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. Small group sizes ensure that our counselors can develop a relationship with each child, creating a caring, supportive environment. Each day, a new adventure awaits!

### A DAY AT CAMP

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call 781-355-6103, Jacqui Shuster, Camp Director  
Email northrivercamp@massaudubon.org  
Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp
OUR CAMP STAFF
Camp 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 staff undergo background checks, are certified in CPR and first aid, and receive training in health and safety procedures, child development, natural history, and environmental education best practices.

Mass Audubon requires that all staff, regardless of their work location, disclose their vaccination status. Proof of vaccination status is required immediately upon hire.

OUR CAMP DIRECTOR
This is Jacqui “Nighthawk” Shuster’s (she/her) third year as North River Nature Camp Director. Jacqui is also the Regional Camp Director for Mass Audubon South East. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a focus in Ecology and Chemistry. Her favorite part of camp is sharing unexpected nature moments with campers!

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
At Mass Audubon Camps, we strive to create a safe, inclusive, and caring camp environment where each person is respected and supported in their learning and growth. We believe that diversity—both in nature and in our human communities—is essential to strength, resilience, and innovation, and we are committed to recognizing the unique contributions of each community member.

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 and 2021 will guide us into another great summer in 2022. 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. For the latest updates on COVID-19 safety at camp, visit massaudubon.org/camps.

NEW!
SLIDING SCALE PRICING
Mass Audubon is committed to ensuring that every family that wants their child to experience summer camp should have the opportunity to do so. A sliding scale model helps us work toward that goal through an easy and dependable process for families. To learn more, see page 8 and visit massaudubon.org/camps.

FINANCIAL AID
We believe connection with the natural world should be available to all. If finances are getting in the way of a summer at North River Nature Camp, financial assistance is available based on demonstrated financial need and available funds. Scholarships are limited to one session per child; however, all applications are considered and will be accepted on a rolling basis. Payment plan options are also available. Please visit massaudubon.org/campforms to download a scholarship application.
Nature Camp Sessions
Ages 4.5–12

Experience a variety of habitats and wildlife found at North River! Explore the outdoors, perform hands-on activities, observe wildlife, play games, make crafts, and more.

PROGRAM DETAILS
Monday–Friday | 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Weekly sessions from June 27–August 19
See page 8 for pricing details

CAMPER AGE GROUPS
Campers engage in age-appropriate outdoor exploration and activities. Small group sizes ensure that our counselors can develop a relationship with every child, creating a caring, supportive environment.
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.

Everyday Adventures
June 27–July 1
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.

Nature Mysteries
July 5–8 (No camp on July 4. Session prorated.)
Are bats really blind? And 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.

Fantastic Wildlife
July 11–15
Get inspired while learning about amazing mythical creatures. Use your imagination to create majestic creatures through art, crafts, and storytelling. Head out onto the sanctuary to explore actual wildlife like dragonflies, rabbits, and Ospreys while drawing comparisons to your mythical creations. This week is a perfect blend of creativity and science.

Extreme Earth Artists
July 25–29
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.

Aquatic Adventures
August 8–12
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 15–19
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!

“My daughter really enjoyed her 2 weeks at camp. She is already talking about coming back next year. Everyone was friendly and she learned a ton. Also, everything was extremely organized.”

—2021 Camp Parent
Explorers
Ages 7–8, Entering Grades 2–3
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
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.

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Flying Wild
July 18–22
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.

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Tracks, Traces, and Secret Places
August 1–5
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.

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Naturalists
Ages 9–12, Entering Grades 4–6
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10
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. *Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be limited Naturalist groups this upcoming season. For more in this age group, please see Special Interest Camps.

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Campology
July 5–8 *(No camp on July 4. Session prorated.)*
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.

Into the Wild
July 18–21*
Sharpen your wilderness survival skills and learn the basics of keeping yourself safe in the outdoors. 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. *Thursday with late pick-up at 9:00 pm (no camp Friday).*

Creative Woodcraft
August 1–5
Unplug and focus your creative energy on the skills and spirit of traditional woodcraft. Using hand tools, build a number of projects to share with future campers or to take home. Create handmade pieces and simple toys, gain an appreciation for the science and cycles of the forest, and build competence and confidence in your woodworking skills.
TO REGISTER FOR CAMP
Call 781-837-9400
Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp

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 2, 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 2. After May 2, 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.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES
All camp forms, waivers, and the balance of your camp tuition are due by May 2. If registering after May 2, payment in full is required and a specific camp form deadline will be set for you. A camper cannot attend camp and their 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, to be determined by the start of camp based on the latest guidelines from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Visit massaudubon.org/camps for the latest information about COVID-19 safety at Mass Audubon Camps.

All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. To ensure a successful camp experience, please discuss any pertinent information regarding your child’s needs with the Camp Director. We strive to make camp a great experience for all, and we can accommodate on a case-by-case basis. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when, in their judgment, the camper’s behavior interferes with the rights of others or violates the camp’s safety and behavior policies. 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, healthcare, discipline, bullying, and grievance policies at any time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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PRICING & AFFORDABILITY
Under the sliding scale model, every family will enroll for camp at a tuition rate based on their annual gross income. At registration, you will have the opportunity to select the pricing that best fits your family’s gross income bracket. You will be asked to upload income verification documentation at a later time if you selected Tiers 1–4. Registrants at Tier 5 are not required to provide income verification. A deposit is due at the time of registration; the final balance and all paperwork are due by May 2, 2022. If cost is still a barrier under the tiered structure, financial assistance (in the form of scholarships) is also available.

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*To qualify for the Member rate, you must be a current Mass Audubon member at the Family level or above and be the parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of the camper being enrolled. You may join or renew your membership at the time of registration.*
MORE FOR MEMBERS
Mass Audubon membership benefits don’t end when the summer’s over. Membership includes year-round free 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.

WE’RE HIRING!
For information on employment opportunities, visit massaudubon.org/jobs.

Mass Audubon is the largest nature-based conservation organization in New England. Founded in 1896 by two women who fought for the protection of birds, Mass Audubon carries on their legacy by focusing on the greatest challenges facing the environment today: the loss of biodiversity, inequitable access to nature, and climate change.

With the help of our 140,000 members and supporters, we protect wildlife, conserve and restore resilient land, advocate for impactful environmental policies, offer nationally recognized education programs for adults and children, and provide endless opportunities to experience the outdoors at our wildlife sanctuaries. Explore, find inspiration, and take action at massaudubon.org.

KIDS TO CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Help make camp attainable for even more kids with a gift to the Kids to Camp Fund.

DETAILS AT massaudubon.org/kidstocamp