



Boston Harbor Islands
National Park Area

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Explore the Boston Harbor Islands

Opportunities for Students and Teachers

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In the Classroom

- Curriculum materials available through the park website www.BostonIslands.org/learn. Studies focus on introduction to Boston Harbor, harbor defense and Civil War history, Intertidal zone and invasive crabs, geology, lighthouses, life on the islands, and the clean-up of Boston Harbor.
- Invite a Ranger, Light keeper, or boat captain into your classroom for introductions to the harbor, chartmaking activities, and life on the islands.
- *Living in Two Worlds: Native American Experiences on the Boston Harbor Islands* New Teacher's Guide and DVD uses oral tradition to tell the past and present stories from the Nipmuc, Wampanoag, and Massachusetts perspectives.

Plan a Field Expedition

- *Harbor Connections Program* (grades 5-8) Park staff helps design a year-long study from a menu of offerings that focus on interdisciplinary work and hands on learning.
- *Invasive Crab Study* (all grades) Contribute to scientific study of these invaders with researchers from McGill University, Canada.
- *Fort Warren during the Civil War* (grades 5-8) both guided tours and teacher led programs are available for students on Georges Island.
- *Liberty of Treason: The Case of Josiah Gordon* (grades 9-12) Students use primary sources to investigate political prisoners and life during the Civil War on Georges Island.
- *Geology of the Drumlins and Beach Profiling* (grades 9-12) Using protocols set up by park researchers, students look at the formation and erosion of drumlins.
- *An Island Neighborhood: People and Stories of Peddocks Island* (grades 5-9) Based on the book *Once Upon an Island* students explore the island social and military history.
- *America's First Lighthouse, Boston Light* (grades 5-9) Students learn about navigation, weather, island life, and the science behind the Fresnel lens in this trip to Little Brewster Island.

For assistance in planning a field expedition contact Kelly Fellner at 617.223.8668

Teacher Professional Development

Charting a Course to the Boston Harbor Islands

One-day content workshops for teachers offered Tuesdays in July and August. Contact Carl Johnson at Mrj312@aol.com.

Become a Citizen Scientist

Work with park researchers to investigate invertebrates, birds, invasive plants and more. Contact: Mary Raczko at Mary_Raczko@nps.gov for more information.

