School & Group Program Fees

Guided Programs
School Programs (12 student min)
On Sanctuary: $4/student
Off Sanctuary: $4.50/student

Group Programs
On Sanctuary: $70/hr/group (20 person max)
Off Sanctuary: $85/hr/group (25 person max)
$75/hour for additional programs

Off-Sanctuary Auditorium Programs
$125/hr • $95/hr for additional programs

Guided Canoe Programs
$8/1 hr/person (10 person min)
$1/person for each additional 30 mins.

Unguided Programs & Rentals
Unguided Sanctuary Hikes
$3/adult, $2/child
(10 participant min, 45 max)

Canoe Rentals
$10/canoe/hour
(9 canoes available; 10 participant min; 1 adult per canoe required; max 3 participants per canoe)

Snowshoe Rentals
$3/hour/pair
(10 participant min)

Scout Overnights
$16/person (10-15 people, indoors or outdoors)
$20/person (16-35 people, outdoors only)
*see overnights brochure on website

Facility Rentals
$25/hour members, $35/hour non-members

Group rates listed above require the minimum number of participants as indicated for pricing purposes; smaller groups are welcome at regular visitor rates. Additional programs must be the same day and location. Additional travel fees may apply for some programs. *Contact us for current covid protocols & size limits*

Mass Audubon

works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 125,000 members, we care for 38,000 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, Mass Audubon is now one of the largest and most prominent conservation organizations in New England.

Wachusett Meadow

protects nearly 1,200 acres in the Wachusett highlands, providing a superb setting for school and group programming. Historic farm buildings, pastures, and a resident sheep flock are surrounded by 12 miles of marked trails featuring meadows, forests, beaver ponds, Glacial Boulder, and a 1,300-ft. Brown Hill Summit, among others.

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Programs Overview

Wachusett Meadow offers a wide variety of educational programs and services to schools and community groups. Our experienced education staff provide engaging private programs for adults, children, or mixed-age groups. Programs can be a combination of indoors and outdoors at our sanctuary, a school, or community site.

Choose from our online program listing or get in touch to customize a program!

School Programs

Wachusett Meadow provides nature and science based programs for students at any level, preschool to adult, that are aligned with Mass Department of Education frameworks. We host school, preschool, homeschool, college level, and teacher professional development programs.

Our programs encourage students to inquire, investigate, classify, think critically, and draw conclusions. Programs are geared toward a requested curriculum, with connections to seasonal natural history and local wildlife.

Example school programs: Animal Adaptations, Nature’s Engineers, Climate Change Hike, Explore the Pond, Biomimicry

Group Programs

Community groups can explore local ecology with Wachusett Meadow staff all year long! We serve all ages and types of groups including libraries, garden clubs, senior centers, church groups, parent groups, and more.

Our programs can be tailored to fit a specific interest or setting, both on and off our sanctuary. In addition to guided hikes, we also offer guided or unguided canoeing and snowshoeing. Facility rentals are available for groups if booked in advance.

Example group programs: Introduction to Birdwatching, Wildlife Tracking, Night Hike, Nature Photography

Scout Programs

Take your troop on an adventure they’ll never forget! With 1,200 acres of land and 12 miles of trails, scouts can explore the forests, fields, and wetlands of Wachusett Meadow while completing badges, journeys, and adventures. Scout overnights also available.

Please see the scout program brochure on our website for more info.

Example scout programs: Outdoor Adventurer, Wonders of Water, Into the Woods, Earth Rocks

Birthday Parties

Celebrate your child’s birthday in a fun and unique setting! Rent our program room and play yard, explore the sanctuary on a staff-led hike, and create your own nature-themed craft. Wachusett Meadow staff can tailor your party experience to a fit your child’s favorite animal or other nature theme.

Please see the birthday party brochure on our website for more info and pricing.

See more school and group program offerings online at massaudubon.org/wachusettmeadow