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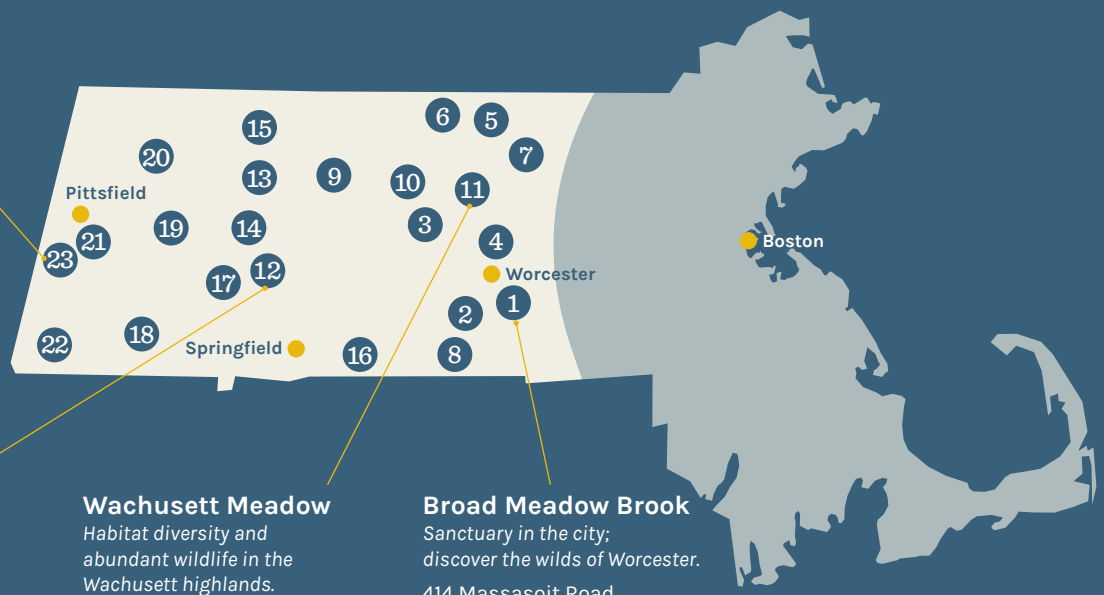

Pleasant Valley
Rugged, yet accessible—nature at its best.

472 West Mountain Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Arcadia
Forests, grasslands, meadows, and marshes.

127 Combs Road
Easthampton, MA 01027

Wachusett Meadow
Habitat diversity and abundant wildlife in the Wachusett highlands.

113 Goodnow Road
Princeton, MA 01541

Broad Meadow Brook
Sanctuary in the city; discover the wilds of Worcester.

414 Massasoit Road
Worcester, MA 01604

For information on programs and sanctuaries in Eastern Massachusetts, visit **massaudubon.org.**

Central MA

1. **Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester**
2. Burncoat Pond, Spencer
3. Cook's Canyon, Barre
4. Eagle Lake, Holden
5. Flat Rock, Fitchburg
6. Lake Wampanoag, Gardner
7. Lincoln Woods, Leominster
8. Pierpont Meadow, Dudley
9. Poor Farm Hill, New Salem
10. Rutland Brook, Petersham
11. **Wachusett Meadow, Princeton**

Staffed wildlife sanctuaries with accessible features.

Western MA

Connecticut River Valley

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17. Lynes Woods, Westhampton
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Greetings!

This catalog includes seasonal programs and events offered by Mass Audubon wildlife sanctuaries in Central and Western Massachusetts. You can also access this information on our website, **massaudubon.org/programs**.

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Berkshire
Wildlife Sanctuaries

massaudubon.org/pleasantvalley

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary
472 West Mountain Road
Lenox, MA 01240
413-637-0320

News & Notes

The Berkshires are well known for scenic beauty, abundant nature, outdoor recreation, and world-class cultural opportunities, all within a small geographic area. Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary's 90th Anniversary Celebration brings together all of these qualities, with a spotlight on art and music this fall.

RED BARN HAPPENINGS: NATURE-INSPIRED ART
As the entire landscape transitions with vibrant foliage, the inside of our historic Barn will showcase nature-inspired visual and performing arts as part of our Special Events in the Pleasant Valley Barn series. In September, Art in the Barn: Pathways to Nature will highlight visual artwork by several local artists. During October, an exhibit will feature artwork by Community Access to the Arts (CATA) artists that was inspired by a program on-site at Pleasant Valley. Also during October, we will display the winners of Mass Audubon's Statewide Photo Contest. All art exhibits are free and open to the public with the price of sanctuary admission (free for Lenox residents and Mass Audubon members). The series will culminate on October 19 and 20, when the Cantilena Chamber Choir presents a concert of nature-inspired music from Renaissance to modern, featuring compositions by Gregory Brown and James Kallembach based on works by John James Audubon.

