



## Ranger-Guided Activities September 1 through October 13, 2008

### SALT POND VISITOR CENTER

OPEN DAILY 9 TO 5. ♿

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 park films in the remodeled theater with a digital audio-visual system. Staff are on duty to help with trip planning, and there is a well-stocked store offering books, maps, puzzles, games 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 located nearby.

### PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER

OPEN DAILY THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 9 TO 5.

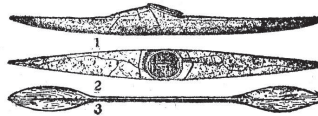
OFF RACE POINT ROAD, PROVINCETOWN.

508-487-1256 ♿

Just two miles from the tip of the Cape, this center features an observation deck with 360-degree views; a small exhibit area; showings of park orientation films on the hour (9-4); staff on duty to assist with trip planning; and sales of books, maps, puzzles, games and other interpretive items. Restrooms are available in the parking area. The Province Lands Bicycle Trail and Race Point Beach are nearby.

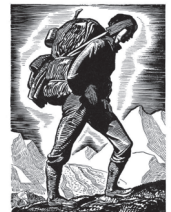
## Explore Your Park

**Wednesdays, at 9:30 AM. Free. Unless otherwise noted, up to 3 hours, 4 miles.** Join an experienced ranger and explore the beauty and variety of park destinations, resources, or stories. Participants must be good walkers. Bring water, sunscreen, and bug spray. **BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421 FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER.**



### September 3 - Kayaking and Seining in

**Pleasant Bay** - What lies beneath the waters of this bay - the jewel of Cape Cod? Bring your own kayak and lifejacket to this program. We will be getting in the water to explore with seine nets, so be prepared to get wet.



**September 10 - Great Island Hike** - Traverse salt marshes, woodlands, dunes, and the beaches along Cape Cod Bay. Take in the scenic vistas of Wellfleet Harbor, and uncover the rich history associated with this early whaling outpost.

### September 17 - Freshbrook Village: Gone But Not Forgotten

- Hike along some of the trails and jeep roads of the Marconi area to explore history, activities, and events of this early Wellfleet village and the surrounding area.



**September 24 - Griffin Island Hike** - Hike around the edge of Griffin Island in Wellfleet and out to the tall bluffs overlooking Cape Cod Bay.











**October 1 - Common Lands to Cows** - 2½ hours, 2 miles. At Fort Hill, French Explorer Samuel de Champlain met with, and created some of the earliest records of, native people in the northeast. Pilgrims later settled and farmed there. After a short hike, we will caravan to the Cove Burying Ground and visit the graves of three Mayflower passengers.










**October 8 - Great Island Hike** - Traverse salt marshes, woodlands, dunes, and the beaches along Cape Cod Bay. Take in the scenic vistas of Wellfleet Harbor, and uncover the rich history associated with this early whaling outpost.

