

Cape Cod National Seashore

Activities February 15 through March 2015

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For outdoor programs, be safe and stay comfortable by wearing clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather. All programs are weather dependent. Check with the Salt Pond Visitor Center, 508-255-3421, if inclement weather is in the forecast and for alternate programs. Salt Pond Visitor Center is located at Route 6 and Nauset Road, Eastham, and is accessible.

 *ideal for families*

Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Beach, Eastham

The stairs at Nauset Light Beach washed away during the January blizzard. There is no access to this beach except by foot from Coast Guard Beach.

Our winter film series continues with the final two segments of the Ken Burns series:
National Parks: *America's Best Idea*.

Sundays, at 1:30 PM, 2 hours. Free. Shown on a theatre-size screen at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Refreshments at 1 PM. 

February 15 - *Great Nature* (1933–1945) emphasizes the societal impacts of the park concept, including new environmental and naturalistic perspectives, employment opportunities, and expansion of the park idea to additional U.S. locations.

February 22 - *The Morning of Creation* (1946–1980) details the ecological damage caused by 62 million visitors each year, and the controversial decision to protect wolves in Alaska.

Tuesday, February 17 - WALK: KETTLE POND STROLL - 11 AM, 45 minutes, ¾ mile. Free. Join a ranger for a short walk along the shores of Salt Pond in Eastham. Explore the topic of kettle ponds and how they have become the bodies of water we see today. Ice has many meanings on this February walk! Meet in the lobby of Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.

Wednesday, February 18 - MOVIE: *WILD AMERICA* - 1:30 PM, 102 minutes. Free. This family film follows three brothers who grew up to become renowned animal photographers and chronicles their summer adventures roaming America with a camera in 1967. Shown on a theatre-size screen at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.  

Thursday, February 19 - WALK: THE WONDERS OF WATER FOWL - 3 PM, 1½ hours, 1 mile. Free. Explore the shores of Salt Pond and Nauset Marsh in search of the ducks and geese that call these waters home in the cold winter months. Learn about the adaptations that make this group of birds unique. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will also have a few pairs to loan. Meet in the lobby of Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. 



See, Touch, and Learn: Stop by the Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham between 10 AM and 2 PM, Saturday, February 14; and Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20, to see what the rangers have arranged on the activity table.  

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Friday, February 20 - WALK: EXPLORING THE ATLANTIC WHITE CEDAR SWAMP

10 AM, 1½ hours, 1 mile. Free. As we walk the trail into the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp, kids will use their exploration skills to see, smell, and feel different plant textures from four different vegetation communities. We'll also listen and look for animals along the way. Meet at the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp trailhead in the Marconi Station Site parking lot, Wellfleet. 

Saturday, February 21 - MOVIE: MARCH OF THE PENGUINS - 1:30 PM, 80 minutes.

Free. Enjoy this stunning look at emperor penguins living in one of the harshest climates on the planet. The product of more than a year of filming on the Antarctic ice, this Oscar-winner reveals never-before-captured footage of the penguins' underwater life. Shown on the theatre-size screen at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.  



Wednesday, March 25 - WALK: DUNE WALK AND SEARCH FOR WHALES - 1 PM, 2 miles in

soft sand, up to 3 hours. Free. Traverse a hilly path through the Province Lands dunes, gaining spectacular views from each ridge, and edging closer to the ocean. Once at the beach we will look for migrating right whales. Wear sturdy footwear such as hiking boots or sneakers. Bring water and binoculars. Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, Race Point Road, Provincetown.



Coming Attractions: NATIONAL JUNIOR RANGER DAY EVENTS IN APRIL

Tuesday, April 21 - Find Your Beach - 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Free.

Find out what lives on and off shore of Cape Cod beaches. Search and explore Coast Guard Beach, Eastham for beach animals (both dead or alive!). Bring your sharp eyes and a digital camera or smartphone. Binoculars are helpful but not required. Meet at the Coast Guard Station, Eastham. 



Wednesday, April 22 - *Want to Know More about Wildland Firefighting?* 10:30 AM, 1 hour. Free.

Calling all families: Tour Cape Cod National Seashore's wildland fire facility. Touch fire trucks and use 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. 

Many other activities are being planned. Details will be provided in our April vacation flyer.

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY CELEBRATION - Saturday, April 25, 10 AM - 3 PM. Free.

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 two way contacts with other operators around the world to honor Marconi's birthday. Practice Morse code on a "key," use signal flags, and learn about other signaling techniques used prior to the invention of wireless. Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Beach, Eastham. 



Cell Phone Interpretation - The *Dial and Discover Seashore Stories* program is a cell phone tour with short interpretive messages from park staff. Look for the *Dial and Discover* signs at several seashore locations, or pick up a list of tour stops at the Salt Pond Visitor Center. There is no cost for the tour except your cell phone plan usage.

Salt Pond Visitor Center, Route 6 at Nauset Road,
Eastham (508) 255 - 3421 Ext. 0,
Open daily from 9 AM to 4:30 PM.

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