

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Tree Identification Walk at Meetinghouse Farm

Beginning time: 1 PM

Approximate length: 1 mile/1.5 hours

Starting point: Route 149 to the grassy parking area at Meetinghouse Farm, 2135 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable

Rating of terrain and pace: Fairly level, some small hills, slow to moderate pace

Walk leader: Doug Payson, 508-737-7000

Explore the arboricultural legacy of Fred Conant at this town-owned property managed by an amazing community of gardeners.

Old Jail Lane Rock Walk

Beginning time: 3 PM

Approximate length: 2 miles/1.5 hrs

Starting point: Old Jail Lane Conservation Area Trailhead (321 Old Jail Lane, Barnstable 02630)

Difficulty of terrain and pace: Gentle climbing and moderate pace

Directions to starting point and parking: From Phinneys Lane, turn west onto Old Jail Lane. Trailhead parking is 0.5 miles on the left

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/wDcStVfLQjZfUkWU9>

Walk leader: Lev Malakhoff,
capedcod@gmail.com

A tour of some of Barnstable's most alluring glacial erratic boulders. Come join pathways fan Lev Malakhoff on an exploration of the trails and distinctive rocks of the Old Jail Lane Conservation Area – part of the Main Trail from Sandwich to Yarmouth.



THE OSC'S MISSION

The Town Council created the Open Space Committee (formerly the Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee) in 2005. This Committee meets monthly and is charged with recommending parcels of land for acquisition to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC); leveraging in conjunction with the Town Manager and the Town Council, funding other than Community Preservation Act funding, for purchase of land, reviewing conservation restrictions before Town Council approval, keeping the Open Space and Recreation Plan and open space section of the Comprehensive Plan updated and current, and implementing the approved Cape Cod Pathways Plan. Additionally, a member of the Open Space Committee serves as the Town's representative on the Santuit Management Committee. OSC assists Town departments in the management of the Land Bank lands acquired under the Land Bank Act and its provisions.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lev Malakhoff - Chair | Farley Lewis - Vice Chair
David Gorrill | Cate Gulliver | Sharon Harrison
Liz Lewis | Doug Payson
Tracy Pratt | Anne Rowland
Barry Sheingold - Town Council Liaison

PARTNERSHIPS & PROJECTS

Americorps | Cape Cod Commission
Barnstable Community Preservation Committee
Barnstable Land Trust | Cape Cod Pathways
New England Mountain Bike Association



The Town of Barnstable's
Open Space Committee
invites you to join:

*Fall
Walking
Weekend*

Friday, October 16, 2026 -
Sunday, October 18, 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Barnstable Village Loop

Beginning time: 2:30 PM

Approximate length: 2.5 miles/1.5 hours

Starting point: In front of the Barnstable Superior Court Building, 3195 Main Street in Barnstable Village

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate, some hills and uneven terrain

Walk leader: Doug Payson, 508-737-7000, capecodhiker@gmail.com

Follow the sidewalks in historic Barnstable Village that lead to woodland trails and circle back to the village center.

Fall Migration Walk

Registration required – blt.org/events

Beginning time: 4:30 PM

Approximate length: .5 mile/1-1.5 hours

Starting point: BLT Headquarters/Pogorelc Sanctuary, West Barnstable

Rating of terrain and pace: Easy

Walk leader: Barnstable Land Trust, info@blt.org

Celebrate the Town of Barnstable's Fall Walking Weekend and join Barnstable Land Trust with walk leader and ornithology educator, Tommy Burgess, to explore a popular local birding spot at dusk, to explore the magic of fall migration. This is on an easy trail that is about ¼ mile in length and will include a number of stops and starts to listen and look for birds. Please bring binoculars. Event will be cancelled in the case of rain or severe weather. Registration is required, and there is a limit of 15 participants.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Woods of West Barnstable

Beginning time: 10 AM

Approximate length: 2.5 miles/2 hours

Starting point: Crooked Cartway

Difficulty of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and climbing

Directions to starting point and parking: From Race Lane in West Barnstable, turn north on to Crooked Cartway – parking is about 0.3 miles <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ei6vRxWag2GjXpUD8>

Walk leader: Tom Cambareri, tomcambareri@gmail.com

West Barnstable Conservation Area includes hundreds of acres and miles of trails - many of which are maintained by volunteers from the local chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (Cape Cod NEMBA). Join mountain bike enthusiast and long-time Cape Cod hydrogeologist Tom Cambareri with his deep knowledge of the natural history of the area as he guides you on trails that are open to all non-motorized users. You'll hear some great insights into the geology and ecology of the area.

Write Out Cape Cod: A Wonder Walk in Ropes Field with Cotuit Library (Partner Program)

Registration required – blt.org/events

Beginning time: 12 PM

Approximate length: .5 mile/1 hour

Starting point: Ropes Field, Cotuit

Rating of terrain and pace: Easy

Walk leader: Barnstable Land Trust, info@blt.org

Join Barnstable Land Trust and Cotuit Library during the Town of Barnstable's Fall Walking Weekend as they celebrate the launch of Write Out Cape Cod. Patrons will enjoy walking in Ropes Field, using their senses to complete a mindful scavenger hunt, and writing their observations down through poetry, short stories, or drawings. Each participant will get their own notebook to use and bring home! Participation is limited to 15 children so registration is required at blt.org/events.

SATURDAY (CONT.)

Hidden Hyannis

Beginning time: 1 PM

Approximate length: 2.5 miles

Starting point: In front of the JFK Museum at 397 Main Street, Hyannis

Rating of terrain and pace: Mostly level, some beach walking, moderate pace

Walk leader: Doug Payson, 508-737-7000, capecodhiker@gmail.com

Explore the hidden gems in Hyannis in a walk that uncovers some surprises.

Andrews Property/Coombs Bog Loops

Beginning time: 3 PM

Approximate length: 1.2 miles

Difficulty of terrain and pace: Fairly level, some exposed roots

Directions to starting point and parking:

Parking lot off Old Stage Road, south bound side, near the electrical transformer

Walk leader: David Gorrill – 508-292-5991, dgcirkus@gmail.com

Walk will focus on a sense of place, examining native/exotic plants and a beginner look at fungi.