# Eastham and Wellfleet On-Going Programs








 = family program  
 = accessible

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday


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| <p><b>WALK: ARCHEOLOGY OF COAST GUARD BEACH</b><br/> <b>9:30 AM</b><br/>                 1½ hours, 1½ miles.<br/>                 Free.</p>   | <p>Learn about the process of archeology, and the various discoveries it has uncovered within Cape Cod National Seashore. The program will highlight the Carn's Site discovered in 1990. Meet at Coast Guard Beach parking area, Eastham. Parking is limited. <i>No program 9/1.</i></p>  |   | ● |    |  |    |   |   |  |
| <p><b>WALK: LIFE ON THE EDGE</b><br/> <b>10 AM</b><br/>                 1 hour, 1 mile. Free.</p>   | <p>Witness the impact the sea has on the shore and its species. Explore the beach below the bluffs and discuss the issues associated with an ever-changing shoreline. Meet at Nauset Light Beach parking area, Eastham. Parking is limited.</p>   |   |   | ●  |   |    |   |   |  |
| <p><b>ACTIVITY: JUNIOR EXPLORER</b><br/> <b>10 AM</b><br/>                 1 hour. Free</p>    | <p>Calling all future rangers, ages 8-13! Develop skills for adventures in the great outdoors by attending these programs. Parents must remain with children. <b>SEE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS ON PAGE 5. BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421 FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER. *  selected programs</b></p> |   |   |    |   |    |   | ● |  |
| <p><b>CAPE COD HARVEST</b><br/> <b>10:30 AM</b><br/>                 1½ hours,<br/>                 1 mile. Free.</p>    | <p>Varying program topics will examine some of the food products that have been harvested from Cape Cod and eaten by Cape Codders over the centuries. <b>SEE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS ON PAGE 5. BY RESERVATION ONLY. FEE REQUIRED FOR SOME PROGRAMS. CALL 508-255-3421 FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER. *  selected programs</b></p>   | ● |   |    |   |    |   |   |  |
| <p><b>WALK: CHRONICLES FROM A CAPE CODDER</b><br/> <b>10:30 AM</b><br/>                 1 hour, 1 mile. Free.</p>   | <p>Join ranger Dana Eldridge as he examines a changing Cape Cod that somehow has managed to retain its identity. Meet at the terrace of the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham for a talk and walk along the edge of Salt Pond.</p>  |   |   |    |   |    | ● |   |  |
| <p><b>WALK: WALKING WITH AUTHORS</b><br/> <b>10:30 AM</b><br/>                 1 hour, 1 mile. Free.</p>  | <p>Experience Cape Cod through the eyes of some of the area's most beloved authors. Join local author Dana Eldridge for this stroll along the edge of Nauset Marsh. Meet on the terrace of the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.</p>   |   |   |    | ●   |    |   |   |  |
| <p><b>PENNIMAN HOUSE: A WHALING FAMILY'S STORY</b><br/> <b>T = Tour, 11 AM</b><br/> <b>OH = Open House, 1 to 4 PM</b> Free.</p>   | <p>Learn about the Captain Edward Penniman family through a tour of their home, and stories of their travels that tell of hardships, adventures, and lifestyle. <b>TOUR, ONE HOUR, BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL 508-255-3421. OPEN HOUSE, BROWSE THROUGH.</b> Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, Eastham. Limited parking.</p>   |   | T | OH | OH  | OH |   | T |  |
| <p><b>ATWOOD-HIGGINS HOUSE</b> <br/> <b>T = Tour, 11 AM</b><br/> <b>OH = Open House, 1 to 4 PM</b><br/>                 Free.</p>                                | <p>Learn about 18th-century architecture and an early colonial settlement site in Wellfleet. <b>TOUR, ONE HOUR, BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL 508-255-3421. OPEN HOUSE, BROWSE THROUGH.</b> <i>Directions: From Eastham, take Route 6 north. Turn left onto Pamet Point Road, the last road before crossing the Truro town line.</i></p>  |   |   |    | T   | OH |   |   |  |
| <p><b>CANOE TRIP: SALT POND PADDLE</b><br/> <b>1:30 PM</b><br/>                 1½ hours,<br/>                 1½ miles.<br/>                 Fee required.</p>  | <p>Take a leisurely paddle in the protected waters of the Salt Pond and nearby area of Nauset Marsh. Meet at the Salt Pond Visitor Center amphitheater, Eastham. <b>BY RESRVATION ONLY. ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED. ADULT \$15, CHILD \$12. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED UP TO 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY PHONE WITH A CREDIT CARD. CALL 508-255-3421 TO REGISTER. No program 10/8.</b></p>                         |   |   | ●  |   |    |   |   |  |
| <p><b>WALK: LORE OF NAUSET MARSH</b><br/> <b>2:30 PM</b><br/>                 1 hour, 1 mile. Free.</p>   | <p>Discover the rich natural and human history around Nauset Marsh and how each has affected the other. Meet on the terrace at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. <i>No program 10/2 and 10/9.</i></p>  | ● |   |    | ●   |    |   |   |  |

