



Bringing Nature Your Way: Customized Talks & Walks for Adult Groups

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

The Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary offers a wide variety of exciting programs for adult groups including field walks, wildlife tours and cruises, workshops, and lectures. Our programs offer members of social clubs, community groups, and senior centers the opportunity to experience the true nature of Cape Cod.

LECTURES

Through the use of images, plant and animal specimens, and/or other visual aids, our naturalists will introduce your group to a wide range of natural history topics. Cost ranges from \$75-\$150 for a 45-60 minute presentation, depending on time of day and location. Some of our more popular topics include:

Backyard Birds

Sea Turtles

Landscaping for Wildlife

Seals of Cape Cod

Owls of Cape Cod

Terrapins: Turtles of the Salt Marsh

Coastal Botany / Wildflowers

Ancient Mariners: Horseshoe Crabs

Plovers & Birds of the Beach

Rare Habitats of Cape Cod

Coastal Geology

Whales and Seabirds

FIELD WALKS

Our naturalists lead walks on our Sanctuary and off-site, including the Cape Cod National Seashore, or at your site.



Experience the Sanctuary's tidal flats, salt marshes, forests, and freshwater pond. Or head to the Seashore's beech forest, red maple swamp, Atlantic white cedar swamp, dunes, or outer beaches. Walks can be very focused (birds, marine invertebrates, wildflowers/botany) or focus on certain local issues (coastal processes, erosion) or general in nature.

Group size is limited to 20 people per naturalist to encourage participant and leader interaction. Additional naturalists can be scheduled for large groups. Cost is \$95 per hour, per naturalist. Discounts given to Cape Cod groups and for programs scheduled in off-season (October 15 - April 15).

TURTLE RESEARCH: "Box Turtle Tracking" and "In Search of Diamondbacks"

This in-the-field program is an exciting way for your group to experience research techniques while learning about the natural history of Eastern Box Turtles, a species of "special concern" and Diamondback Terrapins, a threatened species of salt marsh turtle. These are active, hands-on and get-dirty type of programs! Group size is limited to 20 participants. Turtle season is April through October. Cost is \$95 per hour, per naturalist.

GARDENING FOR BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES: GARDEN TOUR

The area in front of the nature center has been developed as a garden to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Wildflowers, herbs, annuals and perennials have been chosen for their colors throughout the different seasons, nectars and nutrients, and for shelter for insects. With a tour of the gardens, a naturalist will introduce you to these elements of gardening for wildlife, as well as plant, butterfly and bird identification. This outdoor program is good for those not interested in much walking.

GREEN BUILDING TOUR

Take a tour of our certified "green building." A green building, also known as a sustainable building, is designed to meet certain objectives such as using energy, water, and other resources more efficiently; reducing the overall impact to the environment; protecting occupant health; and improving employee productivity. Some of the many green features of Wellfleet Bay's Nature Center include photo-voltaic panels that produce the building's electricity, solar panels to produce hot water, super-insulated windows, recycled and renewable building materials used throughout, and low consumption of water through new composting flushable toilets and a rainwater collection system. Tour is 45-60 minutes; cost is \$85-95.

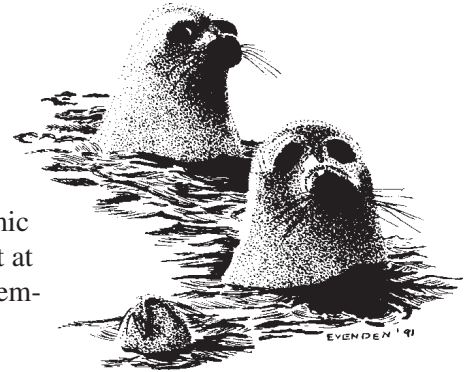
CANOE & KAYAK TRIPS

On these naturalist-led canoe and kayak trips we explore salt marshes, freshwater “kettle” ponds, or tidal rivers. We provide the canoes or kayaks, paddles, and life jackets. Your group needs to have previous paddling experience and swimming ability. Children must be 15 years or older. Group size is limited to 10-15 participants. Trips are offered May through October. Cost is \$35 per person for canoe trips and \$40 per person for kayak trips with a minimum charge for both trips.

CRUISES: SEALS, MARINE LIFE & BIRDS

Chatham Seal Cruises

Cruise in the protected waters off Chatham. Grey Seals typically congregate in this area and we will view them from the boat as they rest and swim in the surrounding waters. This naturalist-guided trip is also a great off-shore perspective of this dynamic coastline. Cruise length range between 1.5–2 hours. Participants remain on the boat at all times. Group size is limited to 15–18 people. Trips are offered June through September. Contact the sanctuary for exact dates and fees.



Cape Cod Bay Seal & Seabird Cruises

Cruise out of Wellfleet Harbor to Billingsgate Shoal aboard the 50' *Naviator*. Once the solitude of fall returns to Cape Cod Bay, the seals also return. At lower tides, both Grey and Harbor Seals hang out on exposed sand flats of Billingsgate Shoal and Jeremy Point. Sightings of loons and seaducks like eiders and scoters are also abundant this time of year. Participants remain on the boat at all times. Group size can range between 25–35 people. Trip is 2 hours in length and runs October–November. Trip costs \$900 to charter the entire boat.

Cape Cod Bay Marine Life Cruise

Travel out of Wellfleet Harbor into Cape Cod Bay and learn about marine life on this 2 hour cruise that accommodates up to 35 people. We'll use an otter trawl, scallop drag, and a plankton net to sample plants and animals along the bottom and the surface. Naturalists are on board to interpret local and natural history of the area. Seals are often present during the early spring and late fall months. Trip costs \$1000 to charter the entire boat.

Nauset Marsh Cruise

Cruise serene Nauset Marsh in a pontoon boat searching for birds and other wildlife while learning about the natural history of the salt marsh. Early “bird” trips, day trips, or sunset trips are all possibilities. Group size limited to 15 people. Trips run May–October. Cost is \$40 per person for a 2-hour tour (minimum charge of \$400).

NATURAL HISTORY & BIRDING TOURS

Monomoy Islands Tour



Located off the coast of Chatham, Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge is one of the last remaining wilderness areas in the Northeast. The refuge includes both North Monomoy and South Monomoy Islands, classic barrier islands made up of sand beaches, dunes, interdune swales, salt marshes, and tidal flats. We offer trips to both islands to observe shorebirds, songbirds, waterfowl, and a diversity of coastal plants and animals. Wading to shore up to your knees and walking for several miles in soft sand are part of the trip. Group size is limited to 12 people on both North Monomoy and South Monomoy. Trips run May–October. Cost is \$35 per person for 3-hour North Monomoy Tour (minimum charge of \$350) and \$70 per person for 4-6 hour South Monomoy Tour (minimum charge of \$700).

South Beach Tour

This classic barrier beach in Chatham extends several miles south into the Atlantic Ocean. Sheltering dunes and expansive tidal flats at low tide attract thousands of migrating shorebirds. Grey Seals rest at the southern tip and a variety of seashells can be found along the shoreline. A short boat ride, wading to shore up to your knees, and walking for several miles in soft sand are required. Group size is limited to 15 people. Trips run May–October. Cost is \$35 per person for a 3 or 4-hour tour (minimum charge of \$350).

For more information contact the Education Coordinator at **508-349-2615** or visit www.massaudubon.org/wellfleetbay