SEE WHAT'S NEW ON INSTAGRAM
Our experiences in nature have the power to ignite creativity, whether by offering sensory inspiration, modeling elegant design, or simply helping us relax. To find or share your nature-inspired creativity, follow Pleasant Valley on Facebook and Instagram, where we regularly share some of our favorite nature moments. We love seeing your creativity, too, so please tag us when visiting our sanctuaries!
@massaudubonpleasantvalley

Becky Cushing, Berkshire Sanctuaries Director

Dale Abrams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator

Reminders

Preregistration is required unless otherwise noted.

Please check program location, as some are held off-site.

The cost of program materials is included unless otherwise noted.

This sanctuary has accessible features.

Connect with Us

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Weather & Gear

Most programs take place outdoors, rain or shine. Participants will be notified ahead of time if a program is canceled due to inclement weather. Please bring water and wear sturdy, closed-toe footwear (sneakers or hiking shoes). Sunblock and insect repellent are recommended.

Bulletin Board

For more information on the below, contact Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator Dale Abrams at 413-637-0320 or dabrams@massaudubon.org.

CALLING ALL SCOUT & TROOP LEADERS!

We can help you complete scouting badges for any scout level, from Daisies to Brownies and Cubs to Eagle Scouts. We even have former scout leaders on staff!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES & EVENT RENTALS

Make your child's birthday party or other special event extra special by hosting it at Pleasant Valley. Our Red Barn and Education Center provide a beautiful natural setting for your gathering.

SANCTUARIES WISH LIST

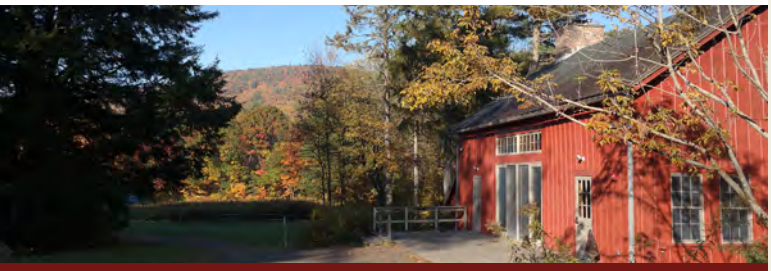
Garden, carpentry, and handcraft tools • Binoculars and spotting scopes • Nets and other nature study equipment

BERKSHIRE RESIDENT FREE ADMISSION DAYS

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Wednesdays, September 4; October 2; November 6; December 4; January 1 / Dawn–Dusk

Explore seven miles of beautiful trails and learn about our nature education programs for all ages. Stop by our Gift Shop and Nature Center while you're here! Free for Berkshire County residents with valid license or photo ID.



SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE PLEASANT VALLEY BARN

Enjoy nature-inspired visual and performing arts in our historic 1800s Red Barn. See page 32.

Art in the Barn: Pathways to Nature
Opening Reception: Friday, September 13 / 6:00–8:00 pm

Birds, Blossoms, & Brunch
Sunday, September 22 / 12:00–3:00 pm

Forces of Nature: An Exhibit by CATA
In collaboration with Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary & Mass Audubon Photo Contest Exhibit
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90th Anniversary Concert: Cantilena Chamber Choir
Saturday & Sunday, October 19 & 20 / 3:00–4:30 pm

BERKSHIRE VOLUNTEERING

Give back to your community and planet by helping us care for our wildlife sanctuaries. Volunteers are needed for a variety of projects. Tools, gloves, and refreshments will be provided.

Helpers & Harvesters Volunteer Dinner

Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Pittsfield

Date: Friday, September 6 / 5:00–7:00 pm
Ages: Adults and families with children of all ages
Leaders: Berkshire Sanctuaries Staff and Volunteers
Cost: Free

Berkshire Sanctuaries Volunteers and Community Garden members: You're invited to a fall harvest appreciation dinner at Canoe Meadows Community Garden! We'll gather for an informal nature walk at 5:00 pm and enjoy cookout fare under the pavilion around 5:30 pm. Please bring a side dish or salad to share. Staff and volunteers will share updates about stewardship and citizen science projects during dinner, and we'll announce our Volunteer of the Year award recipient. ***Registration is required.***

