

Special Programs

Map and Compass Scavenger Hunts

Explore the sanctuary in search of hidden natural treasures! Scouts will learn to use a map and compass to navigate and will also learn a little about how animals in the wild find their way.

2 Hour Program Afternoons and Weekends Year-round
\$125/troop (up to 10 scouts - \$10 for each additional scout or sibling)

Night Hikes

Discuss nocturnal wildlife during an evening program. Experiences may include calling for owls, listening for choruses of spring peepers, watching beavers at work, and enjoying other seasonal highlights.

7:00 – 8:30pm Friday and Saturday Evenings Year-round
\$10/person for up to 20 people (\$100 minimum fee)

Canoeing

Canoe the Ipswich River with an experienced instructor, discovering the animals and plants of the floodplain forests and marshes. No experience necessary. Fee includes canoe rental, PFDs, paddles, and two instructors.

May, June, September, and October only
\$200 for a 2 hour program for up to 15 people

Campouts

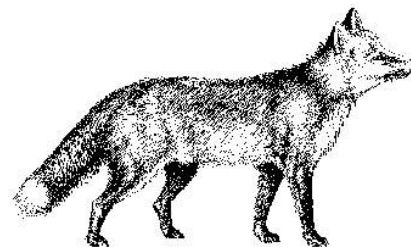
Campsites are available for rental on Perkins Island, accessible only by canoe along the Ipswich River. The cost is \$10 per person per night. You can use your own canoes or rent ours for \$45 per canoe per day. To find out more, please call our main office at 978-887-9264 or go to our website at massaudubon.org/ipswichriver.

Maple Sugaring Scout Jamboree

Saturday February 15th, 2020

Meet our maples, tour the sugar shack, try a taste of our sweet syrup and participate in winter activities that can earn you badges!

 **Mass Audubon**
Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts
Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
87 Perkins Row
Topsfield, MA 01983



Boy Scout Programs

Dates and Times:

Tuesday through Friday afternoons and evenings
Or weekend morning, afternoons, or evenings

Program Fees:

1.5 hour program – \$96/troop (for up to 10 scouts including siblings)
2 hour program – \$112/troop (for up to 10 scouts including siblings)
\$10 for each additional scout or sibling

****Please book at least two weeks in advance****

Develop a custom program with us for an additional \$25
No fee for up to 5 adult chaperones
please no siblings under age 5

To Register: Contact us at 978-887-9264, ext. 7703
ipswichriver@massaudubon.org

Badge Programs



Tiger Scouts

Tigers in the Wild (1.5 hours)

Come take a hike and explore our sanctuary! Get a close look at the plants and animals that call this place home and learn about how we can help them using the principles of Leave No Trace. *Meets Requirements 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7*

Wolf Scouts

Paws on the Path (1.5 hours)

Search for and learn to identify some of the fascinating birds, insects, and mammals found on our sanctuary. Using nets and bug boxes we will catch insects for closer observation and end by making a map of the area showing our favorite nature find. *Meets Requirements 5, 6, 7, and 8*

Bear Scouts

Fur, Feathers, and Ferns (1.5 hours)

Discover and learn to identify the plants and animals that live on the sanctuary. We will explore different habitats and look at wildlife at a distance using binoculars and up close using hand lenses. We will learn about extinction and play a game to learn about what wildlife needs to survive. *Meets Requirements 5a, 5c, 5d, and 5e*

Webelos

Into the Woods (2 hours)

Learn to identify forest trees and plants and discover why they are useful to wildlife. Discuss the parts of a tree and learn how growth rings tell the story of the past. *Meets Requirements 2, 3, 4, 6, 9*

Into the Wild (2 hours)

Observe insects in the field and forest, and observe and identify animals. We'll take a closer look at producers, consumers, and decomposers, and learn the important role of wetlands. *Meets Requirements 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9*

Explorations for All Ages

Tiger Cubs to Eagle Scouts, your troop will love these outdoor, hands-on scout programs.

Choose 1.5 or 2 hours

Habitat Hike

Explore our forests, fields, and wetlands and learn what makes each place unique. Search for signs of seasonal changes and observe the plants and animals that call these places home.

Pond Dipping

Using nets, buckets, and magnifying lenses we will discover what lives in our freshwater wetlands. We will catch and take a closer look at insects, frogs, and other aquatic creatures that live just below the surface of the pond.

Backyard Birds

With binoculars and field guides we will observe birds in our native bird garden, climb the observation tower, and explore the trails in search of our feathered friends. We will also take a closer look at feathers and nests, and learn to identify some of our local birds.

Beavers

Discover what life is like for the largest rodent in North America. Get an up close look at a beaver mount, real lodges and dams, and try your hand at building one yourself!

Animal Tracking

No matter the season, wild animals leave their tracks and signs behind them like a story to be discovered. Learn to find and follow these signs and find out more about the animals that make them.

Great Enrichments for Adventures!