| Eastham and Wellfleet On-Going Programs  |  | Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <b>WALK: FISH, SNAILS, AND HORSESHOE CRAB TALES</b><br><b>2:30 PM</b><br>1 hour, ½ mile. Free.   |   | ●      | <br>Periwinkle |         |           |          |        |          |
| <b>WALK: WHERE THE SPARK OF MAGIC HAPPENED</b><br><b>2:30 PM</b><br>½ hour, ¼ mile. Free.  | <br>     |        | ●   |         |           |          |        |          |
| <b>WALK: THE PIRATE SHIP WHYDAH</b><br><b>2:30 PM</b><br>1½ hours, 1½ miles. Free.   |  |        |   |         |           | ●        |        |          |
| <b>WALK: PIECES OF THE PAST</b><br><b>2:30 PM</b><br>1½ hours, 1½ miles. Free.   |  |        |   |         |           |          | ●      |          |
| <b>LIGHTHOUSE TOUR: THREE SISTERS</b> <br><b>4 PM in September</b><br><b>3 PM in October</b><br>1 hour, ½ mile. Free. |  | ●      | ●   |         |           |          |        |          |
| <b>CAMPFIRE: COAST GUARD BEACH</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b><br>1 hour, ½ mile. Free.  | <br> |        |   |         |           |          | ●      |          |
| <b>TUESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS</b><br><b>6:30 or 7 PM</b><br>up to 1 hour. Free.                                       |  |        | ●   |         |           |          |        |          |
| <b>Truro and Provincetown On-Going Programs</b>  |  | Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| <b>BIRDING: FALL VISITORS</b><br><b>7:30 AM</b><br>1½ to 2 hours.<br>½ to 1½ miles. Free.  |   |        | ●   |         |           |          |        |          |
| <b>HIKE: OFF THE BEATEN PATH: "MORE WALKING, LESS TALKING"</b><br><b>8 AM</b><br>2 to 3 hours, 4 to 5 miles. Free.   |  |        |   |         |           |          | ●      |          |

# Truro and Provincetown On-Going Programs

|   |   | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><b>WALK: PROVINCE LANDS DUNES AND BOGS</b><br/> <b>10 AM</b><br/>                     1 hour, 1 mile in soft sand. Free.</p>                              | <p>Explore an enchanting dune landscape of unusual plants and wild cranberry bogs bursting with red, ripe cranberries, and discover the hidden story of America's oldest public lands. Meet at Province Lands Visitor Center, Provincetown.</p>   |        | ●      |         | ●         |          |        | ●        |
| <p><b>CANOE ADVENTURE: RANGER'S CHOICE</b><br/> <b>Time varies.</b><br/>                     2½ hours, 2½ miles.<br/>                     Fee required.</p>  | <p>From the Gut of Great Island, to the tip of Long Point, these canoe trips offer a variety of scenic adventures. Time varies each week to take advantage of cool mornings, colorful sunsets, or the light of the moon. Trips may require strong paddling experience and include a hike. <b>CANOE EXPERIENCE IS MANDATORY. EQUIPMENT PROVIDED. ADULT \$20, CHILD \$12. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED UP TO 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY PHONE WITH A CREDIT CARD. CALL 508-487-1256 FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER.</b></p> |        |        |         | ●         |          |        |          |
| <p><b>WALK: TIDE POOLS AND SAND FLATS</b><br/> <b>Time Varies.</b><br/>                     1 hour. Free.</p>    | <p>Discover the hidden community of colorful invertebrates that is revealed at low tide. Examine special adaptations that allow these creatures to survive on the edge of the land and sea in this hands-on, catch-and-release program. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL 508-487-1256 FOR MEETING TIME, LOCATION, AND TO REGISTER. No program 10/2 and 10/9.</b></p>  |        |        |         | ●         |          |        |          |
| <p><b>OPEN HOUSE: OLD HARBOR LIFE-SAVING STATION</b><br/> <b>1:30 to 4 PM.</b><br/>                     Free.</p>   | <p>Browse through this 1898 Life-Saving Station and explore how shipwreck victims were rescued from the "Graveyard of the Atlantic." Exhibits, rescue equipment, and stories bring the station to life. Park at Race Point Beach, Provincetown. Take the short walk to Old Harbor. <i>Beach fees apply on Sundays through September.</i></p>  | ●      | ●      |         | ●         |          |        |          |
| <p><b>ACTIVITY: JUNIOR EXPLORER</b><br/> <b>2 PM</b><br/>                     1 hour. Free</p>   | <p>Calling all future rangers, ages 8-13! Develop skills for adventures in the great outdoors, by attending these programs. Parents must remain with children. <b>SEE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS ON PAGE 5. BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL 508-487-1256 FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER. No program 10/4 and 10/11.</b></p>   |        |        |         |           |          |        | ●        |
| <p><b>MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION</b><br/> <b>2 PM</b><br/>                     ¾ hour. Free.</p>    | <p><i>How Provincetown Became a Washashore Utopia</i> - Discover how Native Americans, religious separatists, Portuguese fishermen, Cape Verdean immigrants, strolling "hostesses," eccentric artists, and gay tourists found a home on the tip of Cape Cod. Take a picture tour through a community of colorful washashores. <i>Additional offerings: Sunday, September 7 at 7 PM, and Saturday, September 27 at 2 PM.</i></p>   |        |        | ●       |           |          |        |          |
| <p><b>TALK: ON THE OBSERVATION DECK</b><br/> <b>3 PM</b><br/>                     ½ hour. Free.</p>    | <p>The Province Lands Visitor Center offers 360-degree views of the Province Lands dunes and the Atlantic Ocean. You'll see a lighthouse, a life-saving station, a Coast Guard station, a dune shack, the Pilgrim monument, and maybe even a whale's spout!</p>   |        |        |         | ●         |          |        |          |
| <p><b>PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS, TAKE ONLY PICTURES</b><br/> <b>Time Varies.</b><br/>                     2 hours, up to 2½ miles. Free.</p>  | <p>Join a park ranger and semi-professional photographer for a sunset hike and photography workshop. Instruction and advice will be given for capturing those classic Cape photographs, as well as unique perspectives of the seashore. All levels and formats (digital or film) are welcome. Tri-pods recommended, but not necessary. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL 508-487-1256 FOR MEETING TIME, LOCATION, AND TO REGISTER. No program 9/21.</b></p>  | ●      |        |         |           |          |        |          |

