

North River NATURE DAY CAMP

North River Wildlife Sanctuary • Marshfield, MA



DISCOVER. EXPLORE. BE OUTSIDE!

SUMMER 2019

 Mass Audubon
CAMPS 



ABOUT CAMP

At North River Nature Camp in Marshfield, children ages 4.5 to 14 are encouraged to explore their curiosity about the natural world. Campers have fun, make friends, and experience nature through outdoor play and discovery at our 225-acre wildlife sanctuary. Daily activities include trail explorations, habitat investigations, hands-on experiments, wildlife observation, creative games and crafts, and more. Each day a new adventure awaits!



OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

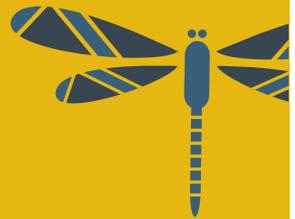
This is Camp Director Amy Quist's twelfth year as Camp Director. Amy is also Education Coordinator for Mass Audubon's South Shore Sanctuaries, developing and leading programs for schools, groups, and families within the community. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism with a focus in Environmental Interpretation, and a master's degree in Science Education, both from the University of Maine. Her favorite part of camp is helping kids practice their quiet observation skills and then sharing the experience of an exciting wildlife sighting!

OUR CAMP STAFF

Staff are carefully selected for their maturity and ability to work with children in an outdoor setting. Our counselors are enthusiastic and caring individuals, dedicated to helping campers develop a special relationship with nature. All undergo background checks, are first aid and CPR certified, and participate in a pre-camp training in safety, child development, and natural history.

A DAY AT CAMP

8:45-9:15 am	Camper Drop-off & Choice Time
9:15 am	Opening Circle
9:45 am	Exploratory Hikes & Activities, Snack
12:00 pm	Lunch & Choice Time
1:00 pm	Hikes, Games, Crafts, & All-Camp Activities like Campfire & Mudball Toss!
2:40 pm	Closing Circle & Share Time
3:00 pm	Camper Pick-up
5:00 pm	After-Camp Program pick-up (sessions 3, 4, 5 & 6 only)



NATURE THEME SESSIONS • AGES 4.5-II

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Extended-day option available (see below).
\$320 members; \$385 nonmembers, per session



Nature Theme Age Groups

Different age groups will explore weekly themes (see next page for titles and details) through age-appropriate activities and outings.

DISCOVERERS • Ages 4.5–6, Entering Grades K–1

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5

Discoverers investigate the sanctuary's plants and animals using all five senses and are encouraged to follow their natural curiosity. This group has lots of time to play outdoors in nature.

EXPLORERS • Ages 7–8, Entering Grades 2–3

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 6

Explorers grow their nature and science knowledge through fun group activities and interactive games. This group is encouraged to try new things and engage in free play in nature.

NATURALISTS • Ages 9–11, Entering Grades 4–6

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8

Naturalists take a deeper look at the natural world through exploration that includes hiking, nature experiments, games, and more. Programs also include special outings to hike and explore other local conservation areas.

After-Camp Program

Monday–Friday, 3:00–5:00 pm

Available Sessions: 3, 4, 5, & 6

\$90/week members;

\$110/week nonmembers

Campers enrolled in our optional After-Camp extended day program can choose from a variety of supervised activities such as hiking, free play, and crafts.

Please note that preregistration is required and that campers will need to bring a second snack.



NATURE THEME SESSIONS • AGES 4.5-II

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Extended-day option available (see previous page).

\$320 members; \$385 nonmembers, per session

****Session includes a field trip. Details on Camp Registration Information page.**

Experience a variety of habitats and wildlife found at North River! Explore the outdoors, do hands-on activities, observe wildlife, play games, make crafts, and more. Some sessions include a field trip to Duxbury Beach, and Naturalists have special outings during select weeks. Sign up for one or more exciting week!