Berkshire Volunteer Days

Ages: Adults and families with children of all ages
Leaders: Berkshire Sanctuaries Staff and Volunteers
Cost: Free

PLEASANT VALLEY VOLUNTEER DAY

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox
Date: Saturday, October 19 / 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Help us care for our beautiful native gardens, trails, boardwalks, and education spaces. ***Registration requested.***

CANOE MEADOWS VOLUNTEER DAY

Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Pittsfield
Date: Saturday, October 26 / 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Help us care for our beautiful community gardens and wildlife sanctuary. Volunteers are needed for habitat restoration and fall garden clean-up. ***Registration requested.***

Adult Programs

Preregistration required unless otherwise noted.

Free Bird Walks

Various Locations in Massachusetts

Cost: Free

Fall is an ideal time to look for migrant birds. Enjoy serene, protected landscapes to observe these beautiful creatures with the help of experienced and knowledgeable leaders. ***Walks are targeted toward adults, but interested younger birders are always welcome. Bring binoculars or call ahead to reserve a pair; birders of all levels welcome.***

BIRDING AT THE MOUNT

The Mount, Edith Wharton's Home, Lenox

Dates: Tuesdays, September 3–24 / 8:00–10:00 am

Leaders: Zach Adams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist; Dale Abrams, Berkshires Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator; and/or Drew Johnson, Naturalist

Explore author Edith Wharton's original estate, including its woods, wetlands, and meadows. Learn skills to bird by sight and sound as we look for numerous bird species including bobolinks, woodpeckers, vireos, and warblers. ***Walks depart from the main parking lot. For more information, call 413-637-0320.***

BIRDING AT PLEASANT VALLEY

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Dates: Wednesdays, September 4–25 / 8:00–9:30 am

Leader: Zach Adams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist

Join us for a leisurely bird walk past beaver wetlands and through woodlands in search of warblers, tanagers, orioles, and more during the peak of fall migration. We'll explore rich bird habitat and observe changes in bird species each week. ***Registration not required. These programs are offered free of charge thanks to the support of the Lenox Cultural Council.***

BIRDING AT CANOE MEADOWS

Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Pittsfield

Dates: Fridays, September 6–27 / 8:00–9:30 am

Leaders: Zach Adams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist or Dale Abrams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator

Fall is a great season to look for migrants of all kinds, including wood-warblers, raptors, waterfowl, and more. Walk past wetlands and through meadows and woodlands, observing changes in bird species each week. ***Registration not required.***

From Bedrock to Birds: How Geology & Hydrology Shape Ecosystems

Bidwell House Museum, Monterey

Date: Saturday, September 14 / 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Leader: Dale Abrams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator

Cost: $10 members, $15 nonmembers*

Learn to "read" the landscape by making connections between geology, hydrology, history, and natural communities along the trails at the Bidwell House Museum. Gain a unique perspective that will help you interpret the natural history of the Berkshires and other regions. ***For questions and registration, visit bidwellhousemuseum.org or call 413-528-6888. *Member pricing applies to Mass Audubon and Bidwell House Museum members.***

Housatonic Heritage Hike: Landscape History & Ecology

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Date: Saturday, September 21 / 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Leader: Zach Adams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist

Cost: Free

Learn to interpret the landscape on a deeper level by making connections between geological features and habitat characteristics for plants and wildlife along the trails at Pleasant Valley. We will use history (very old history) that will help you interpret the natural history of the Berkshires and other regions.

Birding & Mindfulness

Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health, Stockbridge & Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Dates: Tuesday, October 15–Friday, October 18

Leaders: Becky Cushing, Berkshire Sanctuaries Director; Zach Adams Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist; Steven Leonard, Kripalu Lead Faculty, Functional Movement Specialist, and Meditation Teacher Trainer and Educator

Cost: $309 members and nonmembers*

Birding shares many qualities with practicing mindfulness. Awareness and reflection soothe the mind and enable us to connect with the world—and ourselves. Experience the meditative joys of birdwatching while exploring serene woods, wetlands, and waterbodies at Kripalu and Pleasant Valley. We may see great blue herons, woodpeckers, and bald eagles during this multi-day program. ***For details and registration, visit kripalu.org. *Additional fees apply for optional room, meals, and healing arts services.***

BIRDING THE BERKS FIELD TRIPS

The Berkshire Hills are home to diverse and rich ecosystems that meld southern and northern plant communities. The area's wetlands, forests, valleys, and mountaintops boast a number of remarkable birding hot spots. This series gives you a chance to explore these locations with an experienced and knowledgeable guide. ***Directions to the meeting place will be provided upon registration. Bring binoculars or call ahead to reserve a pair; birders of all levels welcome.***

