

## Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Birthday Parties



We welcome the opportunity to celebrate important milestones with your family! Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary is an ideal place to host your child's birthday party. We provide a beautiful space and nature-themed activities, and you make arrangements for the guests and the food.

### Our Party Room

The party room accommodates up to 35 people (including adults), and can be set up with up to 5 six-foot folding tables. Please help support our mission and keep decorations/containers green. Consider providing reusable cups or asking guests to bring water bottles. No balloons, please. Trash and recycling bins are provided, but carry-in, carry-out is appreciated.

### Party Days and Times

Birthday parties are scheduled after Labor Day through mid-June on weekends between 9 AM and 4:30 PM, as well as on weekdays after school hours. Parties are two hours long. Party hosts are allowed 30 minutes for set up before the start of the party and 30 minutes to clean up after the end of the party.

### Party Activities

Your party will be hosted by a children's naturalist who will lead the party guests in nature-themed activities and outdoor exploration. Please choose a Cape Cod animal(s) for the theme (see sample themes below). Party activities may include scavenger hunts, puppet shows or dramatic play, indoor and outdoor games, crafts, and stories. Age appropriate activities are chosen by the naturalist, but we welcome any ideas you may have as well as preferences (for example, more time for games in lieu of a craft). We will strive to make the day as special as possible for the birthday child!

Naturalist-guided party activities are designed to take up to 1.5 hours, leaving the party host (you) 30 minutes for other party activities, such as cake and presents. Please ask party guests to dress for the weather. Unless weather is severe, we will plan to spend part of the time outside.

### Sample animal themes

Turtles, sharks, seals, fish, animals of the tidal flats, birds, squirrels and chipmunks, coyotes, whales, salamanders and frogs, insects, and more!

## Sample Party

*Squirrels and Chipmunks theme:* Children will learn about squirrels and chipmunks and how they prepare for winter by acting like these animals in a fun and interactive dramatic play game. We'll explore the trails with a special scavenger hunt and end with a squirrel collage craft.

## Cost

Birthday parties are designed for 15 participating children. All children age 4 and older count towards this total. The cost of a birthday party for 15 children is \$200. This includes the use of the party room for three hours, a children's naturalist to lead activities, and activity materials. You do not need to be a member of Mass Audubon to schedule a birthday party.

If you expect more than 15 children to attend, we will be happy to bring in a second children's naturalist, at a cost of \$10 per additional child. We will need one week's notice prior to the party to arrange for an additional naturalist. We limit the number of participating children (age 4 and older) to 25, and for large groups, some activities may be divided into two groups. The total number of guests (including adults and children under 4) may not exceed 35.

## Reservations

To reserve a date for your party, you must pay one half the total fee and sign and submit the Rules and Regulations/Reservation Request (also found on the website). The payment of the balance must be made at least 15 days prior to the event. At the same time, a separate check is required for the security deposit of \$150. Please make checks payable to Mass Audubon.

The security deposit will be returned to you within one week after the party provided that no expenses were incurred (such as additional children or additional time in the party room) and that there were no damages to the property.

For cancellations up to 15 days in advance of the scheduled date, we will return the fee minus a \$50 processing fee. Cancellations less than 15 days in advance of the party will result in the loss of the full party fee. We reserve the right to refuse birthday party requests at our discretion.

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