EVERYDAY ADVENTURES** • June 24–28

Kick off your summer at North River, and hit the trail running with all kinds of outdoor fun! Go on scavenger hunts, play games, conduct experiments, and more. This week is all about having fun outside, exploring the natural world, and creating opportunities for adventure every day. **Back-to-Camp Special! Register for Everyday Adventures and save \$15!**

MINI-SESSION: FANTASTIC MINI-BEASTS •

July 1–3

\$195 members; \$230 nonmembers

Explore the many fantastic mini-beasts that live secret lives all around us. Bugs, insects, invertebrates, and other mini-beasts taste with their knees, walk on water, and light up your backyard during summer evenings! Discover more about these fascinating creatures as you sweep-net in our meadow and use field guides and microscopes. Make special firefly crafts and decorations for North River's second annual Firefly Festival!. **Please note: Camp will not be held on July 4 or 5; this week is prorated.*



Check out our Firefly Festival, July 6, 6:30–9:30 pm.

Fantastic Mini-Beasts participants will receive FREE admission for one adult and one child!



PROJECT PLAY** • July 8–12

Let curiosity and creativity lead the way as you have fun in nature! Play traditional outdoor games, such as Capture the Flag and Parachute, and sharpen your observation skills with self-guided activities such as Nature BINGO. Use your imagination, choose your own adventures, and make friends with other campers during outdoor unstructured free play. *Please note: This session is for Discoverers and Explorers age groups, only.*

NATURE THEME SESSIONS • AGES 4.5-II

MAMMAL RAMBLE • July 15–19

Ramble along North River's trails in search of furry animals, from deer and squirrels, to fox and weasels! Look for scat, tracks, chew marks, and other evidence mammals leave behind. Examine real animal artifacts, such as furs and skulls, and discover the unique adaptations our local wildlife has evolved to help them survive.

Please note: This session is for Discoverers and Explorers age groups, only

EXTREME EARTH ARTISTS** • July 22–26

Let your imagination run wild this week as you get crafty with natural items and an assortment of recycled materials. Take your creativity to the extreme by designing artwork using rocks, mud, sticks, and leaves. Turn trash to treasure by creating a recycled art project, and record your outdoor observations through nature-journaling! *Please note: This session is for Discoverers and Explorers age groups, only*

CAMPOLOGY • July 29–August 2

From geology to meteorology to scatology, the natural world is full of all kinds of ologies to learn about and explore. Ornithology, herpetology, and

mammalogy are just a few others on the list. Put your science observation skills into practice by taking a closer view of all things connected to nature. (And of course there will be lots of time for our favorite—nature playology!)

AQUATIC ADVENTURES** • August 5–9

Prepare to make a splash as we immerse ourselves in all things aquatic! Discover the incredible properties of water and how you can help protect this vital natural resource. Design and conduct water experiments, use dip nets to catch aquatic critters at the brook, and cool off with some wild and wacky water games!

SUMMER REWIND • August 12–16

Go on daily adventures as we rewind and replay campers' favorite summer camp activities! Play water games, go on scavenger hunts, sweep-net in our meadow, and more. Nature's playground is still open and there's a lot more to explore!

Refer a Friend & Save!

Receive \$20 off your registration when you refer a friend to camp.



Campers must be new to North River Nature Camp and must attend to qualify. For complete terms, visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp.

ABOUT MASS AUDUBON

With more than 125,000 members and supporters, Mass Audubon protects 36,500 acres of land throughout Massachusetts, saving birds and other wildlife, making nature accessible to all. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at massaudubon.org.



SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS • AGES 9-14



Entering Grades 4–9

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Extended-day option available; see page 2.

Counselor-to-camper ratio: 1 to 5

****Session includes an overnight.**

INTO THE WILD**

Ages 9–11 • July 15–19

\$375 members; \$440 nonmembers

Sharpen your wilderness survival skills and learn the basics of keeping yourself safe in the outdoors. Make shelters out of natural objects, learn fire-building techniques, and practice tying different kinds of knots. Learn about the principles of Leave No Trace hiking, and discover your wild side through challenging teambuilding activities and games. Take a field trip to Wompatuck State Park in Hingham to work on orienteering skills, and top off the week with a campout (complete with s'mores) at North River. ****Thursday overnight with 9:00 am pick-up Friday morning (no camp Friday).**



NATURE STEAM: Games & Challenges

Ages 9–14 • July 8–12

\$335 members; \$400 nonmembers

Connect to nature through STEAM—science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Play games, participate in cooperative group challenges, and do hands-on activities that engage your curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving. Try designing a boat that can float, experiment with building a squirrel-proof birdfeeder, learn about symmetry in nature, and create temporary art using natural materials. *This session includes a field trip to Duxbury Beach.*



My kids were thrilled with their first year of camp. It was an incredibly positive experience.

SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS • AGES 9-14

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Ages 9-14 • July 22-26

\$355 members; \$420 nonmembers

The principle of Leave No Trace teaches us to take only pictures and leave only footprints. Explore nature through the lens of your camera and learn how to take great nature photos while being mindful of your surroundings. Hike North River's trails, try out different photography techniques, and practice your micro and macro observation skills. We'll select our favorite pictures for an end-of-the-week photo show for campers and parents.

Please note: Campers will need to bring their own digital camera with SD card. This session includes a field trip.

CREATIVE WOODCRAFT

Ages 10-14 • July 29-August 2

\$355 members; \$420 nonmembers

Unplug this week and focus your creative energy on the skills and spirit of traditional woodcraft. Using old-fashioned hand tools, build a number of projects to share with future campers or to take home. Create rustic furniture and simple folk toys, gain an appreciation for the science and cycles of the forest, and build competence and confidence in your woodworking skills.

ADVENTURE STEWARDS

Ages 11-14 • August 5-9

\$390 members; \$455 nonmembers

Pack your sense of adventure this week and travel from sea to summit, discovering how you can help take care of the nature of Massachusetts. Tour the North River on a pontoon boat ride with the North and South River Watershed Association and hike the seashore with a Mass Audubon Coastal Waterbird Specialist at Duxbury Beach. Head for the hills of Central Massachusetts to camp out for one night at Wachusett Meadow and climb to the summit of beautiful Mount Wachusett. Experience nature with friends, learn outdoor skills such as orienteering and fire-building, and gain confidence and leadership skills through teambuilding activities.

***Overnight will take place Thursday evening at Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary in Princeton, MA; camper pick-up is Friday afternoon at North River. Transportation, camping fees, and food for overnight are included.*



Leaders-in-Training • Ages 15-17

Entering Grades 10-11

\$190 members; \$255 nonmembers

Gain valuable leadership skills and job experience as you assist our Camp Counselors. Help plan and deliver camp activities such as nature projects, games, crafts, and songs. *Please note: An application is required and is available for download at massaudubon.org/northrivercamp. A consecutive, two-week commitment is required and a mandatory training session will be held in June.*

CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To Register for Camp:

Visit

massaudubon.org/northrivercamp

Call 781-837-9400

Mail or bring this form and payment to:

North River Nature Camp

2000 Main St

Marshfield, MA 02050

Registration Confirmation

A confirmation letter/e-mail containing important documents and information will be sent once your camper's registration has been processed.

Deposit

A nonrefundable deposit of \$50/camper/session is required to register for camp. The deposit will be applied to your camp tuition and cannot be transferred to another camper, family or camp location. If registering after May 15, payment in full is required (unless a payment plan has been established with the Camp Director).

Refund Policy

A full refund, minus the nonrefundable deposit, is provided to camp families who cancel in writing on or before May 15. After May 15 no refund is available. Deposits are not transferable, and refunds are not given for participant dismissal, failure to attend, absence or sick days. If we must cancel a session, you will receive a full refund.

Membership & Discounts

Mass Audubon members at the Family level or above receive a discounted rate. To qualify, your membership must be current through your camper's last session, and you must be the parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of the camper being enrolled. Membership can be purchased or renewed at the time of registration.

Refer a Friend Discount

Receive a \$20/friend discount off your camper's session. For complete terms, visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available based on demonstrated economic need and available funds, and is generally limited to one session per child; however, all applications are considered. Applications are due by April 30. Please call the Camp Director to request an application or download one at massaudubon.org/campforms.

Payment Plans

Payment plan options are available. Please contact the Camp Director for more information.

Important Deadlines

All camp forms, waivers, and the balance of your camp tuition are due by May 15. If registering after May 15, payment in full is required and a specific camp form deadline will be set for you. A camper cannot attend camp and his/her spot is not guaranteed until all forms, waivers, and payments are completed (or a payment plan has been established). We reserve the right to charge a \$20 fee for incomplete or late forms and waivers.