Hawk Watch Picnic at Blueberry Hill

Blueberry Hill, West Granville

Date: Sunday, September 15 / 10:30 am–1:00 pm
Leader: Zach Adams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist
Cost: $12 members, $17 nonmembers

Blueberry Hill is an amazing local site to watch hawk migration and can produce hundreds of birds in a single day! Enjoy a picnic atop Blueberry Hill while learning about birds of prey and watching their spectacular migration. ***Meet at Blueberry Hill. Please call the sanctuary if you are interested in carpooling from Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary.***

Hawk Watch Picnic at Old Baldy

Old Baldy Wildlife Sanctuary, Otis

Date: Sunday, September 29 / 10:30 am–1:00 pm
Leader: Zach Adams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist
Cost: Free

Take a short hike (5 to 7 minutes, one-third mile) to the top of Old Baldy, a new Mass Audubon wildlife sanctuary, and learn about birds of prey identification, migration, and the fickle art of hawk watching. We'll spend the rest of our time enjoying a BYO picnic and the wonderful view, and finding and identifying birds of prey on their journey south.

Waterfowl on Berkshire Lakes & Ponds

Berkshire Lakes in Pittsfield, Cheshire, & Richmond

Dates: Saturday, November 2 / 8:00–11:30 am
Sunday, November 17 / 8:00–11:30 am
Leaders: Zach Adams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist; Dale Abrams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator
Cost: $12 members, $17 nonmembers, *per session*

Spend the morning visiting several Berkshire lakes in search of migrating waterfowl, with a stop at Bartlett's Apple Orchard for hot cider and doughnuts. We'll search for loons, grebes, and the hundreds of ducks fleeing the cold of the north. ***Travel by Mass Audubon van or carpool between sites. Minimal hiking is involved. Spotting scopes provided.***

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BERKSHIRE VIEWS HIKING SERIES: FALL COLORS

Explore top hiking destinations with the best views in the Berkshires on these relatively short, high-gratification hikes led by our knowledgeable naturalists in the Berkshires. You'll learn about the remarkable recovery story of New England forests and wildlife as revealed by evidence in our ecologically rich and dynamic landscape. ***Confirmation and directions will be emailed to registrants. Wear hiking shoes and bring plenty of water and snacks. Sunscreen and insect repellent recommended.***

Lenox Mountain: Taconic Range Views

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Dates: Saturdays, September 28; October 12 / 10:00 am–12:30 pm
Leader: Dale Abrams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator
Cost: $10 members, $14 nonmembers, *per session*

Ascend Lenox Mountain with an experienced guide and enjoy several vistas including the sweeping summit view. We'll hike via Trail of the Ledges and/or Overbrook Trail on a three-mile round-trip trek through northern hardwood and hemlock forest for an elevation gain of 840 feet. Along the way we'll look for signs of wildlife and learn about plant communities and human history at Pleasant Valley. ***Hike departs from the sanctuary Visitor Center at 10:00 am.***

Lime Kiln Farm: Housatonic Valley & Taconic Range Views

Lime Kiln Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, Sheffield

Date: Saturday, October 5 / 9:30 am–11:30 am
Leader: Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist
Cost: $8 members, $12 nonmembers

Stroll the gentle loop trails of Lime Kiln Farm with an experienced guide and enjoy two vistas including views of Jug End Mountain, Mount Everett, and the lower Housatonic Valley. The views are terrific with minimal elevation gain and effort. Along the way we'll look for signs of wildlife and learn about plant communities and human history at Lime Kiln Farm.

Families & All Ages Programs

Suitable for adults and families with children of all ages.

Evening Nighthawk Watch

Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Pittsfield

Date: Friday, August 23 / 5:30–7:30 pm
Ages: Adults and families with children of all ages
Leader: Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist
Cost: Suggested donation $5 per person*

Search the evening sky for migrating Nighthawks at beautiful Canoe Meadows. With luck, we'll get to observe these beautiful aerial acrobats catching insects on the wing. ***Bring binoculars and a lawn chair. *Free for Canoe Meadows Community Garden members.***

Evenings at the Beaver Ponds

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Dates: Wednesdays, September 4–25 / 5:30–7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 2 / 5:00–6:30 pm
Wednesdays, October 9, 16 / 4:30–6:00 pm
Ages: Adults and families with children of all ages
Leader: Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist
Cost: *adults* $6 members, $8 nonmembers, *per session*
children $3 members, $4 nonmembers, *per session*

