

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary PROGRAM BROCHURE



September 1–November 30, 2019

Birding Programs

Early Birds Walk

Explore sanctuary trails in search of resident and migratory birds.
Fridays, September 6–November 15, 8–10 AM
\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

Bird Research in Action!

Meet the bird banding team and learn about banding methods and research.
Saturdays, September 14–November 9, 8–9 AM
\$7 M/\$9 NM; pre-registration required

In Search of Shorebirds

Search the marsh and tidal flats of the sanctuary in search of migrating fall shorebirds.
Thursday, September 5, 9–11 AM
Friday, September 27, 12:30–2:30 PM
\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

Hérons at Hemenway

Stake out a night-heron roost and wait for their nightly flight into the marsh to forage.
Saturdays, September 21, 6–7:30 PM; October 12, 5:30–7 PM
\$7 M/\$9 NM; pre-registration required

Fall Sparrows: ID Workshop + Field Walk

Join Special Programs Coordinator Jim Sweeney in deciphering confusing sparrows. Program will consist of indoor workshop lecture and time practicing out in the field.
Wednesday, October 9, 9 AM–12 PM
\$20 M/\$25 NM; pre-registration required

Tern Island Birding

Wednesday, September 4, 8:30–10:30 AM
Friday, September 20, 8:30–10:30 AM
\$40 M/\$50 NM; pre-registration required

Seabird Cruise

Cruise from Sesuit Harbor in Dennis into Cape Cod Bay in search of alcids, loons, gannets and sea ducks. We may also spot seals and other marine life.
Saturdays, November 9 and 16, 11 AM–1 PM
\$45 M/\$55 NM

Fall Birding: Cape Cod Classics

Thursdays, 8:30–10:30 AM
\$10 M/\$12 NM; pre-registration required

September 12: Morris Island, Chatham

Search the tidal flats, beaches and forests in search of fall migrants.

September 26: Forest Beach, Chatham

Explore the beach and marsh in search of gulls, wading birds and shorebirds.

October 10: Fort Hill, Eastham

Bird the beautiful field habitats of this National Seashore property in search of migrants.

October 24: Eastham Hotspots

Investigate the diverse habitats of Eastham — ponds, forests and thickets.

November 7: Nauset Beach, Orleans

Search for the arrival of migrating sea ducks on this iconic barrier beach system.

November 14: High Head, Truro

Hike out through the dunes to the beach in search of migrating land and sea birds.

Fall Birding: Half-day Van Trips

Tuesdays, 8 AM–12:30 PM
\$55 M/\$65 NM; pre-registration required

September 17: Crane Wildlife Management Area, Mashpee

Spend the day birding the grassland habitats of this popular birding hotspot.

October 15: Community Gardens Birding Tour

Scour the local gardens in search of migrating land birds utilizing this ephemeral food source.

November 12: Cape Cod Organic Farm, Barnstable

Explore the property of a local farm in search of late migrants and rarities.

Across the Bridge Birding: Full-day Van Trips

Saturdays, 7:30 AM–3:30 PM
\$80 M/\$90 NM; pre-registration required

September 14: Burrage Pond WMA, Plymouth County

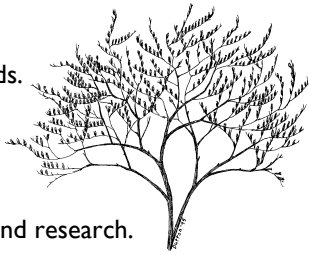
Explore this vast area with many habitat types in search of a variety of migrants.

October 12: Allen's Pond, Bristol County

Explore the birds of the saltmarsh and upland woods of this Mass Audubon Sanctuary.

November 2: Lakeville Ponds, Plymouth County

Spend the day birding the Lakeville Ponds in search of migrating ducks and Bald Eagles.



Hikes + Walks

Monday Morning Hiking Series

Enjoy fall phenology with a Wellfleet Bay Naturalist on a relaxed-paced hike on the wonderful trails of the Outer Cape.
Mondays, 9:30 AM–Noon
\$10 M/\$12 NM pre-registration required

September 2: Truro Woods

October 14: Nickerson State Park

November 11: Clapp's Pond, Provincetown



In Search of Terrapin Hatchlings

Search for diamondback terrapin hatchlings and visit with terrapin research volunteers.
Wednesdays, September 4 and 11, 8–9:30 AM
Saturdays, September 7 and 14, 4:30–6 PM
\$10 M/\$12 NM for adults and children age 8 and older; pre-registration required

Full Moon Hike

Hike along the sanctuary's trails and look and listen for wildlife as the sun sets over the bay and the moon rises through tree tops.
Fridays, September 13, 6–7:30 PM; October 11, 5:30–7 PM
\$8 M/\$10 NM; pre-registration required

Sea Turtle Patrol

Search for cold-stunned juvenile sea turtles stranded on Cape Cod Bay beaches and learn about sea turtle biology, behavior, and conservation. This program begins inside with a brief introduction and then we caravan by car to a local beach.
Monday, November 11, Noon–2 PM
Friday, November 15, 10 AM–12 PM
Saturday, November 16, 11 AM–1 PM
\$10 M/\$12 NM for adults and children age 6 and older; pre-registration required

17th Annual State of Wellfleet Harbor Conference

Saturday, November 2, 8:30 AM–1:30 PM at Wellfleet Elementary School

This annual conference focuses on distributing information about current research and monitoring projects related to Wellfleet Harbor. Free and open to the public; no registration required.



Fall Kayaking

Fall is a wonderful time to explore the ponds, tidal rivers, bays, and marshes of Cape Cod. Join an experienced naturalist in paddling some of the Cape's most beautiful destinations. Call or go online for expanded descriptions.

