# Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary Summer Experiences 2022



Nature Adventures for Children, Families, & Adults Kayak Tours | Wildlife Encounters | Special Events and MORE!





#### SUMMER 2022 AT FELIX NECK

Nature your way! Felix Neck offers unique experiences exploring the Sanctuary with groups of up to 15+ people\* and a personal naturalist guide. Diverse experiences include, story time visits with live critters, private birding, plants or nature walks, quiet meditation, and more. There is something for everyone at Felix Neck.

### **Choose Your Adventure!**

Pricing based on group size:

2 - 7 People

\$150 / hour

\$250+ / hour 8 - 15+ People

\*groups must include at least one responsible adult. All party members must be included at registration

#### Please contact 508.627.4850 or felixneck@massaudubon.org to register and for all our safety protocols

#### **GUIDED WALK**

**REPTILE-RAMA** 

Take a guided walk around the Sanctuary. Topics of choice include: climate change, wild edibles, birds, and many more!

#### **CREATURE FEATURE**

We will get a chance to take a look at the critter of choice, (seasonally dependent), and make crafts!

Reptiles are an amazing group of animals. Are they slimy? Cold-blooded? What makes a reptile a reptile? We'll answer these questions and more while learning about snakes and turtles when investigating their natural habitats!

#### **FAMILY BIRDING 101**

Families are invited to explore the Sanctuary in search of resident and migrating birds. Learn how to use binoculars, your eyes, and your ears to find and identify birds.

#### **TALENTED TALONS**

Explore the charactoristics of birds of prey including hawks and ospreys, that make them successful predators. Join us to take a closer look at our resident ospreys, found right on our property every summer!





#### SEASHORE DISCOVERY

Meet amazing creatures of the sea! Take a short walk through the forest to a protected beach where you will explore shallow waters with dip nets and use a large seine net to catch fish, crabs, and other pond wildlife! Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and don't forget your hat, sunscreen, and mosquito repellent.

#### TANK TIME

It's feeding time at Felix Neck! Meet our resident animals and learn about these critters during their feeding time.

#### MARINE DISCOVERY TOUR

Two hour tour; \$750 up to 10 people, \$900 up to 20 people



Cruise from Oak Bluffs Harbor with a Felix Neck naturalist to tour the waters of Vineyard Sound aboard The Skipper. We check traps for crabs, fish, and shellfish that live in the water surrounding the island. Participants will have a chance to look at the catch up-close and try scup fishing if time permits.



### **Kayak Tour Expeditions**

#### GUIDED PRIVATE KAYAK TOURS

Join a Felix Neck naturalist for an exploration of Sengekontacket Pond. Paddle by Sarsons Island to see nesting shorebirds feed and frolic. Explore the salt marsh and search for pond wildlife. All trips focus on the natural history of saltwater communities found on Martha's Vineyard. Daytime, sunset, and evening tours available.

Pricing based on group size:

2 - 7 Explorers \$350 2-hour program; 8 - 15 Explorers

\$600 2-hour program

\*groups must include at least one responsible adult. All party members must be included at registration. Ability to walk uneven terrain and load boats into water required.

#### KAYAK & STAND UP PADDLE BOARD (SUP) QUESTS

Monday - Friday, May 9 - October 28 Members: \$50/boat or SUP; Nonmembers: \$60/boat or SUP

Enjoy Sengekontacket Pond on this self-guided tour. Rhyming quest clues (think: treasure hunt!) will help you uncover the story of the pond's people, places, and wildlife. Single and double kayaks and two SUPs available; call to reserve for up to 2.5 hours; boats and SUPs must be returned by 3:30pm.





### Public Programs - All Ages

To ensure community equity, we ask that large groups and those able to cover costs defer to private Nature Adventure offerings.



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#### SEASHORE DISCOVERY

Mondays and Wednesdays, June 13 - August 24 | 10 am - 11:30 am Members: \$15/person; Nonmembers: \$20/person

Meet amazing creatures of the sea! Take a short walk through the forest to a protected beach where you will explore shallow waters with dip nets! Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and don't forget your hat, sunscreen, and mosquito repellent.

#### WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 14 - August 25 | 10 am - 11 am Members: \$10/person; Nonmembers: \$15/person This Island is filled with some amazing animals. Who lives here? Are they slimy? Cold-blooded? What makes a reptile a reptile or a bird a bird? We'll answer these questions and more while learning about Island wildlife while investigating their natural habitats!

#### MARINE DISCOVERY TOUR

Tuesdays, June 14 - August 30 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Members: \$45/person; Nonmembers: \$50/person

Cruise from Oak Bluffs Harbor with a Felix Neck naturalist to tour the waters of Vineyard Sound aboard The Skipper. Participants will have a chance to discover wildlife that lives in the Sound and try scup fishing if time permits.

#### FAMILY GUIDED KAYAK TOURS

Fridays, June 17 - August 26 | 10 am - 11:30 am Members: \$45/person; Nonmembers: \$50/person

Join a Felix Neck naturalist for an exploration of Sengekontacket Pond. Paddle the salt marsh and search for pond wildlife. All trips focus on the natural history of saltwater communities found on Martha's Vineyard.



