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## Cape Cod National Seashore Field Trip Information and Internet Resources for Teachers

Cape Cod National Seashore is open all year for self-guided group studies. We invite you to explore the varied natural and cultural resources preserved here. In addition to the sources and materials detailed below, teacher workshops are held periodically to assist educators in developing and carrying out field trips.

Web Information: Cape Cod National Seashore has detailed information on its website to help you plan self-guided field studies of natural and cultural resources.

- ✓ Cape Cod National Seashore home page: <http://www.nps.gov/caco>  
Lesson plans related to the seashore and detailed background on lighthouses, cultural resources, hiking, beaches and park facilities.
- ✓ Cape Cod National Seashore's Long-term Monitoring Plan: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/im/units/caco/index.htm>  
Contains links to protocols for field research.
- ✓ Cape Cod National Seashore's In-Depth Natural Resources: <http://www.nps.gov/caco/resources/NRIntro.htm>
- ✓ Teaching with Historic Places (TwHP): <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/>  
Uses properties listed in the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places to enliven history, social studies, geography, civics and other subjects. TwHP has created a variety of products and activities that help teachers bring historic places into the classroom.
- ✓ Captain Edward Penniman House: A Whaling Story: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/112penniman/112penniman.htm>  
A TwHP lesson plan authored by Cape Cod National Seashore education staff.

Books and Other Publications: The Eastern National Bookstore at Cape Cod National Seashore offers field guides, books, maps and other items that are relevant to Cape Cod's natural resources and cultural heritage. Call 508-255-6860 or visit the web site: <http://www.eparks.com>

Park Visitor Centers: Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham and Province Lands Visitor Center in Provincetown (open May through October) provide scenic views of park resources, exhibits, bookstores and orientation films. Nearby trails offer field study options.

Ranger-Led Education Programs: Due to staffing constraints, the park's ranger-led *Parks as Classrooms* activities are available only to schools within the park boundary: Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, and Chatham. However, curricula developed for this program are available to educators at: <http://www.nps.gov/caco>

### **Cape Cod National Seashore Field trips Guidelines:**

1. No collecting or digging of any kind is permitted unless a research permit is issued through the park's natural resource division. Call Nancy Finley, Chief of Natural Resources at 508-349-3785 ext. 216.
2. All groups must stay on marked trails. Erosion and damage to sensitive resources results from groups going off established trails.
3. Park restrooms and facilities are seasonal. Prior to your visit, call Salt Pond Visitor Center at 508-255-3421 for restroom availability.
4. The park does not have indoor picnic or classroom facilities. Groups should plan appropriately for the weather and have an alternative plan in case the weather is poor.

Other Cape Cod organizations that offer educational field trips and resources include Wellfleet Bay Audubon Sanctuary: [www.wellfleetbay.org](http://www.wellfleetbay.org) and the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History: [www.ccmnh.org](http://www.ccmnh.org)