

- SUNDAY, MAY 18 -

Birding for All: Spring Celebration

Beginning time: 9:30 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: .36 mi./1 hr.

Starting point: Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary Discovery Center

Rating of terrain/pace: Well-packed crushed stone, slow

Directions: 345 Bone Hill Road

Walk leader/contact: Brooke Shellman, 508-362-7475

Journey along the All Persons Trail with an experienced naturalist. Our pace will be slow to take in the sights and sounds of birds and other wildlife. The trail covers a loop trail that explores five habitat types including field, tidal flats, salt marsh, forest, and freshwater pond. The trail is surfaced with well-packed crushed stone and has six benches for periodic rest stops. The trail is largely flat and welcoming to wheelchair and other mobility aids. Additionally, a navigational post-and-rope guide system and braille signage encompasses a large section of this loop trail. Nine enrichment stops with tactile displays are planned to offer a chance to learn more about the natural history of the sanctuary. We will begin and end at the Discovery Center.

Tree Identification Walk at Meetinghouse Farm

Beginning time: 11 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1 mi./1-2 hrs.

Starting point: Meetinghouse Farm, 2135 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable, MA 02668

Rating of terrain and pace: Level, slow

Directions: Route 149 to Meetinghouse Farm

Walk leader/contact: Tom Walker, agave6@gmail.com

Uncover the legacy of Fred Conant and his nursery.

The Woods of West Barnstable

Beginning time: 2 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 2 mi./1.5 hrs.

Starting point: From Race Lane in West Barnstable turn north onto Crooked Cartway (opposite of Old Mill Road). Drive about 1/4 mile and park at the end of the road at the trailhead.

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and climbing

Walk leader/contact: Terry Downey, terry.downey13@gmail.com

Join Terry Downey for a walk in the woods at West Barnstable Conservation Area. The walk will feature trails that are part of a multi-user network enhanced by a grant from Spaulding Rehabilitation with signposts installed by the Cape Cod Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association. You'll see a forest and meadows on a mellow ramble through the woods of West Barnstable and learn some interesting things about the natural history of the area as well.

THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE'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
Elissa Crowley | Anne Rowland | Tracy Pratt
Doug Payson | Liz Lewis | Cate Gulliver
Kris Clark - Town Council Liaison

PARTNERSHIPS & PROJECTS

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New England Mountain Bike Association



THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE'S

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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Santuit Preserve

Beginning time: 8 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: 2.5 mi./90 mins.

Starting point: Trailhead on Santuit-Newtown Road

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate

Directions: Head north off Rte. 28 to Santuit Newtown Rd. About .75 miles on you will pass the Lovell's Pond boat landing. Trailhead with yellow gate is just beyond on the left. Parking is roadside.

Walk leader/contact: Tracy Pratt, tptnine@gmail.com

Interesting visual narrative on how the cranberry business has shaped the terrain, harking back to a more pastoral and agrarian Cape Cod.

Woods to Marsh

Beginning time: 9:45 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: 3.25 mi./2 hrs.

Starting point: Parking lot on Old Jail Lane

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate

Directions: Parking lot on Old Jail Lane is approximately .5 mile from 6A or Phinney's Lane.

Walk leader/contact: Elissa Crowley, 508-223-7277

Walk through the woodlands, fields, and abandoned roads of Old Jail Conservation area to the Great Marsh and back.

Geocaching at Hathaways Pond

Beginning time: 10 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1.5 mi./1.5 hrs.

Starting point: Hathaways Pond Beach parking lot

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and climbing

Directions: Traveling north of Phinneys Lane from Rte. 132, turn left into the Hyannis Pond Recreation Area (next to the Barnstable Dog Park). Head down the hill to the beach parking lot.

Walk leader/contact: Cassie Medeiros, cmc291225@icloud.com

Join Geocaching enthusiast Cassie Medeiros on an introduction to the fun world of Geocaching. Cassie will be on hand to explain how it all works and follow it up with a walk around Hathaways Pond to discover hidden "treasure."

Cape Cod Community College Forest Loop

Beginning time: 12 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1.5 mi./1 hr.

Starting point: CCCC Parking Lot #12 (Solar Canopy near Tennis Courts)

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and climbing

Directions: Traveling north on Route 132 from Hyannis, turn right into the second entrance to Cape Cod Community College (opposite the YMCA). Park under the solar canopy near the tennis courts.

Walk leader/contact: Nancy McIver, nmciver@capecod.edu

Join Cape Cod Community College's Nancy McIver on a journey through the forest on some of the trails around the CCCC property. The full trail loop travels almost entirely on natural surface trails and forms part of the Town of Barnstable's Pathways Network as shown on this map: <http://www.nemba-capecod.org/maps/CCCC.pdf>

A Walk Through Hyannis to the 5 Glorious Beaches

Beginning time: 3 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 2.5 mi./2 hrs.

Starting point: Meet in front of JFK Museum at 397 Main Street in Hyannis

Rating of terrain and pace: Level, some walking in sand

Directions: 397 Main Street in Hyannis

Walk leader/contact: Doug Payson, capecodhiker@gmail.com

Explore the back roads of Hyannis and discover the 5 beautiful beaches.

- SATURDAY, MAY 17 -

Reading the Landscape at Bell Farm

Registration required

Beginning time: 10 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1.5 hrs.

Walk leader/contact: Jack Ahern

Please join Barnstable Land Trust and Jack Ahern, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture at UMass on a walk around BLT's Bell Farm Conservation Area in Cotuit. Learn how to read "clues" to past land uses. Please pre-register for this walk for further details: blt.org/events. Individual registration links will be active 3-4 weeks prior to the walk.

Osterville Ponds

Beginning time: 2 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1.5 mi./1.5 hrs.

Starting point: Joshua Pond Beach parking lot

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and climbing

Directions: From Rte. 28 go south on Osterville-West Barnstable Road of 0.7 miles, turn left on South County Road and travel 0.7 miles until turning left on Pond Street. Travel 0.3 miles and turn right onto Tower Hill Road. The parking lot will be on your left.

Walk leader/contact: Lev Malakhoff, capecod@gmail.com

Come explore the trails along Osterville's Joshua and Micah Ponds. Pathways fan Lev Malakhoff will guide you to scenic pondside vistas and some history mysteries along the way.

Andrews Property/Coombs Bog

Beginning time: 4 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1.1 mi./1 hr.

Starting point: Andrews Property parking lot

Rating of terrain and pace: Leisurely walk on stable ground

Directions: 521 Old Stage Road

Walk leader/contact: David Gorrill

Join David Gorrill, former Barnstable High School Environmental Science teacher and Cape Cod National Seashore Interpretive Ranger, to explore these adjoining properties that create an active wildlife corridor. We will actively look at local woodlands and wetlands of these two distinctly different habitats.