Enjoy an evening searching for beavers and other wildlife that frequent our ponds. Learn about the lives of beavers, their amazing recovery story, and how they continue to shape the landscape over 80 years after their reintroduction. ***Wear long pants, a shirt with long sleeves, and a hat. Preregistration recommended but not required.***

SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE PLEASANT VALLEY BARN

Art in the Barn: Pathways to Nature

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Dates: Friday, September 13 / 6:00–8:00 pm *Opening Reception*
Monday–Sunday, September 2–30 / 10:00 am–4:00 pm *Exhibit Hours*
Ages: Adults and families with children of all ages
Cost: Free with sanctuary admission

We're excited to highlight local artists including Morgan Burns and Julie Love Evans as they guide us down their unique artistic pathways to nature. Join us for fun and refreshments at the opening reception on September 13. Proceeds from art sales will support the work of the Berkshire wildlife sanctuaries.

Birds, Blossoms, & Brunch

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Date: Sunday, September 22 / 12:00–3:00 pm
Ages: Adults
Cost: $90 members and nonmembers

Celebrate Pleasant Valley's 90th anniversary as we honor our founders, the Lenox Garden Club. This fundraiser will include a catered brunch, a visit from local rehabilitated wildlife, and a bird walk to Pike's Pond. Reflect on all we have accomplished over the past nine decades and look toward a bright future ahead!

Forces of Nature: An Exhibit by CATA

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox
in collaboration with Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary & Mass Audubon Photo Contest Exhibit

Dates: Thursday, October 3 / 5:00–7:00 pm *Opening Reception*
Tuesday–Sunday, October 4–30 / 10:00 am–4:00 pm *Exhibit Hours*
Ages: Adults and families with children of all ages
Cost: Free with sanctuary admission

Community Access to the Arts (CATA) artists developed beautiful visual art through their collaboration with Mass Audubon. View their works, as well as the spectacular images of wildlife and nature from Mass Audubon's 2019 Statewide Photo Contest. Join us for fun and refreshments at the opening reception on October 3.

90th Anniversary Concert: Cantilena Chamber Choir

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, October 19 & 20 / 3:00–4:30 pm
Ages: Adults and families with children of all ages
Cost: $25 members, $35 nonmembers

Cantilena Chamber Choir presents a concert of nature-inspired music from Renaissance to modern, featuring music by Gregory Brown and James Kallembach on texts by John James Audubon. Listen to birds, frogs, crickets, and more outside and inside! ***Limited seating. Tickets available at cantilenachoir.org.***

New Moon Night Watch: Stars, Planets, & Nighttime Wildlife

Old Baldy Wildlife Sanctuary, Otis

Date: Friday, Sept 27 / 6:00–8:00 pm
Ages: Adults and families with children of all ages
Leader: Dale Abrams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator
Cost: Free

Enjoy a fall evening atop of Old Baldy. After a short walk to the summit, we'll take in the ethereal twilight before beholding a sparkling, moonless night sky in one of the darkest corners of the Berkshires. Orient yourself to the stars and planets, listen for wildlife, and enjoy light refreshments. ***This free program is at a new Mass Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary. Directions to meeting place will be sent upon registration. Dress warmly and in layers.***

Twilight Owl & Wildlife Prowl

Ages: Adults and families with children ages 7 and up
Leader: Dale Abrams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist and Education Coordinator, or Zach Adams, Berkshire Sanctuaries Teacher Naturalist

Lime Kiln Wildlife Sanctuary, Sheffield
Date: Friday, October 4 / 6:30–8:00 pm
Cost: *adults* $6 members, $8 nonmembers
children $3 members, $4 nonmembers

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox
Date: Friday, November 1 / 6:00–7:30 pm
Cost: *adults* $6 members, $8 nonmembers
children $3 members, $4 nonmembers

Enjoy a quiet evening at our sanctuaries as we listen and watch for owls and other nocturnal wildlife. We'll explore fields, forest, and wetland, and learn about special adaptations that allow certain animals to be active at night. Warm tea and cocoa will be provided. ***Dress warmly and in layers. Registration required.***

Great Horned Owls ©Rick Olick

NATURALIST-GUIDED CANOE TRIPS

Berkshire lakes and rivers are home to rich wetland and aquatic ecosystems that provide habitat to an amazing array of wildlife. The quiet waters of the Housatonic River and Goose Pond are excellent wildlife-watching areas. These canoe trips give you a chance to explore hidden gems of the Berkshires with an experienced and knowledgeable guide. ***Directions to the meeting place will be provided upon registration. Children must be accompanied by an adult and know how to swim. Bring food, drink, insect repellent, and sunscreen.***

