WELLFLEET BAY NATURE CAMP
Welcome to Wellfleet Bay Nature Camp!

Wellfleet Bay Nature Camp inspires a child’s lasting curiosity and excitement about nature. Campers ages 4–13 have fun and make friends as they explore the nature of Cape Cod at our 1,100-acre wildlife sanctuary. Our goals are to instill awareness and appreciation of nature, to demonstrate responsibility for the environment, and to promote a sense of place, where nature is accessible and inclusive for all. Above all, we create memorable outdoor experiences for our campers.

A DAY AT CAMP

9:00 am Camper Drop-off & Craft Activity
9:15 am Morning Circle & Schedule
9:45 am Introduction to Daily Theme
10:15 am Snack (brought from home) & Bathrooms
10:40 am Habitat Hike
12:00 pm Lunch (brought from home) & Bathrooms
12:30 pm Afternoon Games
1:00 pm Science Activity
1:00 pm Free Nature Play/Closing Circle
2:15–2:45 pm Camper Pick-up

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 508-349-2615
Email wellfleetbaycamp@massaudubon.org
Visit massaudubon.org/wellfleetbaycamp
OUR CAMP STAFF
Our staff members are chosen for their enthusiasm, experience, knowledge, inclusivity, and ability to work with children in the outdoors. They are college graduates or undergraduates currently enrolled in an environmental and/or educational field of study. All are certified in first aid and CPR and participate in a pre-camp training in safety (including COVID-19 protocols), child development, and natural history.

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

CAMP DIRECTOR
Morgan Peck (she/her) has been an educator with Mass Audubon since 2013, based at Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary since 2016. Throughout the year, Morgan teaches and coordinates educational nature programming for schools and visiting groups. When not teaching, Morgan helps stranded/entangled sea turtles and other marine wildlife as well as organizing local efforts to fight climate change on Cape Cod with the Youth Climate Leadership Program.

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.

Too Young for Camp?
Visit massaudubon.org/programs to find guided programs for families with young children.

You’re Never Too Old for Camp!
See page 9 for opportunities for high school students.
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Backwoods Trekkers
June 27–July 1
Make a pair of binoculars and hit the trails to explore the field and forest! Watch chipmunks hide acorns, collect turkey feathers for crafts, and build natural structures like forts and life-sized osprey nests. This week is all about things we can find in our wooded habitats.

Furry Friends
July 5–8*
Explore nearby habitats, including the forest, field, pond, and salt marsh, to discover different mammals that live on Cape Cod. Feel different furs, follow coyote tracks, and wear a homemade whale blubber glove!

*No camp on Monday, July 4; session prorated as follows:

**Half Day:** $210 members; $275 nonmembers,
$160 Cape Cod Resident Rate
(must be Mass Audubon members)

**Full Day:** $405 members; $470 nonmembers,
$365 Cape Cod Resident Rate
(must be Mass Audubon members)

Senses of Nature
July 11–15
Look, listen, smell, and touch as we roam the outdoors using our senses. Discover local creatures that have special abilities; a butterfly’s feet, a deer’s ears, and a sea turtle’s nose. Get even closer to nature this week by using more than just your eyes in the field!

Creepy Crawlies
July 18–22
Bugs, slugs, snakes, salamanders—if it’s slippery or wriggly, we’ll find it! Grab your magnifying glass, and go low and slow. Roll logs, rake leaves, and sift dirt to uncover the hidden critters that live just under our feet!

Feathered Friends
July 25–29
What makes a bird a bird, and how does it fly? Feel feathers, compare beaks, and investigate a collection of bird nests. This week we’ll look, listen, and learn about our feathered friends through stories, crafts, and observation as we hit the trails!

Baby Animals
August 1–5
Learn about a variety of baby animals and their life cycles as you look for turtle hatchlings and tadpoles and band Purple Martin chicks. Learn why some babies need to be nurtured for months, while others are ready to run, jump, or fly right away, and see how they survive in the wild.

Wet and Wild
August 8–12
Don your boots and grab some dip nets to explore Wellfleet Bay’s wettest habitats! Take a closer look at the fins and gills of aquatic animals while splashing around in our freshwater river or tidal flats.

Marsh Muckers
August 15–19
Mucky, squishy, and wet: set traps to look for crabs and eels, search the mud flats for snails and shorebirds, and scoop up schooling fish along the shoreline. Get muddy as you learn about the creatures of the salt marsh!
The Explorers program emphasizes the natural history of animals and the interrelationships of all living things through observation and hands-on field activities.

9:00 am–2:45 pm
$515 members; $580 nonmembers, per week
$415 Cape Cod Resident Rate, per week
(must be Mass Audubon members)

The Explorers program allows those interested in science to participate in field activities while learning methods and techniques used in wildlife conservation biology. This program also includes weekly field work with Mass Audubon researchers relevant to the subject being studied, as well as fun nature-based games and crafts!

