

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary PROGRAM BROCHURE



March 1–May 31, 2019

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Birding Programs

Owl Prowl

Learn about local owl species then head outside to look and listen for them.

Friday, March 1, 5–6:30 PM

\$8 M/\$10 NM; pre-registration required

Flight of the Woodcock

The dazzling, aerial displays of courting male woodcocks are not to be missed.

Fridays, March 15 and 29, 6:30–8 PM

Friday, April 5, 7–8:30 PM

\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

Early Birds Walk

Explore sanctuary trails in search of resident and migratory birds.

Thursdays, April 25–May 30; 8–10 AM

\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

Hawk Watch at Pilgrim Heights

Find us on the Small's Swamp Trail at Pilgrim Heights in North Truro for a chance to see migrating birds of prey. Drop by any time during the advertised hours.

Fridays, April 19–May 3; 10 AM–Noon

Free! No registration required

Bird Research in Action!

Meet the bird banding team and learn about banding methods and research.

Saturdays, April 20–May 25; 8–9 AM

Tuesdays, May 14–28, 8–9 AM

\$7 M/\$9 NM; pre-registration required

Raptors of the Outer Cape

Join us for a presentation on the natural history and identification of birds of prey, then head to Pilgrim Heights in Truro to search for them in flight.

Saturday, April 27, 9 AM–12:30 PM

\$12 M/\$14 NM; pre-registration required



Birding Bell's Neck

Visit one of the Cape's best spots for spring birding.

Saturday, May 4, 7:30–9:30 AM

\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

In Search of Warblers

Search for brightly-colored spring warblers at the Beech Forest in Provincetown.

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30–9:30 AM

Friday, May 31, 7:30–9:30 AM

\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

In Search of Whip-poor-wills

Explore the moors of Marconi in search of whip-poor-wills at dusk.

Friday, May 31, 8–9:30 PM

\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

Cheep Eats Lecture Series

\$3 M/\$5 NM; pre-registration required

Keep warm with a hot beverage and a sweet treat and discover the fascinating avian diversity of Cape Cod. Presentations are 30 minutes with a Q&A period to follow.

Cheep Eats: Irruptive Species

What is an irruptive species? Find out and discover which visited Cape Cod this winter.

Thursday, March 14, 11–11:45 AM

Cheep Eats: Aerial Insectivores

Discover the identification, adaptations, and threats facing this fascinating group of birds.

Thursday, April 11, 11–11:45 AM

Spring Migration Club

Join Wellfleet Bay staff for an in-depth look at spring migration on Cape Cod. This 6-part program series features lectures, guided walks, and van trips to key destinations. \$200 M/\$235 NM; pre-registration required

A Look at Early Migrants

Friday, March 8, 8:30–11 AM

Van Trip to Mashpee Area Hot Spots

Friday, March 22, 9 AM–1:30 PM

Van Trip to Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary

Friday, April 12, 7 AM–1 PM

Introduction to Bird Banding

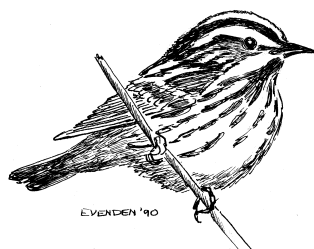
Friday, April 26, 8:30–10:30 AM

Spring Warblers

Friday, May 3, 8:30–11 AM

Bird-a-thon Van Trip to Various Locations

Saturday, May 11, 6 AM–2 PM



Excursions

Birding Sachuest Point, Middletown, RI

Saturday, March 23, 7:30 AM–3:30 PM

\$75 M/\$85 NM; pre-registration required

Visit Tidmarsh Farm, Plymouth

Saturday, April 6, 7 AM–12:30 PM

\$65 M/\$75 NM; pre-registration required

Searching for Spring Migrants on Cape Cod

Wednesday, May 8, 8 AM–1 PM

\$50 M/\$60 NM; pre-registration required

Birding Southern Maine

Tuesday, May 21–Friday, May 24

\$950 M/\$995 NM; pre-registration required



Walks and Kayak Trips

Spring at the Sanctuary

Discover flowers blooming, birds returning and more as the sanctuary springs to life.

Saturdays, March 30, April 13, and May 18, 10–11 AM

\$5 M/\$7 NM; pre-registration required

Exploring the Backwoods of Truro

Explore the Pamet area of Truro where we'll find ocean vistas, abandoned cranberry bogs, historic properties and more.

Tuesday, May 7, 9:30 AM–Noon

\$12 M/\$14 NM; pre-registration required

In Search of Horseshoe Crabs

Search for horseshoe crabs coming up on the beach to spawn at high tide, and discover their behavior, biology, conservation, and management.

Saturday, May 18, 1–3 PM

\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

Box Turtle Tracking

Join Sanctuary Director Bob Prescott for an indoor presentation on our box turtle monitoring and research practices, followed by an active excursion to track box turtles.

