

# Cape Cod National Seashore Activities November and December 2014

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*Snowy Dunes, Truro, NPS photo/Patrick Burns*

*Experience the seasonal changes and beauty of Outer Cape Cod in late fall and early winter.*

Salt Pond Visitor Center is open year 'round. Stop by for suggestions on how to enjoy this less hurried time of year. The visitor center offers daily films, an outstanding museum, rotating art exhibits, a well-stocked gift and museum shop and a compelling view of the Salt Pond, Nauset Marsh, and the Atlantic. ♿

If the weather allows, dress in layers, and stroll a beach or trail, looking for evidence of animals, and exploring what has washed up with the waves. You may spot seals and whales from shore.

All six national seashore beaches and twelve self-guiding trails are open year 'round, though there may be temporary closures during and immediately following storms. Restrooms are available at Salt Pond and in the parking area of Province Lands Visitor Center in Provincetown.

The Province Lands Visitor Center has closed for the season, and will reopen on May 1, 2015. Its outdoor observation deck is open year 'round, affording a 360-degree view of the Outer Beach and Provincetown.



*National Park Service Healthy Parks Healthy People programs featuring parks as cornerstones of mental, physical, and spiritual health.*



*Activities especially suited for families with children.*

**Art Exhibits, Salt Pond Visitor Center Classroom - *An Era Exposed*** - Exhibit by Nauset Regional High School honors portfolio, printmaking, and photography classes, November 3 through 25, with opening reception for artists and the public on Tuesday, November 4, 1:30 to 2:30. *The Photographs of Amy Davies* - December ♿

## Ranger-Guided Activities in Eastham

Most outdoor programs will go in light rain or snow; however, if the weather is inclement, call Salt Pond Visitor Center to find out if the program will be held at 508-255-3421 x 0.

**Indoor Activities: See, Touch, and Learn** - On Saturdays and Sundays from November 1 through December 21, and daily from December 27 through January 4, stop by the Salt Pond Visitor Center between 10 AM and 3 PM to see what rangers are showcasing for the day. ♿

**Movie: *The Pirate Ships* - Saturday, November 29, 1 PM, 50 minutes.** This History Channel production provides a thrilling look at pirate ships and pirates that lurked in coastal waters near key shipping lanes in pursuit of treasure-laden ships returning from the New World. Takes place at the Salt Pond Visitor Center. ♿

**Movie: *Wild America* - Saturday, December 27, 1 PM, 102 minutes.** Based on a true story of three brothers who grew up to become renowned animal photographers, this film chronicles their summer adventure roaming America with a camera. Takes place at the Salt Pond Visitor Center. ♿

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**Walk: Wildlife in the Seashore - Sunday, December 28, 4 PM, 1 mile, 1 hour.**

As dusk approaches, join a ranger around fields, woods, and wetlands to look for animal life and sign. At this time of day, glimpses of wildlife are more likely than at other times. Meet at the lower parking lot at Fort Hill in Eastham. Bring a flashlight for returning to your car.

**Hike: Healthy Parks, Healthy People - Thursday, January 1, 1 PM, 2 miles, up to 2 hours.**

Why make resolutions that are hard to keep? Here's an easy one—resolve to explore the national seashore often in 2015. There are twelve self-guiding trails—one for each month of the year! Get off on the right foot with a moderate walk through the Nauset area and on to Coast Guard Beach. Look for seals and other wildlife along the way. Meet in the rear parking area (near the picnic shelters) at Doane Picnic Area in Eastham. 

**Ranger-Guided Activities in Truro and Provincetown**

Most outdoor programs will go in light rain or snow; however, if the weather is inclement, call Salt Pond Visitor Center to find out if the program will be held, 508-255-3421 x 0.

**Walk: Thanksgiving, and Reflections on the Fall Harvest of 1621 - Saturday, November 22, 2 PM, 90 minutes, 1 mile.**

Journey back to 1621 and explore the events that took place on Cape Cod and Plymouth. Was this fall harvest celebration the first Thanksgiving? Reflect on professional research as we attempt to retrace the steps of the Mayflower passengers' first explorations of Cape Cod. Meet at the Pilgrim Heights parking area, off Route 6, Truro.

**Walk: A Musical Journey in Winter - Saturday, December 20, 2 PM, 1 mile, 1 hour.**

The confluence of music and nature is a fascinating subject of study. During this walk we'll explore the sounds of the natural landscape and the effect of integrating a human-made soundtrack with natural sound. If you have access to a personal audio device (eg smartphone, cd player), download or bring Antonio Vivaldi's Winter movement, from The Four Seasons concerto. We can also play the piece aloud for those who don't have a device. Meet at the Beech Forest Trail parking area, Race Point Road, Provincetown. 



**Preview of Coming Attractions:**

In late December check in to see what we've lined up for our Annual Film Festival of Sunday afternoon movies running from mid-January through late February.