

More Horseshoe Crabs Programs with Wellfleet Bay!

IN SEARCH OF SPAWNING HORSESHOE CRABS

Saturday, May 24, 2:30–4:30 P.M.

Sunday, May 25, 3–5 P.M.

Fee: \$7 NM/ \$5 M

Registration required

Leader: Bob Prescott

Each spring, horseshoe crabs come to near-shore waters to spawn and females deposit their eggs just below the tide line. Most of the activity occurs around the high tides of the new and full moons. We will travel to local horseshoe crab “hotspots” to hopefully observe spawning horseshoe crabs and learn about their natural history. Wear knee-high boots.

HORSESHOE CRABS & SHOREBIRDS ON MONOMOY

Saturday, June 7, 1–4 P.M.

Fee: \$35 NM/ \$30 M

Registration required

Leader: Mark Faherty

Spring on North Monomoy Island brings spawning horseshoe crabs and the return of nesting shorebirds like American oystercatchers, willets, and piping plovers, as well as migrant birds. This hike takes us along the North Monomoy’s beaches, tidal flats, creeks, and salt marsh to learn about the horseshoe crab and shorebird connection. Be prepared to spend some time in ankle to knee-deep, cold water.

IN SEARCH OF JUVENILE HORSESHOE CRABS

Wednesday, June 25, 1–3 P.M.

Friday, July 11, 12:30–2:30 P.M.

Fee: \$9 NM/ \$7 M

Registration required

Leader: Katherine Terkanian and Sarah Martinez

Join Wellfleet Bay horseshoe crab researchers on a field trip to local tidal creeks to learn more about the Sanctuary’s research project of juvenile horseshoe crabs. The goals of the project include gathering information on population estimates and physical and environmental conditions of when they are found. Be prepared to get muddy and wet! Wear knee-high boots.



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Horseshoe Crab Conference

Saturday, April 5, 2008



**A gathering of scientists and citizens
hosted by Mass Audubon’s
Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary**

Horseshoe Crab Conference

Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

This **free** conference is open to the public and will feature presentations by local experts, a panel discussion, and posters and exhibits that highlight horseshoe crab biology, their role in the environment, population status on the Cape, and the human issues surrounding their harvest and conservation. Additionally, Wellfleet Bay will be recruiting volunteers to help with spawning censuses and a tagging project in Wellfleet Harbor. Details on how to get involved with this project will also be shared. **To register contact the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at 508-349-2615 or wellfleet@massaudubon.org**

9-9:10 a.m. Arrival and Refreshments

9:10–9:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks:** Bob Prescott, Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary & Brenda Boleyn, Committee for the Conservation of Horseshoe Crabs

9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. **Presentations**

9:30–10:10 a.m. **The Biology, Development, and Ecology of Horseshoe Crabs:** Dr. Dan Gibson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

10:15–10:55 a.m. **Horseshoe Crab Fisheries: Past to Present:** Alison Leschen, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

11–11:15 a.m. BREAK (view posters, exhibits)

11:15–11:55 **Horseshoe Crabs in the Bio-Medical Industry:** Dr. Michael Dawson, Associates of Cape Cod

Noon–1 p.m. LUNCH BREAK -- *Special showing of PBS film “Crash: A Tale of Two Species”*

1–1:10 p.m. **Q & A with the producer, writer and director of PBS film “Crash: A Tale of Two Species”:** Allison Argo, ArgoFilms

1:10– 1:20 p.m. **Survey of Horseshoe Crab Observations:** Barbara Waters, Committee for the Conservation of Horseshoe Crabs

1:20–2 p.m. **Researching Local Populations of Horseshoe Crabs:** Dr. Mary-Jane James-Pirri, University of Rhode Island

2–2:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion & Time for Questions**

2:30–3 p.m. **Exhibits, Posters, and Volunteer Recruitment**

Among those presenting posters are: Monica Williams, Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge; Katherine Terkanian and Sarah Martinez, Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary; Denise Ellis, UMASS Boston; and Associates of Cape Cod.

Chatham artist Louise Russell will be displaying her horseshoe crab-inspired art work.