Kettle Pond Perk & Paddle

Enjoy complimentary coffee and donuts to perk you up for this morning paddle! Beat the crowd and enjoy a tranquil morning on the water.
\$70 M/\$80 NM; pre-registration required

Pleasant Bay Island Birding Adventures

Discover some of the small islands in the Orleans region of Pleasant Bay. Expect to get out for on-foot exploration and birding!
\$65 M/\$75 NM; pre-registration required

Gull Pond, Wellfleet

Saturday, September 7, 8–10 AM

Pochet Island

Friday, September 13, 8:30 AM–12 PM

Great Pond, Eastham

Saturday, September 28, 8–10 AM

Little Sipson Island

Tuesday, September 24, 9–12:30 PM



Bell's Neck & Herring River, Harwich

Wednesday, September 11, 9 AM–12:30 PM
\$60 M/\$70 NM; pre-registration required

Lieutenant Island, Wellfleet

Wednesday, September 18, 2–4:30 PM
\$60 M/\$70 NM; pre-registration required

Great Island, Wellfleet

Thursday, September 19, 12–3 PM
\$60 M/\$70 NM; pre-registration required

Upper Pleasant Bay, Orleans

Wednesday, September 25, 9 AM–12:30 PM
Friday, October 4, 1:30–4 PM
\$60 M/\$70 NM; pre-registration required

Cheep Eats Lecture Series

Enjoy a beverage and a sweet treat while learning about Cape Cod's avian diversity. \$3 M/\$5 NM; pre-registration required.

Cheep Eats: Wellfleet Bay's Purple Martins with Mark Faherty
Wednesday, October 23, 11–11:45 AM

Cheep Eats: Seabirds with Jim Sweeney
Wednesday, November 6, 11–11:45 AM

Please note: Recent paddling experience and swimming ability are required of each participant (sorry, no exceptions). Directions to meeting locations given upon registration. Children ages 12–17 are welcome with an adult. All equipment provided.

Reserve your space by calling 508-349-2615 or register online at massaudubon.org/wellfleetbay

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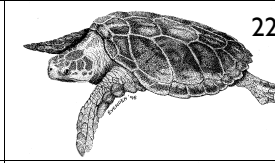
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1	9:30 Monday Hike: Truro Woods 2	3	8 In Search of Terrapins 8:30 Tern Island 4	9 In Search of Shorebirds 5	8 Early Birds 6	8 Kayak: Gull Pond Perk + Paddle 8 In Search of Terrapins 7
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Family Fun on the Holiday Weekends! <i>Pre-registration required. Call or visit our website for details, fees, or to register.</i> Seashore Ramble: Saturday, August 31, 1:30–3:30 PM Turtle Prowl: Saturday, August 31, 4:30–6 PM Hands-on Habitats: Saturday, October 12, 1:30–3 PM Box Turtle Tracking: Sunday, October 13, 10 AM–Noon Creature Feature: Sunday, October 13, 1–1:30 PM Turkey Trek: Saturday, November 16, 2–3:30 PM			9 Kayak: Upper Pleasant Bay 25	8:30 Fall Birding: Forest Beach 26	8 Early Birds 12:30 In Search of Shorebirds 27	8 Kayak: Great Pond Perk + Paddle 8 Bird Research in Action! 28

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 Haunted Forest: Friday, October 25th Celebrate Halloween in our haunted forest after dark. Be entertained and enlightened (but not scared) by the mysterious creatures you meet along the way. Walking tours begin every fifteen minutes starting at 5:15 PM until 7:30 PM. Recommended for children ages 3 through 12, but everyone is welcome. Pre-registration is required. \$10 M/\$12 NM for adults; \$4 M/\$6 NM for ages 3–12			11 Cheep Eats 23	8:30 Fall Birding: Eastham Hotspots 24	8 Early Birds 5:15 Haunted Forest 25	8 Bird Research in Action! 26

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Women and Philanthropy: Saturday, November 9 Have you been thinking about what your legacy will be? Join Sanctuary Director Melissa Lowe Cestaro and Director of Planned Giving Jan Adams for an engaging women's discussion on making a difference and planning a meaningful legacy. Learn and share with other women on their philanthropy journey. <i>11 AM–1 PM; Space is limited. Pre-registration required.</i> Contact Sheila Hoogeboom: wellfleetbayevents@massaudubon.org , 508-349-3608					8 Early Birds 1	7:30 Birding Lakeville Pond 8 Bird Research in Action! 8 Wellfleet Harbor Conference 2
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Sea Turtle Open House: Saturday, November 30 Join us for a day all about sea turtles! Drop in to learn more about sea turtles and why they strand on the beaches of Cape Cod and get a behind-the-scenes look at Wellfleet Bay's rescue efforts. Come to the Sanctuary to learn more about sea turtle rescue through touch tables, tours, kid-friendly crafts, a giant inflatable Leatherback Sea Turtle and more! Call or go online for additional details. <i>NOON–4 PM; free with sanctuary admission; all ages welcome</i>				21	 22	12 Sea Turtle Open House 23
				28	29	30

Nature Center Hours

Open Daily 8:30 AM–5 PM through Indigenous Peoples Day;
 Closed Mondays after Indigenous Peoples Day

Trail Hours

Daily 8 AM–dusk

Nonmember Admission

\$8/adult, \$5/seniors age 65 and older and \$3/child ages 2–12

Program Registration Policies

Pre-registration is required, unless otherwise noted. Drop-ins will be welcome if space permits. For your personal identity protection, we do not accept registrations by fax or email. Refunds are issued if cancellation is received at least 7 days before the program begins. We reserve the right to change programs, schedule, and instructors and to cancel programs due to low enrollment or unfavorable weather. If we cancel, you will receive a full refund. Find expanded program descriptions and register online.