

Stony Brook

Wildlife Sanctuary

Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary is cooperatively managed by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Sanctuary encompasses more than 250 acres of forest, field, and wetland habitats each offering exciting opportunities for nature exploration. The 2 miles of trails on the Sanctuary include a scenic boardwalk across a pond and marsh. Indoors, the visitor center contains displays on various natural history topics, program space, and a gift shop with nature oriented items.

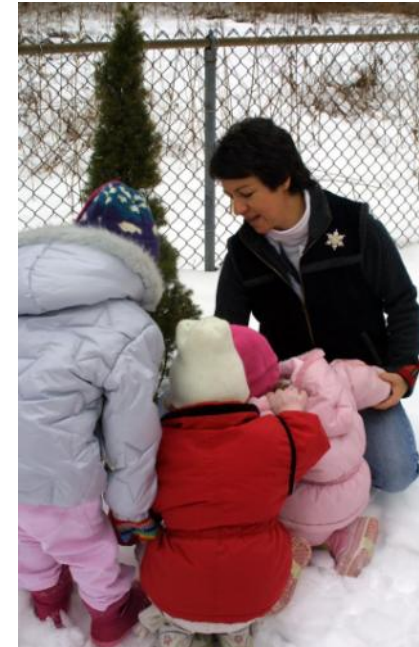
Stony Brook's educational programming furnishes students with a greater understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Stony Brook's staff are well versed in ecological and educational concepts and strive to provide only the highest quality programs which stress hands-on, experiential learning. All programs are designed to support guidelines of the Massachusetts State Curriculum Frameworks as well as the Benchmarks for Environmental Literacy.

Mass Audubon Society

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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Preschool Outreach Programs



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 **Mass Audubon**
Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts

Bring nature to your preschool !

Invite a Stony Brook teacher naturalist to bring a variety of nature topics to your class.



Seasonal topics, taught September through May, focus on what is happening outside in our own backyards. We incorporate creative dramatics, songs and fingerplays, games, manipulatives, puppets, mounted animals (stuffed REAL animals!), and an occasional live animal into the programs to engage and teach your preschoolers.

Often, these classes are some of the first experiences children have with nature. Classes are kept small (under 15 children) so questions and discussions can be encouraged and accommodated. Topics are chosen by local relevance and their ability to excite and stimulate the children



To Schedule a Program in your School

Preschool classes are taught Monday through Friday, usually between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm. Please contact Marla Cohen, Education Coordinator, at (508) 528-3140 x122 or mcohen@massaudubon.org for further information or to schedule a class.

Suggested Seasonal Topics

September—Migrating Monarchs and other Butterflies

Where do the brightly colored monarch butterflies go in winter? What butterflies did you see this summer? Explore the world of butterflies: the different types, their life cycle and ways of attracting them to your schoolyard.

October - Night Animals

Who comes out at night and why? How do bats 'see' in the dark? Who turned over the trash-can? And who is making that noise? Explore the world of bats and skunks, owls and moths, foxes and fishers.

November - Beautiful Birds

How are we the same as birds and how are we different? Can birds' beaks tell you what they eat? Can their feet tell us where they live? Investigate the answers to these questions, as our summer birds leave and our winter birds arrive.

December - Terrific Trees

From their roots to their shoots, discover all about trees. Explore their different parts including bark, leaves and seeds, and find out how a tree makes its own food.

January - Winter Sleepers

While we are having fun in the snow, many of our animal friends are sleeping. Learn how the chipmunk and other winter sleepers survive the cold weather.

February - Making Tracks

While some animals sleep through the winter, others stay awake. In this class we'll use animal tracks to discover who is out and about in the winter and find out what they are doing.



If your class is involved in a particular theme, we may be able to develop a class just for you! If you don't see a topic that sparks your interest, please call us. Our staff is well versed in a variety of themes such as dinosaurs have been a popular theme, as well as bears, geology, and water. Summer programs are also available.

March - Snakes and other reptiles

What makes a reptile a reptile? From turtles, snakes and lizards to the enormous dinosaurs of prehistoric times, learn about these cold-blooded, egg-laying, scale-covered animals.



April - Amazing Amphibians

Spring is here and so are the frogs and salamanders. Discover the life cycle of amphibians from egg to tadpole to adult and find out how these unique animals are adapted to life in, and out, of the water.

May - Living Together

Life in an insect colony is much like life in a family: building a home, raising babies, looking for food. Learn what it takes to be a bee and discover how colony insects work together to take care of the hive. Which job would you choose?

Program Fees

1-hour program	\$80
45 minute program	\$60
Half-hour program	\$40