9:00 am–2:45 pm
$525 members; $590 nonmembers, per week
$425 Cape Cod Resident Rate, per week
(must be Mass Audubon members)
Winged Wonders
June 27–July 1
Have you ever wondered why there are so many different kinds of birds? They are the elites of the adaptation world! Determine which are the master builders, long distance fliers, and top-level predators. Learn how to use binoculars and act out different species’ behaviors in a migration relay race game.

Spineless Species
July 5–8*
More than 80% of the animal world is made up of animals without backbones—insects, worms, jellyfish, squid, crabs, clams, and so much more! Catch different species of crabs, dig for clams, and hold sea stars. Find out why having no backbone benefits these creatures and enables them to survive.

Fascinating Fields and Forests
August 1–5
It’s not all about the water here on Cape Cod—the drier habitats like our fields and forests are important parts of a larger, diverse ecosystem. Grab your backpack and explore the beautiful pitch pine forests, maritime heathlands, and grasslands to learn all about our fun terrestrial critters—Box Turtles, turkeys, coyotes, and more!

Incredible Insects
July 11–15
Insects are all around us and a crucial part of our food webs. Get comfy with bugs of all kinds and learn why they are such good friends to us through fun games, crafts, and an insect zoo. From earthworms and crickets to bees and butterflies, no bug is too big or too small to examine.

Rad Reptiles
July 18–22
What makes reptiles and amphibians unique from their furry counterparts? Find out by investigating a snake’s shed skin and a turtle’s shell, and discover where reptiles lay their eggs. Travel to nearby ponds or vernal pools to look for salamanders and catch tadpoles, frogs, and turtles. Get wet and muddy searching for our slimy, scaly friends!

Fishy Friends
July 25–29
Immerse yourself in the fascinating biology of fish from the deepest parts of the ocean to our own tidal flats. Learn about differently shaped fins and their uses, specialized defensive techniques, and the secrets of our top ocean predators: sharks. Partake in an up-close feeding of Wellfleet Bay’s aquarium residents and even dissect a dogfish (a member of the shark family)!

Metamorphosis Magic
August 8–12
Are you fascinated by certain creatures’ seemingly magical ability to transform? This week, watch the metamorphosis of some amazing animals: Witness Painted Ladies change from caterpillars to beautiful winged butterflies, catch and examine dragonfly nymphs (the larval stage of dragonflies), and visit the pond in search of bullfrog and Green Frog tadpoles.

Powerful Predators
August 15–19
Get to know the powerful hunters that call our nearby habitats home and what makes them such successful predators. Visit the forest and dissect a pellet from a Great Horned Owl, roam the beach to witness the techniques of the cunning fox, and see a Snapping Turtle’s powerful neck and jaw in action. Play Predator-Prey with your friends to see just how well you’d survive if you were the prey.

“...We have been coming to this camp for years and I’ve always loved it because of the focus on outdoor activities and exploration. My kids were so thrilled to be back at camp and I was so touched to see their joy and happiness at doing something ‘normal.’ The counselors are always so engaged and kind.”

—Camp Parent
ECOLOGISTS

9:00 am–2:45 pm
$540 members; $610 nonmembers, per week
$440 Cape Cod Resident Rate, per week
(must be Mass Audubon members)

Ecologists go beyond basic natural history knowledge by working closely with Mass Audubon specialists and researchers to participate in inquiry-based activities, scientific research, and ecological management studies. All sessions include opportunities to learn practical field techniques and practices for working with wildlife, as well as fun games and team-building activities to develop lasting friendships.

Ecologists travel off-site via van for specialized field and snorkeling trips!

Pollinator Power
June 27–July 1
Field Trip: Cape Cod Butterfly Garden
From birds to butterflies to bees, investigate the adaptations that make pollinators unique from other animals. Learn to grow and nurture plants to bring home for your very own garden, observe hummingbird feeders in the sanctuary’s Pollinator Garden, and learn what makes this group of animals so important to our world.

Marine Life Mania
July 5–8*
Field Trip: Tern Island
Explore the exciting field of marine biology and meet scientists, sea-turtle rescuers, and researchers who make their living studying the oceans. Survey coastal waterbirds such as American Oystercatchers, Piping Plovers, and terns on barrier beaches and go seine netting for microorganisms at high tide!

*No camp on Monday, July 4. Session prorated as follows:
$475 members; $535 nonmembers;
$370 Cape Cod Resident Rate (must be Mass Audubon members)
Living With Wildlife  
July 11–15  
**Field Trip: Horseshoe Crab Tagging**
Humans and wildlife have been living side-by-side since the beginning of our species, yet wild spaces are declining. Delve into the various ways that we can protect our wildlife neighbors, and how you can be a true nature hero! Help build enclosures for nesting turtles, look for tagged Horseshoe Crabs, and explore important shorebird habitat.

