NORTH RIVER NATURE CAMP
Welcome to North River Nature Camp

At North River Nature Camp in Marshfield, children ages 4.5–14 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!

A DAY AT CAMP
8:45–9:15 am Camper Drop-off, Health Screening, & 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
2:40 pm Closing Circle & Share Time
3:00 pm Camper Pick-up

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call 781-837-9400
Email northrivercamp@massaudubon.org
Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp
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 child development, natural history, and safety, including COVID-19 protocols.

OUR CAMP DIRECTOR
This is Jacqui “Nighthawk” Shuster’s second year as Camp Director after four years as a Camp Counselor and Teacher Naturalist. Jacqui is also an Education Coordinator for Mass Audubon’s South East Region, developing and leading programs for schools, groups, and families within the community. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a focus in Ecology and Chemistry. Her favorite part of camp is sharing unexpected nature moments with campers!

MORE FOR MEMBERS
Mass Audubon membership is not just about summer fun for your campers: It includes free year-round admission to our statewide network of wildlife sanctuaries, where the whole family can explore and enjoy the outdoors. Members also enjoy great savings on nature programs and gift shop purchases. Learn more at massaudubon.org/membership.

COVID-19 SAFETY
The health and welfare of our campers and staff remains our highest priority. We feel confident that the success of Mass Audubon Camps in designing and offering a safe summer of camping in 2020 will guide us into another great summer in 2021. We will continue to stay informed and engaged with the work of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the American Camp Association to ensure best practices with regard to staying safe as we move through the developing phases of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We anticipate that we will continue to practice the wearing of masks, physical distancing, small group sizes, enhanced sanitizing protocols, and all other recommended health and safety guidelines. As we learn more from working closely with partners in public health, childcare, and camping, we will continue to keep our camp community updated.

Please note that any photos depicting children without face coverings were taken prior to 2020. All Mass Audubon program participants are now required to wear masks.
AGE GROUPS

Different age groups will explore weekly themes through age-appropriate activities and outings. * Due to COVID-19 regulations, we are only able to run two age groups at a time this year. Please see the at-a-glance chart on page 8 for session dates by age group.

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 as they 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. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will only be one Naturalist group session this year. For more program options for this age group, please see Special Interest Sessions.

PROGRAM DETAILS
Monday–Friday
9:00 am–3:00 pm
Weekly sessions from June 28–September 3*
$375 members;
$450 nonmembers per week
Experience a variety of habitats and wildlife found at North River through weekly nature themes! Explore the outdoors, perform hands-on activities, observe wildlife, play games, make crafts, and more.

WEEKLY THEMES

Everyday Adventures
June 28–July 2
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. For Discoverers and Explorers (ages 4.5–8).

Nature Myth Busters
July 5–9
Are bats really blind? Are owls really wise? Embrace your natural curiosity this week and participate in some nature myth-busting. Using the outdoors as our lab, ask questions about the plants and animals that live at North River, set up experiments, and gather evidence. Participate in observation challenges, use science tools like thermometers and microscopes, and discover the truth about nature. For Discoverers and Explorers (ages 4.5–8).

Project Play
July 12–16
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. For Discoverers and Explorers (ages 4.5–8).

Flying Wild
July 19–23
Keep your eyes to the sky this week as we seek out all kinds of flying creatures! From birds to bats to butterflies, explore the remarkable ways flying animals get around and survive in the wild. Catch insects with a net, practice moving like a bird, and learn about all things with wings at North River. For Explorers (ages 7–8).

Extreme Earth Artists
July 26–30
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 into treasure by creating a recycled art project, and record your outdoor observations through nature-journaling. For Discoverers and Explorers (ages 4.5–8).
Tracks, Traces, and Secret Places
August 2–6
Take a walk on the wild side this week as you search for tracks, scat, and secret hiding places along North River’s trails. Conduct sensory experiments to find out how animals communicate with each other and move about in their surroundings. Examine real animal artifacts, such as wings and skulls, and learn about unique adaptations that help our local wildlife survive. For Explorers (ages 7–8).

Aquatic Adventures
August 9–13
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! For Discoverers (ages 4.5–6) and Naturalists (ages 9–11).

Mammal Ramble
August 16–20
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 and discover unique adaptations our local wildlife has evolved to help them survive. For Discoverers and Explorers (ages 4.5–8).

Fantastic Mini-Beasts
August 23–27
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 the meadow and use field guides and microscopes. For Explorers (ages 7–8).

Summer Rewind
August 30–September 3
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! For Discoverers and Explorers (ages 4.5–8).

“Camp was the best week we’ve had since COVID closed schools in March, no exaggeration. Your enthusiasm, warmth, professionalism, and flexibility were utterly fantastic. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

—2020 Camp Parent
Special Interest Camps
Ages 9–14 (Entering Grades 4–9)

Into the Wild
July 19–22*
$400 members; $480 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. Top off the week with a late night at North River. *Session includes a late pick-up on Thursday evening and no camp on Friday.

Creative Woodcraft
August 2–6
$420 members; $500 nonmembers
Unplug 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.

Campology
August 23–27
$400 members; $480 nonmembers
Discover how you can help take care of the nature of North River Wildlife Sanctuary and Massachusetts. Experience nature with friends, learn outdoor skills, make a difference with stewardship opportunities, and gain confidence and leadership skills through teambuilding activities.

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TO REGISTER FOR CAMP
Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp
Call 781-837-9400
Mail or bring the registration 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 details, visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp.

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 be able to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. Camp families will be required to complete a daily health screening and attestation before their child can be admitted to camp. 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 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.

CAMP POLICY REQUESTS
You may request copies of our background check, health care, discipline, bullying, and grievance policies at any time.

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION
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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.
Mass Audubon protects more than 38,000 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 135,000 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.
Register one of three ways:

1. Call 781-837-9400
2. Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp
3. Mail this form and payment to:
   North River Nature Camp,
   2000 Main Street
   Marshfield, MA 02050

Complete a separate form for each camper.

**CAMPER**
Name ____________________________
Gender ____________________________
Street Address ____________________________
City __________________ State _______ Zip _______
Birth Date ______ Age as of June 1 ______ Grade as of 9/2021 ______
Returning Camper? YES / NO        Carpool? YES / NO

**PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM**
Name ____________________________
Relationship to Camper ____________________________
Member # ____________________________
Phone 1 __________________ Phone 2 __________________
Email __________________
Address (if different) ____________________________
City __________________ State _______ Zip _______

**PARENT/GUARDIAN (if different from above)**
Name ____________________________
Relationship to Camper ____________________________
Member # ____________________________
Phone 1 __________________ Phone 2 __________________
Email __________________
Address (if different) ____________________________
City __________________ State _______ Zip _______

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**
Total Camp Session(s): $ _______
*Mass Audubon Family Membership if Joining/Renewing ($65): $ _______
Tax-Deductible Kids to Camp Fund Donation: $ _______
TOTAL DUE: $ _______
Amount Paid Today (Minimum Deposit $/Camper/Session): $ _______
Balance Due by May 15: $ _______

**PAYMENT METHOD**
Check Included OR Credit Card
Please make check payable to: Mass Audubon
DISC/MC/VISA # __________________
Exp. Date: ___________ Verification Code: ___________
Signature: __________________

"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."