Camper Requirements

Campers are expected to meaningfully participate in age-appropriate activities, including outdoor exploration and nature study. To ensure a successful camp experience, please discuss any pertinent information regarding your child's special needs with the Camp Director. We can accommodate on a case-by-case basis in order to establish the best strategy for a great summer

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camp experience. All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when, in his/her judgment, the camper's behavior interferes with the rights of others or the smooth functioning of the group or activity, or violates the camp's behavior policy. In such cases no refunds will be provided. If you have any questions regarding your child's ability to participate in our camp program, please contact the Camp Director.

Camp License

Our camp complies with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430) and is licensed by the Town of Marshfield Board of Health.

ACA Accreditation

We are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality, health and safety, management, and camp operations.

Field Trips

Campers enrolled in Nature Camp Sessions that include a field trip will spend one day at Duxbury Beach. Field trips take place on Wednesday and are weather dependent. *Please note: For Nature Theme Sessions, campers must be dropped off and picked up at the field trip destination. For Naturalist group outings and for Special Interest Camp Sessions, transportation will be provided to and from trip destinations in Mass Audubon vans.*

Camp Policy Requests

You may request a copy of our staff background check, health care, discipline, and grievance policies at any time.

Session Transfers

Session transfer requests will be honored if there is space available and if a request is made at least two weeks prior to the session start date, after which time transfers are not permitted.

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A Mass Audubon Camp for Outdoor Exploration

There's more to explore at Wildwood, Mass Audubon's overnight camp:

- Overnight Camp, ages 9-14
- Wildwood Warblers, age 7-8
- Teen Adventure Trips, ages 14-17
- Leaders-in-Training, grades 10 & 11
- Family Camp, all ages!

Visit massaudubon.org/wildwood or call 866-627-2267 to learn more.



Camp Contact Info

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North River Nature Camp

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Marshfield, MA 02050

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North River Nature Camp Programs 2019

Entering Grade	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	Session 8
		June 24-28	July 1-3	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-Aug 2	Aug 5-9
K	Everyday Adventures	Fantastic Mini-Beasts	Project Play	Mammal Ramble	Extreme Earth Artists	Campology	Aquatic Adventures	Summer Rewind
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2	Everyday Adventures	Fantastic Mini-Beasts	Project Play	Mammal Ramble	Extreme Earth Artists	Campology	Aquatic Adventures	Summer Rewind
3	Everyday Adventures	Fantastic Mini-Beasts	Project Play	Mammal Ramble	Extreme Earth Artists	Campology	Aquatic Adventures	Summer Rewind
4	Everyday Adventures	Fantastic Mini-Beasts	Nature STEAM Games & Challenges	Into the Wild	Nature Photography	Campology	Aquatic Adventures	Summer Rewind
5	Everyday Adventures	Fantastic Mini-Beasts	Nature STEAM Games & Challenges	Into the Wild	Nature Photography	Campology	Aquatic Adventures	Summer Rewind
						Creative Woodcraft		
6	Everyday Adventures	Fantastic Mini-Beasts	Nature STEAM Games & Challenges	Into the Wild	Nature Photography	Campology	Aquatic Adventures	Summer Rewind
						Creative Woodworking	Adventure Stewards	
7-9			Nature STEAM Games & Challenges		Nature Photography	Creative Woodworking	Adventure Stewards	

CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTER ONE OF THREE WAYS:

Call 781-837-9400 | Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp

Mail this form and payment to:

North River Nature Camp, 2000 Main Street, Marshfield, MA 02050

Please complete a separate form for each camper.

Camper

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Gender: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birth Date: ___/___/___ Age as of June 1: ___ Grade as of Sept: ___ Returning Camper? YES/NO

Person Completing This Form

Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

E-mail: _____ Member #: _____

Address (if different): _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian (if different)

Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

E-mail: _____ Member #: _____

Address (if different): _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Payment Method

Check Included **OR** Credit Card DISC MC VISA

Name on Card: _____

Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____ Verification Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment Information

Total Camp Session(s): \$ _____

Total Before/After Camp Session(s): \$ _____

*Mass Audubon Family Membership
if Joining/Renewing (\$65): \$ _____

Tax-Deductible Campership
Fund Donation: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Amount Paid Today

(Min Deposit \$/Camper/Session): \$ _____

Balance Due by May 15: \$ _____

"I agree to allow the Massachusetts Audubon Society to charge my credit card in the amount(s) specified above and understand that refunds will only be provided in accordance with the refund policy outlined in this brochure. I have read and agree to the refund policy outlined in this brochure."

Session Name	Date & Time	Fee
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