Shark Enthusiasts  
July 18–22  
**Field Trips: Chatham Seal Cruise/AWSC Center**
Immerse yourself in shark biology and marine science through hands-on labs and field trips to several local destinations. Engineer hydraulic arms to complete sampling challenges, learn about the various tags used in tracking sharks, study the anatomy of a shark by completing a shark dissection, take a boat trip out to an active shark receiver, and observe the white shark’s primary food source—seals! Offered in partnership with the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy (AWSC).

**Special Pricing:**
$600 members, $665 non-members  
$500 Cape Cod Resident Rate  
(must be Mass Audubon members)

Nature Photography  
July 25–29  
**Field Trip: White Cedar Swamp**
Set your focus on photographing turtles, frogs, crabs, and other Cape Cod wildlife. Bring your phone or camera to get a lesson on how to compose and capture images and then photograph wildlife both on and off the sanctuary and work with professionals in the nature photography field. You’ll have the opportunity to take pictures aplenty and identify and document as many plants and animals as possible during a “bio-blitz” and showcase your work for family at the end of the week.

From Streams to Sea  
August 1–5  
**Field Trips: Kayaking Nauset Marsh**
Explore freshwater habitats for various aquatic life, from stream to sea! Set eel traps while learning about their lifecycle, and see unique changes that running freshwater bodies of water undergo as they empty into an estuary. Collect water specimens to observe the behaviors and adaptations of aquatic life.

Junior Geologists  
August 8–12  
**Field Trip: Stand-up Paddleboarding**
Years ago, Cape Cod was covered by the sea, and years from now it will be covered again. Find clues of our underwater past leftover from the Ice Age and try to solve the mysteries of tomorrow. Using magnifiers and strainers, examine different kinds of sand, and learn how it got all the way to our beaches. Discover how our coastal animals can survive these ever-changing conditions.

Survival of the Fittest  
August 15–19  
**Field Trip: Seal Cruise**
See all the wonders of our Cape Cod predators: Examine their specialized eyes, jaws, claws, and wings to discover what makes them such successful hunters. Explore raptors, dissect owl pellets, and play exciting games of Predator-Prey to help us learn how they all fit together in the web of life.
COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING

High Schoolers (ages 14–17)

9:00 am–2:45 pm
$260 members; $320 nonmembers, per week
$160 Cape Cod Resident Rate, per week
(must be Mass Audubon members)

Wellfleet Bay’s CIT program gives teens the opportunity to gain leadership experience while working with counselors and campers.

CITs might participate in Diamondback Terrapin research or assist with Horseshoe Crab tagging. They receive training related to natural history and how to teach nature-themed lessons, games, and activities. CITs must participate in at least 2 sessions in order to create meaningful bonds with their camper groups and counselors.

WORK WITH US!

Camp Staff Positions (ages 18+)

Love nature and working with kids? Too old for camp, but still want to spend your summer at Wellfleet Bay? We’re looking for you!

We hire enthusiastic people who want to enrich the lives of children. Instructors supervise campers’ health and safety; promote positive youth development; teach nature-based activities, games, and crafts; and communicate with parents and other staff. Please note: current CPR/first aid certifications are required for all positions; lifeguard certification is a plus.

To apply, visit massaudubon.org/wellfleetbaycamp.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP
Visit massaudubon.org/wellfleetbaycamp
Call 508-349-2615

REGISTRATION POLICY
Registration begins in January for Cape Cod Residents only. All other registrations will open in February. To ensure equal access to camp for everyone, families will be limited to no more than 4 sessions per camper.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION
A confirmation letter/email containing important documents and information will be sent once your camper’s registration has been processed.

DEPOSIT
Registration must include payment for 50% of the total camp fees and includes a nonrefundable deposit of $50 per camper, per session. This deposit is 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. If you are unsure of your member status, please contact Mass Audubon Member Services by calling 781-259-9500 or emailing membership@massaudubon.org.

CAMPERS who reside on Cape Cod year-round receive specialized pricing. Proof of the camper’s enrollment in a Cape Cod school district in the form of a report card, progress report, or letter from the school must accompany registration in order for the camper to receive this rate.

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 Wellfleet Bay 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.

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). A fee of $75 per camper will be charged 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 Wellfleet 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.
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.

AGE/BUDDY REQUESTS
If a camper is younger than the outlined age group of a session, we do not typically accept moving a camper up to an older age group to be with a buddy. The camp director is happy to discuss these decisions on a case-by-case basis.

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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.

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

There’s more to explore at Wildwood, Mass Audubon’s overnight camp in New Hampshire:

• Overnight Camp, ages 7–14
• Day Camp, ages 6–11
• Teen Adventure Trips, ages 14–17
• Environmental Leadership for Teens, ages 16–17
• Family Camp, all ages!

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