Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary is cooperatively managed by the Mass Audubon and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The sanctuary encompasses 245 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, and a trail for the visually impaired. Indoors, the visitor center contains displays on various natural history topics, program space, and a gift shop with nature-oriented items.

Educational programming on site takes advantage of the unique features of this varied landscape. Stony Brook’s staff is well versed in ecological and educational concepts and strives to provide only the highest quality programs stressing hands-on, experiential learning.

Scout Programs

The programs offered at Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary allow scouts to work together to gain an appreciation for the natural world. The education staff at Stony Brook will design and conduct a program to meet the needs of your individual troop/den. Listed below are the scout programs which we currently offer.

With sufficient notice, we are also willing to develop different programs for additional badges.

Girl Scout Programs - Let us help you on your Journey

Stony Brook offers Journey and badge programs for Girl Scouts of all levels.

Daisies

- Using Resources Wisely: Discover where some of our everyday objects come from and how the “3 R’s” help us use them wisely.
- Courageous & Strong: Are you courageous enough to do worm experiments or look through pond mud for insects?

- Daisy Flower Garden: Session 1: Sensory Hike Session 4: Worms & Composting
- Between Earth & Sky: We have activities that fit into every session

Brownies

- Senses
- Hiker
- Bugs
- Home Scientist

Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon protects 36,500 acres of land throughout Massachusetts, saving birds and other wildlife, and making nature accessible to all. As Massachusetts’ largest nature conservation nonprofit, we welcome more than a half million visitors a year to our wildlife sanctuaries and 20 nature centers. From inspiring hilltop views to breathtaking coastal landscapes, serene woods, and working farms, we believe in protecting our state’s natural treasures for wildlife and for all people—a vision shared in 1896 by our founders, two extraordinary Boston women. Today, Mass Audubon is a nationally recognized environmental education leader, offering thousands of camp, school, and adult programs that get over 225,000 kids and adults outdoors every year. With more than 125,000 members and supporters, we advocate on Beacon Hill and beyond, and conduct conservation research to preserve the natural heritage of our beautiful state for today’s and future generations. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at massaudubon.org.
Brownies continued

Making Games Letterboxer

WOW Journey:
Session 2: Water Cycle
Session 3: Watershed, Gathering water, and Rationing game

Junior

Gardener Animal Habitats Flowers

Get Moving Journey
We have activities for most sessions including: papermaking, observing animals, energy and movement, migration, and how dark is your night?

Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors
We Can Help you meet many outdoor, ecology, and science requirements including:

Night Owl Trees Legacy Sky

Cub Scouts

Lion Scouts Mountain Lion

Tiger Scouts Backyard Jungle Tigers in the Wild Sky’s the Limit

Wolf Scouts Paws on the Path

Bear Scouts Fur, Feathers & Ferns Super Science

Webelos Scouts Earth Rocks! Into the Wild Into the Woods

Boy Scouts
Please call to discuss requirements/badges that may be covered for Boy Scout badges.

Boy Scouts
Stony Brook has many opportunities for Eagle candidates. Projects range from environmental management and construction to education and public awareness. Please contact the Sanctuary Director, Doug Williams at 508-528-3140 for more information or to make arrangements.

Large Group Programs

Scout Night Hikes
Each fall and spring, Stony Brook conducts a night program for scouts of all ages. Explore the trails at night. Learn how your eyes and the eyes of other animals such as owls and raccoons adjust to the dark.
Stony Brook can also schedule private night hikes for just your pack or council. Call Stony Brook for further information and dates.

Badge or Journey Days
Stony Brook can work with you to design a badge day or a Journey in a day program for your pack or council. Call to discuss the possibilities.

To Schedule a Program
During the school year, programs can be scheduled Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. or on weekends at an agreed upon time. Programs must be booked at least two weeks in advance and are subject to availability.

Program Fees

Journeys & Badge Programs $7.00/child
There is a minimum of $35.00 per program. All children, who participate, will be charged. Two chaperones per troop may attend free of charge. A nonrefundable deposit of $21.00 is to be made within a week of scheduling the program.

Large Group Programs $7.00/person
All parents and children who participate will be charged. Two chaperones per troop may attend free of charge. A nonrefundable deposit of $50.00 is to be made within two weeks of scheduling the program. A final count of participants is due two weeks before the date of your program.

Things to Remember...
Chaperones are responsible for the safety and discipline of scouts.
Chaperones are expected to participate fully in all activities.
Please respect the sanctuary’s habitat by refraining from collecting plants or animals.

Large group programs such as Badge or Journey Days and Night Hikes must be booked at least three weeks in advance and are subject to availability. If you need to cancel, we will issue a refund if you notify us of your cancellation at least one week before the program is scheduled. Programs may be rescheduled due to severe weather.

To schedule a program contact Marla Cohen, at 508-528-3140 ext. 7122 or send an email to mcohen@massaudubon.org.