Canoeing the Housatonic River

Housatonic Valley Wildlife Management Area, Lenox

Dates: Sunday, August 25 / 8:30–11:30 am
Saturdays, August 31; September 7, 14 / 8:30–11:30 am
Ages: Adults and families with children ages 10 and up
Leader: Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist
Cost: *adults* $25 members, $35 nonmembers, *per session*
children $25 members, $35 nonmembers, *per session*

This leisurely paddle will take us through the ecologically rich Housatonic Valley Wildlife Management Area in Lenox. We'll watch for swallows, herons, kingfishers, muskrats, and signs of beavers along the scenic and meandering Housatonic River, and learn about why the waterway is the natural heart of the Berkshires.

Canoeing Upper & Lower Goose Ponds

Upper & Lower Goose Ponds, Lee & Tyringham

Date: Sunday, September 1 / 8:30 am–12:00 pm
Ages: Adults and families with children ages 10 and up
Leader: Berkshire Sanctuaries Naturalist
Cost: *adults* $25 members, $35 nonmembers
children $25 members, $35 nonmembers

Explore the coves and marshes of one of the Berkshires' most beautiful lakes. We'll paddle across Lower Goose Pond to pristine Upper Goose Pond in search of eagles, herons, ravens, and a variety of songbirds.

Poor Farm Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, 53 Acres

West Main Street, New Salem
978-464-2712

Poor Farm Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is part of a large mosaic of conservation land located in New Salem. The expansive area provides forest habitat for warblers and ground-nesting birds as well as large mammals including bobcat, black bear, and moose.

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.5029, -72.33948

Rocky Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, 441 Acres

Cardinal Lane, Groton
978-464-2712

Located on the Groton-Ayer town line, Rocky Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a land of impressive ledges, large boulders, beaver ponds, vernal pools, and extensive uninterrupted woodlands. The sanctuary lies within a stat-designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern and supports moose, beavers, and porcupines, as well as nearly 100 species of birds and more than 240 plant species. Please note: Parking area may not be plowed in winter.

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.581056, -71.531061

Rutland Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, 1,779 Acres

Off of Pat Connor Road, Petersham
978-464-2712 | massaudubon.org/rutlandbrook

Combined with neighboring conservation lands, Rutland Brook is part of one of the most extensive parcels of uninterrupted protected land in central Massachusetts. Here, moderate-to-strenuous interlinking trails wind though cathedral-like stands of hemlock and white pine and along boulder-strewn Rutland Brook.

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.463191, -72.161287

Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, 1,124 Acres

113 Goodnow Road | Princeton
978-464-2712 | wachusett@massaudubon.org
massaudubon.org/wachusettmeadow
facebook.com/massaudubonwachusettmeadow

Wachusett Meadow is a former farmstead that offers spectacular scenery and supports abundant wildlife throughout woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. Historic buildings and barns are still in use for educational programming and resident sheep graze the pastures. Trails traverse many interesting features including Brown Hill Summit, Glacial Boulder, ancient trees, and beaver ponds.

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 am–2:00 pm
Saturday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm
Sunday and Monday Holidays, 12:30–4:00 pm
Closed Mondays

TRAIL HOURS: Daily dawn to dusk

ADMISSION:
Mass Audubon members and Princeton residents: Free
Nonmembers: $4 adults; $3 children (2–12); $3 seniors (65 and older)

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 62/Rt. 31 intersection at Princeton Center Common, follow Rt. 62 West for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Goodnow Road. and parking lot is 1 mile ahead on the left.

Western MA

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, 724 Acres

127 Combs Road | Easthampton
413-584-3009 | arcadia@massaudubon.org
massaudubon.org/arcadia
facebook.com/massaudubonarcadia

Spanning Easthampton and Northampton, Arcadia's diverse terrain (forest, meadows, grasslands, marsh, and wetlands) attracts an extraordinary variety of wildlife. You will also find a thriving population of wildflowers, thanks to its rich, loamy soil, which is characteristic of the Connecticut River floodplain.

NATURE CENTER HOURS:
Monday–Saturday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Sunday, seasonally

ADMISSION:
Members and Northampton and Easthampton residents: Free
Nonmembers: $4 adults; $3 children (2–12); $3 seniors (65 and older)

DIRECTIONS: From Northampton, take Rt. 5 South. Right on East Sreet. Right on Fort Hill Road.

Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, 253 Acres

Holmes Road, Pittsfield
413-637-0320 | massaudubon.org/canoemeadows

Located just one mile from the center of Pittsfield, Canoe Meadows brings wildness to Berkshire County's largest city, attracting warblers, turtles, ospreys, otters, and the occasional bear at different times of year. Gentle, flat trails wind through the sanctuary's scenic woods, fields, and wetlands, and along the edge of the Housatonic River.

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.430527,-73.237482

Conway Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, 105 Acres

South Deerfield Road (Route 116), Conway
978-464-2712 | massaudubon.org/conwayhills

Once, cow pastures along with hay and tobacco fields covered much of the area. Now, many of the fields have reverted to forests, which provides habitat for coyotes, bears, moose, and bobcats. A single loop trail with a moderate ascent takes you through a previously harvested white pine and hemlock forest, past aging stone walls, by a large sugar maple "wolf" tree, and over some rocky ledges. Please note: Only roadside parking available.

DIRECTIONS: 4.5 miles west on Rt. 116 from I-91 and Rt. 5.

Graves Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, 607 Acres

Adams Road, Williamsburg
413-584-3009 | massaudubon.org/gravesfarm

For more than 125 years, this property was managed as a dairy farm. The now-protected wildlife sanctuary is complete with mixed forest, dramatic geologic features, pristine cold-water streams, and serene pastoral landscapes.

DIRECTIONS: North on Depot Road from Rt. 9. Right on Adams Road. Half mile to entrance.

High Ledges Wildlife Sanctuary, 792 acres

Off of Patten Road, Shelburne
978-464-2712 | massaudubon.org/highledges

Enjoy the spectacular panoramic views of the Deerfield River Valley and Mount Greylock from the ledges at the end of the sanctuary road. Spring is the best time to see many wildflowers, although the entire flower season offers both common and uncommon wildflowers and ferns. Some trails may be strenuous, but the views are worth it. Please note: Parking area is not plowed in winter.

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 2, turn north onto Little Mohawk Road. Follow Mass Audubon signs.

Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, 367 Acres

793 Main Street, Hampden
413-584-3009 | massaudubon.org/laughingbrook

Fans of Thornton W. Burgess are no strangers to the setting at Laughing Brook. The children's author wove his tales around the wild animals that live here. The landscape has changed since Burgess called this land home. The "laughing" brook has at times become a roaring river, depositing sand used later by turtles, and strong winds have downed trees, leaving behind new shelter for salamanders.

DIRECTIONS: From Allen Street. in Springfield, turn left on Main Street. in Hampden. Entrance is two miles on the left.

Lime Kiln Wildlife Sanctuary, 260 Acres

Silver Street, Sheffield
413-584-3009 | massaudubon.org/limekiln

Lime Kiln Farm hosts more than 500 species of plants including many rare varieties. A key tract of land within the 14,000-acre Schenob Brook Area of Critical Environmental Concern, the rolling hayfields, limestone ridge, conifer forest, and former pastures attract more than 50 species of butterflies as well as pileated woodpeckers, alder flycatchers, and red foxes.

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.082599, -73.362743

Lynes Woods Wildlife Sanctuary, 188 Acres

Edwards Road, Westhampton
413-584-3009 | massaudubon.org/lynes

Forest, shrubby fields, wetlands, and old stone walls tell the story of Lynes Woods' past as a former working farm and orchard. Here you can take an easy one-mile loop walk along a quiet woodland path to crystal clear Lyman Brook and listen for the music of water rushing over rocks. Please note: Parking area is not plowed in winter.

DIRECTIONS: Head 0.7 miles south on Edwards Road. from Rt. 66 to reach the entrance.

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, 1,191 Acres

472 West Mountain Road | Lenox
413-637-0320 | berkshires@massaudubon.org
massaudubon.org/pleasantvalley
facebook.com/massaudubonpleasantvalley

Set amidst more than 1,000 lush acres in the Berkshires, Pleasant Valley's varied trails wind through forests, meadows, wetlands, and along the slopes of Lenox Mountain, making this site an excellent location for easy-to-strenuous hiking. While exploring, there's a good chance you will see evidence of the sanctuary's most visible wildlife resident, the beaver, via dams, dens, or lodges.