### **Adult Public Programs**

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#### MORNING MEDITATION & LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesdays, July 5 - August 16 | 8 am - 9 am To provide access for all, we ask for a donation if you are able Come with your own intention and see what the labyrinth has to offer as you're guided through this seated and walking meditation.

#### EARLY BIRDERS

Thursdays, June 16 - September 15 | 8 am - 9:30 am To provide access for all, we ask for a donation if you are able The early bird gets the worm (or fish)! Join Felix Neck birders for a casual walk of the Wildlife Sanctuary grounds to look for summertime birds. Bug spray recommended.

#### MOONRISE KAYAK TOURS

May 15, June 13, July 12, August 1, September 9; Times vary, call for details Members: \$60/person; Nonmembers: \$65/person See Sengekontacket Pond in a new light— moonlight—as we celebrate each month's full moon. With a guide, kayak on the pond as the sun sets, stars twinkle, and the moon rises. **Ages 14+ only** 

#### **CLIMATE SOLUTIONS WALK/ STROLL**

June - September

To provide access for all, we ask for a donation if you are able Take a self-guided walk around our Turtle Pond loop learning different ways to take climate action at home and beyond.



### **Special Events**

#### SANCTUARY SUPPER

Tuesday, July 19 | 6 pm - 9 pm

#### Ticket and table pricing varies, visit website for more details

Enjoy a cocktail hour with wild drinkables, and hors d'oeuvres in the meadow, followed by a multi-course organic meal overlooking the spectacular expanse of Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary. All ingredients are sourced with the health of our planet and people in mind. Then get your paddles ready for an exciting live auction. The evening will benefit Felix Neck's Climate Education Programs.

#### FOUTH OF JULY FIREFLY NIGHT

Monday, July 4 | 8 pm - 9:30 pm Members: \$10/person; Nonmembers: \$15/person Come to Felix Neck for an alternative celebration. Spend the night in the quiet woodlands as we walk in search for everyones favorite glowing insects, then gather by the fire for s'mores and stargazing. **All ages welcome** 

#### AMITY SHARK RACE

Sunday, August 28 | Race starts at 8:30 am \$100 per shark

Help support Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary and purchase one or a frenzy of sharks! The sharks race through Sengekontacket as they compete for the coveted Shark Fin Trophy.

FOOT IT FOR FELIX 5K TRAIL WALK / RUN Saturday, September 3 | Race starts at 9 am \$30/person

The race takes you through the beautiful trails of Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, providing views and inspiration at every step. Proceeds benefit the Sanctuary's wildlife protection, education, and conservation initiatives.

#### FAMILY NIGHT AT FELIX NECK

Thursdays, July 7; August 11 | 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm Members: \$20/family (up to 4); Nonmembers: \$40/family (up to 4) Additional family members \$5 per person Enjoy an evening at the Sanctuary with your whole family. See the creatures that call Felix Neck home at night, watch the sunset, take a walk at dusk, and roast

marshmallows!

## Nature Adventures for Kids Only

Monday, June 13th - Friday, August 26th \$200/ group



2 Hour-long programs for children entering K-8th grade Open to 2-5 kids per group Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm: contact to schedule

Explore forest, field, marsh, pond, and seashore habitats at our 350-acre wildlife sanctuary. This program will encourage kids to actively investigate and observe their surroundings, make their own discoveries, appreciate nature, and most of all have fun! Our program incorporates outdoor games, nature activities, hikes, stories, crafts, and more!

Email felixneck@massaudubon.org to register

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS**

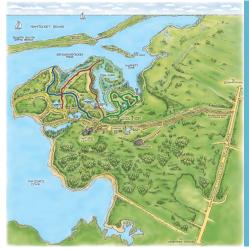
Thursdays, May 5 - September 29 | 10 am - 3 pm FREE

Help tend to our land! Work alongside our knowledgeable property staff and other volunteers. Come for the knowledge but stay for the experience and fun! Bring your own tools or use ours.Register in advance, limited to 10 participants.

Go online at massaudubon.org/felixneck to register







### Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary

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#### Directions:

Felix Neck is located on the Edgartown side of the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road approximately two miles from the intersection of Beach Road in Edgartown, and five miles from State Road in Vineyard Haven. Look for a blue-and-white sign with the Mass Audubon logo. Follow the wooded drive 3/4 mile to the parking area.

#### Explore Nature at Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary!

Discover some of the Vineyard's most important natural treasures and spectacular views! Enjoy four miles of walking trails along scenic shorelines, woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. See birds, butterflies, wildflowers, sea life, and much more. Explore at your own pace or take a guided program with our teacher-naturalists. Visit massaudubon.org/felixneck.

### Sanctuary Admission

Members: Free Nonmember Adults: \$4 Nonmember Children: \$3 Seniors (ages 65+): \$3 Children under 3: Free

Nature Center Hours Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Sat & Sun, 10 am - 2 pm

**Trails** Open daily, dawn to dusk



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#### Felix Neck Staff

Suzan B: Islands Director Josey K: Education Manager Liz D: Education Coordinator Liz C: Office Manager Paul B: Office Assistant Ann O: Preschool Director Robin B: Preschool Staff Beth S: Preschool Staff Phil B: Property Manager Pheonix HW: Property Steward



