Programs/Badge Programs

1.5 hour Programs

\$6/person (\$60 minimum fee)

2 hour Programs

\$7/person (\$70 minimum fee)

Evening 1.5 hour Programs

\$7/person (\$70 minimum fee)

For all Discovery/Badge Programs, one chaperone is free for every five children. Any additional adults pay the child rate.

Weekday Maple Sugaring Fees

\$6/person (\$60 minimum)

One chaperone is free for every five children. Any additional adults pay the child rate.

Maple Sugaring Festival: Special Event Fees

\$7/person

Pre-registration is required. The event fee is applied to both children and adults. Children age three and younger are free.

Indoor Overnight Programs

See "Indoor Overnight Programs" brochure for fee information.

For more information or to schedule a program, contact Patti Austin at 781-784-5691 x8103 or via e-mail at paustin@massaudubon.org. (Please reference "scouts" in subject line when e-mailing.)

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, located in Sharon and established in 1916, is the oldest Massachusetts Audubon Society sanctuary and one of the oldest private wildlife sanctuaries in the United States. Moose Hill protects nearly 2,000 acres of forests, fields and wetland habitats. The Sanctuary offers a wide variety of programs and services for children, adults, families, schools, scouts and community groups. The office and gift shop is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m and weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members hike for free. The trail fee for non-members is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. Children three and under are free. For more information about membership, programs, and other events call 781-784-5691.

Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 33,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 200,000 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 45 wildlife sanctuaries welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our conservation, education, and advocacy work. To support these important efforts, call 800-AUDUBON (283-8266) or visit www.massaudubon.org.

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