

Cape Cod National Seashore Activities for April 1 - 30, 2014

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SALT POND VISITOR CENTER

OPEN DAILY 9 TO 4:30 PM, OFF ROUTE 6, EASTHAM. 508 - 255 - 3421

This visitor center offers magnificent views of Salt Pond, Nauset Marsh, and the Atlantic; an outstanding museum; and thematic films in the theater. Staff are on duty to help with trip planning. There is a well-stocked store offering books, maps, puzzles, games, apparel, and other interpretive items for sale. Restrooms are available in the parking area. The Nauset Marsh and Buttonbush trails, and the Nauset Bicycle Trail are nearby.

Outdoor programs may be cancelled due to inclement weather. In this case, indoor programs may be offered instead. Some program sites do not have restrooms. Call the Salt Pond Visitor Center at 508 - 255 - 3421, for current information. *All programs are free.*



Due to extensive storm damage and erosion, there is currently no access to Nauset Light Beach in Eastham.

Tuesdays

WALK: THOREAU BEACH WALK - 10 AM. 1 hour, 1 mile. Experience the Great Beach shoreline through the writings and experiences of the great 19th-century naturalist and writer, Henry David Thoreau. You may come to feel as he did, when he wrote, *"My life is like a stroll upon the beach, as near to the ocean's edge as I can go."* Meet in the parking lot at Coast Guard Beach, Eastham.

Fridays

WALK: THE NATURE OF NAUSET - 2:30 PM. Up to 1½ hours, 1½ miles. Explore the natural history of the Nauset area, uncovering the Cape's geologic origins and investigating the landscape - from ice age remnant Doane Rock to the sweeping green expanse of Nauset Marsh. Meet at the Doane Rock picnic area *rear* parking lot, Eastham.

Saturdays

WALK: SALT POND DISCOVERY - 2:30 PM. 1 hour, 1 mile. Take this easy one hour walk to discover some of the intriguing stories and features of this scenic and both naturally and culturally significant area within the national seashore. Meet at the terrace of the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.

TOUR: CAPTAIN EDWARD PENNIMAN HOUSE: A WHALING FAMILY'S STORY - 11 AM, 1 hour. Learn about the Penniman family through a tour of their home and stories of their travels. Examine some of the hardships, adventures, and lifestyle of a whaling family. **By reservation only.** Call Salt Pond Visitor Center, 508-255-3421, ext 0. Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, Eastham. *April 19 and 26 only.*



Sundays

WALK: EXPLORING THE FIRE ROADS OF WELLFLEET - 9:30 AM. 2 hours, 2 to 3 miles. Discover solitude and surprising history on this adventure hike through the woods of South Wellfleet. Bring water and insect repellent and wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the southwest corner of the Marconi Beach parking area, Wellfleet.

WALK: LIGHTHOUSE TOUR of the THREE SISTERS - 3 PM. 1 hour, ½ mile. These 19th-century lighthouses once provided a beacon for sailors off the shore of Nauset Light Beach. Come and learn of their history and importance. Meet at Nauset Light Beach parking area, Eastham. *April 20 and 27 only.* 



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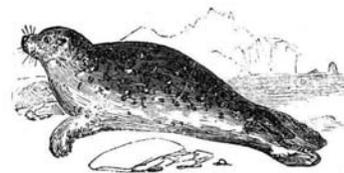
Special Programs

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - ILLUSTRATED TALK: THE CAPE COD PERIMETER: WALK THE BEACH, SWIM THE RIVERS - 2 PM. 45 minutes. Mark and Patti McGrath of Harwich Port wanted to explore the shores of Cape Cod, so they decided to walk and swim the entire perimeter. The walk started as a physical challenge but turned into something far more meaningful than just a walk on the beach. They will use pictures, videos, and stories to discuss the challenges, joys, and favorite places they experienced on their yearlong adventure. Takes place at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. ♿

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 - "SKYWARN®" - National Weather Service Storm Spotter Training - 7 to 10 PM. The effects of severe weather are felt by many Americans. To obtain critical weather information, NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) trains volunteer severe weather spotters to help keep local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports to the National Weather Service. Open to all those interested in weather, the NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service and access to communication, such as HAM radio, to join the SKYWARN® program. Takes place at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. ♿ For more information: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn/>

Especially for Family

DISCOVERY ACTIVITY - Saturdays, April 19 and 26, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM; Sundays, April 20 and 27, from 2 to 4 PM. Discover the exciting animal life or other special features of the national seashore the rangers are showcasing. Takes place in the lobby or on the grounds of the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. ♿



Monday, April 21, Wednesday, April 23, and Friday, April 25 - ON THE LOOKOUT! - 10 AM to 12 PM, and 1 to 3 PM. Visit Coast Guard Beach in Eastham, any time during the times noted, and find the ranger *on the lookout* for items of interest including life along the shore or in the ocean. Whales, seals, seabirds, and other sea life are among the possibilities.

Tuesday, April 22 - 9:30 AM to 2 PM. Junior Ranger Beach Bioblitz!

Spend all or part of the day at Cape Cod National Seashore looking for wildlife! Participate in a parkwide inventory of beach animals (dead or alive!). Begin with an indoor slide show for *Bioblitz* data and photograph recording instructions, basic identification skills, and maps to assigned beaches. Bring your sharp eyes and a digital camera. Binoculars are helpful but not required. Parents need to provide transportation for their children to one or more different beaches. Meet at 9:30 AM at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.

Wednesday, April 23 - 10:30 AM, 1 hour. Want to Know More about Wildland Firefighting?

Families are invited to tour Cape Cod National Seashore's wildland fire facility to view the park's fire trucks and some of the equipment wildland firefighters use in putting out forest fires. Meet in front of Cape Cod National Seashore's Headquarters Building, Marconi Station Area, Wellfleet. ♿

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY CELEBRATION - Saturday, April 26,

10 AM to 3 PM. In 1903, Guglielmo Marconi made history when he sent and received the first two-way wireless transatlantic message from the United States to Europe from his Wellfleet station. Families are invited to join licensed radio operators from the Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club as they make contacts with other operators around the world in honor of Marconi's birthdate, April 25, 1874. Kids can practice Morse code on a "key," use signal flags, and learn about other signaling techniques. Takes place at the Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Beach, Eastham. ♿



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