

Cape Cod National Seashore Activities October 2021

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For complete information about Cape Cod National Seashore, including COVID-19 related operational changes, pick up the *Trip Planner*, available at seashore visitor centers.



Be on the lookout for patches of wild cranberries, a tale of Cape Cod's past.

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Salt Pond Visitor Center,
50 Nauset Road, Eastham, 508-255-3421
Daily 9 am to 5 pm

This visitor center offers expansive views of Salt Pond, Nauset Marsh, and the Atlantic. The Nauset Marsh and Buttonbush trails, and the Nauset Bicycle Trail are nearby.

Province Lands Visitor Center,
171 Race Point Road, Provincetown, 508-487-1256
Daily 9 am to 5 pm

Upper and lower outdoor observation decks offer sweeping views of the ocean and the surrounding dune landscape. The Province Lands Bicycle Trail, Race Point Beach, and the Beech Forest Trail are nearby.

Both visitor centers are accessible and offer staff to assist with trip-planning, brochures and maps, restrooms, and America's National Parks stores offering seashore-related items for sale. The Salt Pond Visitor Center bookstore is closed on Mondays. Operations are variable during COVID-19. Check on arrival for current operating status. Plan to carry a mask in the event it's needed.

Seashore Soundings with Superintendent Brian Carlstrom

Thursday, October 14, 4 pm,
Salt Pond Amphitheater

Join Superintendent Brian Carlstrom for an update on seashore operations, from natural and cultural resources and construction to COVID-19. Bring questions! This talk will be held at the Salt Pond Amphitheater with bench seating available. Rain will cancel, except if COVID-19 restrictions lift, in which case the program may be moved indoors. Please bring a mask to wear in the event of large group size and inability to maintain social distance.



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Bat Week 2021

October 24-31

Bats are an important part of ecosystems and food webs. Though some species of bats feed on fruit, seeds, or pollen, all of the species that live in the Northeast are insectivores. They consume huge numbers of insects every night, filling a unique ecosystem role as nocturnal insect predators. Kettle ponds and forests with a variety of vegetation are important and should be preserved. Eight species of bats have been documented at Cape Cod National Seashore. These include one federally threatened (and state endangered) species and three additional state endangered bats. Big brown bats are likely the most common bat at the seashore.

Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Trail Celebration

Thursday, October 7, 10 am,
Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Trail

Join the Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore and park staff at the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Trail to recognize donors and celebrate completion of a \$150,000 trail rehabilitation project. Learn about the project and take a short walk with staff to see the unique characteristics of the white cedar swamp. Meet at the trailhead near the former Marconi Station Site, off Route 6 in Wellfleet. Please bring a mask to wear in the event of large group size and inability to maintain social distance.



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Programs and Activities *Eastham Area Programs*

Discover Nauset Marsh Walk- *Sundays, 11 am, 1 hour, 1 mile.* Nauset Marsh is home to a fascinating array of plants, animals, and complex ecosystems, and contains a rich past of prehistoric and historic human history. Meet at the Salt Pond Visitor Center and join a ranger for a leisurely stroll around the marsh.

Terrace Talk- *Daily, 2 pm, 20-30 minutes.* Cape Cod National Seashore is home to diverse wildlife and rich history. Join a ranger at the Salt Pond Visitor Center to hear stories of the people, plants, and animals of the seashore.

Sharks and Seals: Cape Cod's Dynamic Duo Walk (Eastham) *Saturdays at 9:30 am, 1 hour, up to 1 mile in loose sand.* Join a ranger at Coast Guard Beach to examine the relationship between sharks and seals and the roles they play in the balance of a healthy marine environment. Bring a pair of binoculars for seal viewing. Reservations are required and may be made up to one week in advance by calling Salt Pond Visitor Center at (508) 255-3421, ext. 9.

Programs and Activities *Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown Area Programs*

Photography Hike- *Monday, October 18, 2 pm, 2 hours, 3-4 miles, up to 2 miles in loose sand.* Join a ranger photographer to discover remote and visually stunning areas of Cape Cod with your camera. The 3.5 mile Great Island hike has spectacular panoramic views of marshes, Wellfleet Harbor, and Cape Cod Bay. Beginner to expert photographers are welcome; bring a phone or any type of camera. This hike is challenging, involving walking in soft sand with steep climbs and descents. To register call the Province Lands Visitor Center at 508-487-1256.

Ranger on Deck- *Daily, 11 am, 20-30 minutes.* Join a ranger on the visitor center deck to look for whales, birds, and historic buildings; or to explore new topics of the ranger's choice. Meet at the Province Lands Visitor Center.

Sharks and Seals: Cape Cod's Dynamic Duo Walk (Truro) *Fridays at 10 am, 1 hour, up to 1 mile in loose sand.* Fall is the most active month for sharks in the waters around Cape Cod. Examine the relationship between sharks and seals and the roles they play in the balance of a healthy marine environment. Bring a pair of binoculars for seal viewing. Meet at Head of the Meadow Beach in Truro.

Stories of the Seashore- *Saturdays and Sundays, 2 pm, up to 2 hours, 1-2 miles in loose sand.* Explore the enchanting dune landscape of unusual plants and wild cranberry bogs, while learning about the Province Lands' unique place in American history. Wear closed-toe shoes appropriate for walking in sand. Meet at the Province Lands Visitor Center.



Attention All Kids!

The Junior Ranger Program is just for you! Stop by a visitor center to grab a booklet, complete the activities in the park, and bring it back to be sworn in by a park ranger! Ask for details at visitor centers.

Calling All 4th Graders!

EVERY KID IN A PARK: All 4th graders and their families are invited to visit national parks and other federal lands for free through August 2022. To find out more and to obtain a voucher for free entry, visit: www.everykidoutdoors.gov.



For more information, pick up a copy of the Trip Planner at a visitor center or visit www.nps.gov/caco. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @CapeCodNPS and YouTube: Cape Cod National Seashore. Scan the QR code to access the online calendar.