## Truro and Provincetown On-Going Programs

|   | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <b>HIKE: THE DUNES AT SUNSET</b><br>Explore the open dunes of the Province Lands illuminated by the setting sun. <b>BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL 508-487-1256 FOR MEETING TIME, LOCATION, AND TO REGISTER.</b><br><b>Time varies.</b><br>1½ hours, 2 miles in soft sand. Free.   |        | ●      |         |           |          |        |          |
| <b>CAMPFIRE: HERRING COVE BEACH</b><br>Enjoy sunset on the beach, and an evening of folklore and games around the campfire. Bring a beach chair or towel to sit on. Look for the rangers toward the end of the right-hand parking area, Herring Cove Beach.* ♿ with prior notice. <i>No program 10/3 and 10/10.</i><br><b>6:30 PM</b> <br>1 hour, short walk in soft sand. Free. |        |        |         |           | ●        |        |          |

# Junior Explorer

Calling all future rangers, ages 8 to 13! Develop skills for adventure in the great outdoors! All programs are 1 hour and free. Parents must remain with children.

**BY RESERVATION ONLY. FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND TO REGISTER, CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421 FOR EASTHAM AND WELLFLEET PROGRAMS, SATURDAYS AT 10 AM; AND PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256 FOR TRURO AND PROVINCETOWN PROGRAMS, SATURDAYS AT 2 PM. LISTED DATES ONLY.**

### EASTHAM AND WELLFLEET PROGRAMS:

**September 6 - Nature Journal** - In nature, things are happening all around you. Create a journal and then go outside to discover and record what may be under your very nose.

**September 13 - Nature's Grocery** - Did you know the outdoors is a grocery store? Learn what plants have been "good eats" for people for hundreds of years - and can still make it to your plate today!

**September 20 - Outstanding Owls** - Are they wise? How do they fly silently? Find out the answers to these questions and also dissect the "leftovers" of an owl's meal, to find out what they eat. ♿

**September 27 - A Child's Life** - Life in the 1800's was a lot of work, but kids still managed to have fun. Learn about some of the jobs and play some games that children enjoyed in the past.

