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.

Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon protects 37,000 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.
Function Rentals at Stony Brook

Stony Brook offers a unique, natural setting for your conference, business meeting, or social event.

We offer several rooms to fit your needs, including a large Program Room with an Observation Deck, a Library, and a basement Camp Room.

Outdoor space is also available, weather permitting. Enjoy all the sanctuary has to offer with a guided tour of the property, or arrange for an educational program on natural history topics.

Types of Functions

Nonprofit conferences, business meetings, annual meetings, and social events.

Maximum Capacity

Camp Room/ Kitchen - up to 30 people
Library - up to 10 people
Program Room - up to 50 people depending on seating arrangement

Full Facility = 90 people maximum

Amenities

Refrigerator & freezer available upon request
Parking for 24 cars. Field parking when necessary.
Use of Mass Audubon tables and chairs (50 chairs & several 6 or 8 foot tables) Ask for details.
Projector & screen
WiFi

Guided tours of the property or an educational program on natural history topics can be arranged at time the reservation is scheduled.

Rates

Full Day (9 am–5 pm): $500
Half-day (9 am–1 pm or 1 pm–5 pm): $250
Evening (5 pm–9 pm): $300

Hourly rates are also available:
Nonprofit groups: $50 per hour
All others: $70 per hour

A nonrefundable deposit of $50 is required of all applicants

An additional charge of $70 per hour will be assessed if guests remain after the prearranged rental period.

A nonrefundable deposit and signed rental agreement, as well as a refundable security deposit, are required to confirm a rental.

All rental balances are due two weeks prior to the rental date.

Please Note

Set-up and decorations must be approved prior to the event. The arrival of tents, caterers, etc., must be scheduled with the Sanctuary staff at least two weeks prior to the event.

Caterers must provide a Certificate of Insurance and a signed catering agreement.

The nature center & grounds are smoke-free environments.

Alcoholic beverages are only permitted through a special permit per Mass Audubon.

Responsibility for all setup and cleanup lies solely with the renter.

For more information or to schedule a function, please call or email Stony Brook at 508-528-3140 or stonybrook@massaudubon.org

The gift shop and offices are available to the general public during regular business hours:
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday - Saturday (and Monday holidays)
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm Sunday

The grounds are available to the general public daily dawn to dusk.

Driving Directions

From Rt I-495: Take exit 15 (Rt 1A). Follow Rt 1A north for 4 miles to the intersection of Rt 1A and Rt 115 in Norfolk. Turn left and follow Rt 115 north for 1.5 miles and turn left onto North Street. The sanctuary is a few hundred feet ahead on the right.

From Rt I-95 north: Take exit 9 (Rt 1). Follow Rt 1 south for approximately 5 miles (pass the Gillette Stadium on the left). At the intersection of Rt 1 and Pine Street (at a traffic light), turn right onto Pine Street. At the end of Pine Street, turn right on Rt 115 north. After 2.5 miles, turn left onto North Street. The sanctuary is a few hundred feet ahead on the right.

From Rt I-95 south: Take exit 6B, for I-495. Follow directions above”From Rt I-495”