NATURE CENTER HOURS:
Monday*–Friday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Holidays, 10:00 am–4:00 pm
*Closed Mondays, Columbus Day–June 30

TRAILS: Dawn to dusk on days Nature Center is open

ADMISSION:
Members and Lenox residents: Free
Nonmembers: $5 adults; $3 children (2–12); $3 seniors (65 and older)

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.382587, -73.298968

Richardson Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, 109 acres

New Boston Road (Route 57), Tolland
978-464-2712 | massaudubon.org/richardsonbrook

Named for the brook at its southern boundary, this wildlife sanctuary offers a challenging trail that meanders by numerous large trees and boulders, an interesting stone structure, and finally to Richardson Brook itself. Please note: Only roadside parking available (not plowed in winter).

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.08858, -73.04907

Road's End Wildlife Sanctuary, 190 Acres

Corbett Road, Worthington
978-464-2712 | massaudubon.org/roadsend

An abandoned farmstead that was once selectively lumbered and cleared for agricultural purposes, Road's End proves that, in time, the land can return to its former state. A white pine forest now stands in an old field, and pastures have become beaver meadows. Two gentle loop trails through the fields, forests, and along a brook quickly transport you to the "middle of nowhere." Please note: Parking area is not plowed in winter.

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.423736, -72.930181

West Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary, 1,711 Acres

Prospect Street, Plainfield
978-464-2712 | massaudubon.org/westmountain

West Mountain, situated within the watershed of the federally designated Wild and Scenic Westfield River, is part of one of the largest aggregations of conserved land in Massachusetts. The sanctuary provides valuable habitat for moose, black bears, otters, fishers, and bobcats, as well as habitat for a number of state-listed rare plants and animals and nesting sites for threatened ground-nesting birds. Please note: Only roadside parking available and parking area is not plowed in winter.

LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: 42.5172, -72.9425

Registration Procedures & Policy Guidelines

REGISTRATION

Advance registration with full payment is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. You may call in advance to inquire about space availability, but we cannot hold a space for you until we have received your payment in full. Please register early as many programs fill quickly. If you are registering for a class and less than one week remains before the program begins, please call the wildlife sanctuary that is hosting the program to confirm space availability. If you are not a Mass Audubon member, you may join when you register and pay the member program fee.

THREE EASY WAYS TO REGISTER!

Online: Register online at **massaudubon.org/catalog**. (Please note: Some programs and trips do not take online registration. In these instances, please call the wildlife sanctuary that is hosting the program during business hours.)

By Phone: Our staff will be happy to complete your registration with a credit card by phone.

In Person: Stop by the wildlife sanctuary that is hosting the program to register in person. (Please note: In-person registration should be done prior to the program start date to ensure space availability.)

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

Written confirmation is not sent for every program. If you would like to receive written confirmation, please let the wildlife sanctuary that is hosting the program know at the time of registration. You will be notified if a program is full and you have been added to a waitlist. Please read all correspondence carefully as it may contain important program information such as what to bring or wear, directions to a location, etc.

WAITLISTED PROGRAMS

Most programs have minimum and maximum enrollments depending on the type of class and instructional techniques. Some programs have waitlists. If the program of your choice is full, you will be placed on a waitlist when there is one. If you do not wish to remain on the waitlist, please notify the wildlife sanctuary that is hosting the program and a refund will be issued.

We will notify you at least 24 hours in advance of the program only if space becomes available. If space does not open up, you will receive a full refund within three weeks of the program date.

CANCELLATION/REFUND

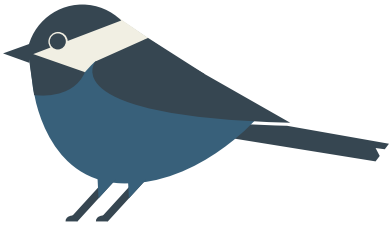
To receive a refund for a program you no longer plan to attend, you must notify the wildlife sanctuary that is hosting the program at least one week prior to the program start date. Each wildlife sanctuary reserves the right to change programs, schedules, and instructors or to cancel programs due to low enrollment. A full refund will be processed if the wildlife sanctuary cancels the program. Refunds require approximately three weeks for processing. Please be aware that summer camp and vacation week programs have a separate refund policy. Please refer to the camp brochure or call for this information.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Most programs are held rain or shine; please dress accordingly. If a program is canceled as a result of extreme weather conditions, an attempt to notify all participants will be made and full refunds will be issued. If you have any questions about the status of a program, please call the wildlife sanctuary that is hosting the program. For programs that specify a rain, cloud, or snow date, we recommend that you hold the alternate date open. Refunds will not be issued if the class is switched to its alternate date and you are not able to attend.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have additional questions about registration policies or a particular program, please call the wildlife sanctuary that is hosting the program.



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