**October 4 - Green Crab Invasion!** - Learn about how these "wash-a-shores" have changed the marshes of Cape Cod. This is a wading program, so be prepared to get your feet wet!

**October 11 - Nature Journal** - In nature, things are happening all around you. Create a journal and then go outside to discover and record what may be under your very nose. ♿

### TRURO AND PROVINCETOWN PROGRAMS:

**September 6 - Outstanding Owls** - Are they wise? How do they fly silently? Find out the answers to these questions and also dissect the "leftovers" of an owl's meal, to find out what they eat. ♿

**September 13 - Junior Lifesavers** - Explore the world of Cape Cod's shoreline heroes through games and activities. Bring home some maritime skills to the 21st century.

**September 20 - Nature Journal** - In nature, things are happening all around you. Create a journal and then go outside to discover and record what may be under your very nose. ♿

**September 27 - Nature's Grocery** - Did you know the outdoors is a grocery store? Learn what plants have been "good eats" for people for hundreds of years - and still can make it to your plate today!

## Cape Cod Harvest

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

Reservations required. Call 508-255-3421.

**September 7 - Beginning Surfcasting Lesson** - Learn the basics of a Cape Cod classic! **ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED. \$15 PER PERSON. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED UP TO 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE EITHER IN PERSON OR BY PHONE WITH A CREDIT CARD.** Call 508-255-3421 to register. Meet at the Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Beach, Eastham.

♿ \* with prior notice.

**September 14 - Fruits of Fall** - Discover the variety and abundance of seeds, berries, and other fruits that ripen in the fall. Examine the natural history and folklore associated with these plants. Meet at Hemenway Landing, one road north of Fort Hill, Eastham. \* ♿ with prior notice.

**September 21 - Beginning Surfcasting Lesson** - See September 7 listing.

**September 28 - Shellfishing Demonstration** - Learn about local shellfish and the tradition of shellfishing. Wear shoes that can get wet while wading. Meet at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.

**October 5 - Ocean's Bounty** - In this indoor program at Salt Pond Visitor Center, discover the tradition of surfcasting from the Cape's shores. Join the discussion about surfcasting equipment, lures, and use of tackle. Learn about what types of fish are caught in our area and some methods for preparing your catch for the table. ♿

**October 12 - Fruits of Fall** - See September 14 listing.


# Fall on the Outer Cape


## Nature and Community Spirit at their Finest

From the autumnal tints that cast a luminous glow over the seashore landscape, to unique community events that capture the spirit of local heritage, fall on the Outer Cape is an experience not to be missed! Community celebrations and ranger-guided outdoor activities and indoor talks illustrate how we all are inextricably linked on this narrow thread of land we call the Outer Cape.

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**Saturday, September 6: Community Event, Provincetown Swim for Life and Great Schooner Regatta:** Accompanied by a flotilla of kayaks and canoes, hundreds of swimmers plunge into the water off of Long Point and splash their way into Provincetown Harbor. Spectators can welcome the swimmers on the beach at 11:30 AM, and then gather on MacMillan Wharf to watch the majestic parade of sail that precedes the sailboat race at noon. Website: [www.swim4life.org](http://www.swim4life.org)

**Sunday, September 7: Seashore Walk, Tide Pools and Sand Flats - 11 AM, 2 hours. Free.** Join a ranger to discover the hidden community of colorful invertebrates that is revealed at low tide during this hands-on, catch-and-release program.  Meet at the Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown, to caravan to program location.

**Sunday, September 7: Seashore Program, Multimedia Presentation: How Provincetown Became a Washashore Utopia - 7 PM, ¾ hour. Free.** Seashore staff will share stories and images of Native Americans, religious separatists, Portuguese fishermen, Cape Verdean immigrants, strolling “hostesses,” eccentric artists, and gay tourists who found a home on the tip of Cape Cod. Takes place at the Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown. 

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**September 5 to 7: Community Event, Eastham Windmill Weekend:** The festivities for this event are centered on the town green surrounding the picturesque windmill, at Samoset Road and Route 6. There is an arts and crafts show, music and entertainment, a road race, and a 1950s-themed parade. Website: [www.easthamwindmillweekend.com](http://www.easthamwindmillweekend.com)

**Saturday, September 6: Seashore Tour, Captain Penniman House - 11 AM, 1 hour. Free.** Step into the 19<sup>th</sup> century during a visit to the former home of the Pennimans, one of Cape Cod’s most prominent whaling families. **BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, 508-255-3421, TO REGISTER.** Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, off Route 6, Eastham. Limited parking.