Sundays, May 19 and 26, 1–3 PM

\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

Exploring the Backwoods of Wellfleet

Discover Freshbrook Village, the Old King's Highway and more hidden in the woods of South Wellfleet.

Friday, May 24, 9:30 AM–Noon

\$12 M/\$14 NM; pre-registration required

Kayak Pleasant Bay

Explore a winding tidal river, salt marshes, and eel grass beds in Upper Pleasant Bay. Along the paddle we'll search for seals, herons, egrets, shorebirds, and marine life.

Saturday, May 25, 1–3:30 PM

\$55 M/\$60 NM; pre-registration required

Recent paddling experience and the ability to swim are required of all participants.

Full Moon Hike

Look and listen for nocturnal wildlife as the sun sets and the moon rises.

Wednesday, May 29, 7:30–9 PM

\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

Programs for Children and Families

Nature Tales

Cozy up in our nature center for a special story and activity related to wildlife on Cape Cod. Best suited to families with children age 6 and under but all are welcome.

Tuesdays, April 2–May 14, 10–10:30 AM; No program April 16.

Free with membership or sanctuary admission; no registration required

Vernal Pool Visitors

Join local author Heidi Clemmer for a reading and signing of her picture book *Vernal Pool Visitors*. Learn about this fascinating habitat and make a craft to bring home. Best suited to families with children ages 4–8 but all are welcome.

Saturday, April 20, 10:30–11:30 AM

Free with membership or sanctuary admission; pre-registration required

Springtime Naturalists

Spring is here! Head out for an expedition in search of flowers, birds, animal tracks and other signs that spring has sprung at the sanctuary! Best suited for families with children ages 6–10 but all are welcome.

Saturday, April 13, 10:30–11:30 AM

\$5 M/\$7 NM for adults and children; pre-registration required

Seashore Ramble

Use dip nets and magnifiers to search for swimming, flying, and burrowing wildlife on the sanctuary's beach at low tide. For children age 4 and older with a caregiver.


Sunday, May 26, 10 AM–Noon

\$10 M/\$12 NM for adults and children; pre-registration required


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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24th Annual Cape Cod Natural History Conference For over 20 years, Wellfleet Bay has organized this full-day conference featuring presenters from environmental organizations across Cape Cod, speaking on a diversity of natural history topics. This year's conference features presentations on right whales, seals, white sharks, dragonflies, and much more! Early registration fee is \$25; after March 2 the registration fee is \$30. <i>Saturday, March 9, 8:30 AM–3 PM</i> Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary thanks the generous donors that help make this event possible including Cape Cod Five, The Bird Watcher's General Store, and Wilkinson Ecological Design.					1 5 Owl Prowl	2
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April 2019

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April Vacation Adventures: Just for Kids! The birds are singing and flowers are blooming! Trek through the woods, salt marshes, and tidal flats to discover nature springing back to life at the sanctuary. Groups will focus on a different theme each day of the week. Sign up for one or all four days. For children in grades K–5; groups are divided by age. <i>Tuesday, April 16–Friday, April 19, 9 AM–2:30 PM</i> \$40 M/\$45 NM per day; pre-registration required		2 10 Nature Tales	3	4	5 7 PM Flight of the Woodcock	6 7 Visit Tidmarsh Farm
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28	29	30 10 Nature Tales	Tunes and Tales Along the Trail Come and experience a new way to enjoy the magic of Wellfleet Bay! Musicians and storytellers including Cumberland, Black Whydah, Denya Levine, Julie Charland and others will entertain you as you stroll the trails. <i>Saturday, May 25, 11 AM–3 PM; Free with membership or sanctuary admission; no registration required</i>			

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sea Change Film Series Now in its 7th year, this event series is co-sponsored by Wellfleet Bay, the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater, and WCAI Radio. The Last Bay Scallop <i>Saturday, March 16, 7–9 PM</i> Ocean Cities <i>Saturday, April 20, 7–9 PM</i> Tickets are \$12/person per film and available for purchase at www.what.org . All films are screened at Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater's Julie Harris Stage.			1	2 8 Early Birds Walk	3 8:30 Spring Migration Club: Spring Warblers 10 Hawk Watch	4 7:30 Birding Bell's Neck 8 Bird Research in Action!
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Nature Center Hours

Tuesday–Sunday, 8:30 AM–4:30 PM; Daily 8:30 AM–5 PM beginning April 15

Trail Hours

Daily 8 AM–dusk

Nonmember Admission

\$5/adult, \$3/child ages 2–12 and seniors age 65 and older

Program Registration Policies

Pre-registration is required, unless otherwise noted. Drop-ins will be welcome if space permits. For your personal identity protection, we do not accept registrations by fax or email. Refunds are issued if cancellation is received at least 7 days before the program begins. We reserve the right to change programs, schedule, and instructors and to cancel programs due to low enrollment or unfavorable weather. If we cancel, you will receive a full refund. Find expanded program descriptions and register online.