

## About Habitat

Located just 6 miles from downtown Boston, trails wind through deciduous and evergreen forests, across meadows, and around ponds and vernal pools at Habitat. A long-standing center for environmental education, Habitat offers year-round programs for all ages including: outdoor family celebrations; guided group walks; in-school and after-school programs; summer camps and vacation week programming; preschool and homeschool classes; and more.

For more information please contact us at:  
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10 Juniper Road Belmont, MA 02478

## About Mass Audubon

Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 37,500 acres of conservation land, provide school, camp, and other educational programs for 225,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Founded in 1896 by two inspirational women who were committed to the protection of birds, Mass Audubon is now one of the largest and most prominent conservation organizations in New England. Today we are respected for our sound science, successful advocacy, and innovative approaches to connecting people and nature. Each year, our statewide network of wildlife sanctuaries welcomes nearly half a million visitors of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds and serves as the base for our work. To support these important efforts, call 800-AUDUBON (800-283-8266) or visit [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org).



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## School Field Trips



## Habitat's Field Trips

Mass Audubon's Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary welcomes school classes and other groups that want to visit the sanctuary, explore its trails, and learn about the plants, animals, ecology, and habitats that can be found here.



Habitat provides trained instructors to lead groups of 7-9 on walks through the sanctuary. These walks generally last 60-90 minutes. Instructors involve children in activities designed to teach information and awareness about the natural environment. If a group is studying a specific theme in the classroom, teachers may request that the walk relate to that topic.

Habitat welcomes and encourages groups to visit in every season. Many important changes take place in the natural environment throughout the year, providing wonderful opportunities for



## Field Trip Topics

Our field trips are designed to cultivate a sense of stewardship for our natural world through outdoor exploration and activities that are educational, fun and appropriate for all ages. Topics include:

- ◇ Habitats: Forest, Meadow, Pond
- ◇ Ponds & Vernal Pools
- ◇ Insects
- ◇ Plants & Plant Structure
- ◇ Life Under a Log
- ◇ Maple Sugaring
- ◇ Preparing for Winter



## Looking for in-school programs?

Habitat educators can come to your classroom before or after your field trip. We have in-class interactive programs which easily link to the topic of your visit, and extend student experience and understanding. For more information please visit our website or contact *Paul Kelley* at [pkelley@massaudubon.org](mailto:pkelley@massaudubon.org).



## Fees & Info

Walks may be scheduled on weekdays between the hours of 9 am and 3:30 pm. Walks are 60 or 90 minutes in length and run rain or shine. Groups can postpone or cancel due to inclement weather issues or concerns. We will do our best to reschedule.

The minimum group size is 8 and the maximum is 48. We typically divide school groups into smaller groups of 7-9 students for which we require a minimum of 1 adult chaperone.



The cost is \$8.50 per participant for a 90 minute walk and \$7.00 for a 60 minute walk (suggested for children 2-3 years old). A deposit at the time of booking is required. The deposit is refundable for cancellations received at least two weeks prior to the program date or in the case of inclement weather.

For more information on field trips to Habitat please contact: *Gwen Deutsch* at [gdeutsch@massaudubon.org](mailto:gdeutsch@massaudubon.org).