**Sunday, September 7: Seashore Tour, Three Sisters Lighthouse - 4 PM, 1 hour. Free.** These 19<sup>th</sup>-century lighthouses once served as beacons for sailors off the shore of Nauset Light Beach. Find out about their history and significance. Meet at the northeast corner of the Nauset Light Beach parking area. *Beach fees apply.*



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**Saturday, September 13: Community Event, Provincetown Music Festival:** Enjoy exceptional music in an array of styles ranging from soul to jazz, calypso to French rock, in Cape Cod’s hub for creative expression. Performances will be held at Provincetown High School, on Winslow Street, from 5 PM to 9 PM. Website: [www.provincetownmusicfestival.org](http://www.provincetownmusicfestival.org)

**Saturday, September 13: Seashore Talk, Poet of the Dunes, Bard of Provincetown - 2 PM, 1 hour. Free.** This presentation by Gail Cohen showcases Harry Kemp as an eccentric, a tramp, and a beloved member of Provincetown’s artistic community. Kemp found his niche in the dune landscape, where he lived and wrote many of his best known works. Takes place at Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown. *Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.* 

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**September 19 to 21: Community Event, Truro Treasures Gala Weekend** - The event celebrates all of Truro’s natural and cultural treasures. From the flea market and road race to the famous “dump dance,” this event proves that Cape Cod’s smallest town has big community spirit. Website: [www.trurotreasures.org](http://www.trurotreasures.org)

**Saturday, September 20: Seashore Multimedia Presentation, The Pamet Puma - Could it be Real? - 10 AM, ½ hour. Free.** Anecdotes, footprints, and eyewitness sightings keep the legend of the Pamet Puma alive. Park Ranger Brian Lunardi spent the winter tracking pumas in Alberta. He’ll investigate whether this solitary stalk-and-ambush predator ever roamed the Pamet Valley and if it could still be lurking there today. **Meet at the Truro library, off Standish Way, Truro.**  

**Saturday, September 20: Seashore Hike, If These Hills Could Talk - 2 PM, 1 hour. Free.** Meander through Truro’s Pamet Valley to discover an archive of local history, from small farms and the life-saving service, to cranberry bogs and tourist retreat. See rare plant communities, and enjoy a stunning view of the Atlantic. Meet at the parking area at the end of North Pamet Road, Truro.

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## Community Event, Truro Treasures Gala Weekend *continued*

**Sunday, September 21: Seashore Walk, Truro on Guard - 2 PM, 1 hour. Free.** Explore the Outer Cape's Cold War history and the exciting plans for the Highlands Center, a hub for research, education, and innovation in the arts and sciences. Meet in the parking area at the end of Old Dewline Road, Truro.

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**Saturday, September 22: Nature Event, Autumnal Equinox** - The sun begins its descent into the southern hemisphere, the light shifts, and summer fades into fall. Reflect upon the past season's highs and lows, and enjoy the landscape of the Outer Cape during the most fruitful time of year.

**Wednesday, September 24: Community Event, Herring River Scoping Meeting - 7 PM, 2 hours. Free.** Find out about the progress of the groundbreaking Herring River Restoration Project from town officials and National Seashore resource managers at this public meeting. Meet at the Wellfleet Senior Center, off Cahoon Hollow Road, Wellfleet. Website: [www.wellfleetma.org](http://www.wellfleetma.org) 

**Thursday, September 25, and Sunday, September 28: Seashore Presentation, Our National Seashore - 7 PM, 1 hour. Free.** During these "state of the seashore" talks Superintendent George Price will discuss current projects and issues at the seashore. Both presentations will also include an update on salt marsh restoration projects. The Province Lands talk will include information on projects in Provincetown, and the Salt Pond program will include a discussion on strategies the seashore is employing to reach out to different audiences. September 25 will be at Province Lands Visitor Center, and September 28 date will be at Salt Pond Visitor Center. 

**Saturday, October 4: Seashore Hike, Cranberry Harvest - 2 PM, 2 hours. Free.** The maroon bogs in the dunes of Provincetown boast one of New England's treasures - cranberries. Walk into the dune landscape to gather berries and learn about the history and lore of this plant. Bring a container for gathering. Meet at the parking area at the end of High Head Road, off Route 6, North Truro.

**Sunday, October 5: Seashore Workshop and Hike: Mushrooming in the Province Lands - 10 AM, 2 hours. Free.** Join Guitta Blau, amateur mushroom hunter and member of the Boston Mycological Club, to explore the colorful fungi that fruit throughout the Province Lands. During a short slideshow and field ID walk, she'll demonstrate how to find and identify local mushrooms. Meet at the Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown. *Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.*

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**October 1 to 31: Massachusetts Archeology Month** - Begun in 1992 as Archaeology Week, Massachusetts Archaeology Month is a celebration of archaeology in Massachusetts and around the world. Museums, libraries, archaeologists, and many more people and institutions host exhibits, lectures, walks, and events for adults, children, and teachers. Website: [www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcarch/ArchMonthintro.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcarch/ArchMonthintro.htm)

**Wednesday, October 8 - Seashore Walk - What Condition is Your Site In? - 10:30 AM, 1½ hours, short walk. Free.** As custodians of many of the nation's finest archeological resources, the National Park Service has developed parameters by which to assess site condition. Join park archeologist Frederica Dimmick on a short walk to a wooded plateau area close to Nauset Marsh. Prehistoric sites were recorded here during the seashore's archeological survey of the 1980s. Discover how we locate sites and evaluate their condition - all with an eye to identifying any threats to these priceless resources. Meet at Hemenway Landing, one road north of Fort Hill, off Route 6, Eastham.

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**October 10 to 13: Columbus Day Weekend** - Just as indigenous peoples inhabited the Bahamas when Columbus "discovered" America in 1492, the Wampanoag people had been living on Cape Cod for thousands of years before European settlers arrived. Explore the traditions and heritage of Cape Cod's first residents.

**October 11: Seashore Beach Campfire Program, Wampanoag Legends - 6 PM, 1 hour. Free.** Learn about Wampanoag culture as you enjoy its traditions by the warm glow of a fire on the beach. Educators and youth from local Native American communities will share the story of Moshop, the ancient giant who created Cape Cod, and others. Meet at Ballston Beach, at the end of South Pamet Road, Truro. *Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.*



**October 12: Seashore Talk, The Legacy of Corn Hill - 10 am, 1 hour. Free.** In 1620 the *Mayflower* passengers came ashore and explored the hills of Truro. Find out about their relations with the Native Wampanoag people who had inhabited the area for thousands of years and helped the settlers survive in the harsh New England terrain. Meet at Corn Hill Beach, off Route 6, Truro. *Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.*

**October 10 to 13: Community Event, Walking Weekend** - Hosted by Cape Cod Pathways, Walking Weekend is a chance to get out and explore the entire Cape on-foot. Seashore staff will offer several guided walks on this weekend. See descriptions on pages 2 to 4. [www.capecodcommission.org/pathways](http://www.capecodcommission.org/pathways).

# Featured Presentations

## Tuesday Evening Programs at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are at 6:30 PM, last about 45 minutes, and are free to the public. ♿

**September 2 - Invasive Plants in Cape Cod National Seashore: Status, Trends, and Management - 7 PM, 1 hour.** Stephen Smith, plant ecologist with Cape Cod National Seashore, will discuss a number of problematic invasive plant species. Particular attention will be paid to Fort Hill, an area where the park is currently conducting a major restoration of plant communities.

**September 9 - The Sporting Art of Frank W. Benson with Author Faith Andrews Bedford - 7 PM, 1 hour.** After a successful career as an impressionist artist, Frank Benson turned his attention to painting scenes of fishing and waterfowl hunting, many of which were painted around Nauset Marsh and other Eastham locales. Ms. Bedford will present an illustrated program about Mr. Benson and his art.

**September 16 - Salty Tales of Provincetown's Naval History** - Explore the fascinating naval history of Provincetown, from Revolutionary War blockades to the summer exercises of the Atlantic Squadron. Did you know Provincetown even had Civil War fortifications? Presented by Park Ranger Patrick Bird.

**September 23 - Shifting Sands of the Shore** - The Cape's barrier beaches are nothing more than slender strips of sandy shoreline, but they hold secrets that have allowed them to survive for thousands of years. This illustrated program will uncover the mysteries of a world where the only constant is change. Presented by Park Ranger Jenna Sammartino.

**September 30 - The Birth of Cape Cod National Seashore** - Based on Francis Burling's book of the same name, this program of stories, pictures, trivia, and humor tells the story of the dream, negotiations, planning, and perseverance that formed the national seashore. Presented by Park Ranger Brent Ellis.

**October 7 - Camp Wellfleet Revisited - 1 hour.** This WWII training facility was hastily built to satisfy the Allied leaders' demand for skilled anti-aircraft artillerymen. The camp's fascinating but little-known history will be discussed during this illustrated program. Presented by Park Ranger Jon Rouleau.

## Special Programs in Truro and Provincetown

**Sunday, September 14 - Multimedia Presentation: The Hidden Life of Cape Cod National Seashore - 2 PM, 45 Minutes. Free.** Dive into the exciting world of colorful creatures beneath the ocean's surface. Learn just how connected we are to the National Seashore's hidden marine realm. Meet at the Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown. ♿

**Monday, September 15 - Full Moon Hike: Parabolic Dunes - 7 PM, 2 hours, 2 miles in soft sand. Free.** Venture into the parabolic dunes until we reach the ocean under the light of the full moon. **BY RESERVATION ONLY. CALL PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER, 508-487-1256 FOR MEETING LOCATION AND TO REGISTER.**

**Sunday, September 28 and Saturday, October 12 - Multimedia Presentation: The Pamet Puma - Could it be Real? - 2 PM, ½ hour. Free.** Anecdotes, footprints, and eyewitness sightings keep the legend of the Pamet Puma alive. Park Ranger Brian Lunardi spent the winter tracking pumas in Alberta. Brian will investigate whether this solitary predator ever roamed the Pamet Valley and if it could still be lurking there today. Meet at the Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown. ♿ 

**Friday, October 3 - Workshop: Using Your Portable GPS in the Field - 2 PM, 2 hours, 2 miles in soft sand. Free.** Learn how to get the most out of your portable GPS in this hands-on workshop. Meet at the dirt parking area at the end of High Head Road, off Route 6, North Truro.

**Saturday, October 11 - Talk: Pirates of Provincetown - 2 PM, 1 hour. Free.** Hear illicit tales of the pirates and bandits in Provincetown's past from Ken Kinkor, a member of the expert team that discovered Cape Cod's pirate ship, the *Whydah*, and its treasures. Meet at the Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, Provincetown. *Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.* ♿

## Partner Programs



### Nauset Light Preservation Society:

Tours conducted by Nauset Light Preservation Society volunteers on Sundays, through October, 1 to 4 PM. Donations accepted. \* Beach fees apply in September.

[WWW.NAUSETLIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.NAUSETLIGHT.ORG)



### Truro Historical Society Sites: HIGHLAND LIGHTHOUSE:

Open daily, through mid-October: 10 AM to 5:30 PM. Tours daily. \$4 all ages. Children must be 48" tall to climb Highland Light. 508-487-1121.

**HIGHLAND HOUSE MUSEUM:** Through September: Monday to Saturday, 10 AM to 4:30 PM; Sundays, 1 to 4:30 PM. Museum Admission - \$4 adults, 12 and under and members free.

[WWW.TRUROHISTORICAL.ORG](http://WWW.TRUROHISTORICAL.ORG)

### Rum Soaked Crooks - Sea Chantys and Ballads

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7 PM.**

**SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, EASTHAM.** ♿

During this spirited performance, Tom Goux, Dan Lanier, and Jacee Sulanowski will share their toe-tapping jigs and ballads about life on the water. *Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.* [WWW.FCCNS.ORG](http://WWW.FCCNS.ORG)

