

Massachusetts Audubon Society
Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary
108 North Street
Norfolk, MA 02056

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Scout Programs



About Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary is cooperatively managed by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The sanctuary encompasses 245 acres of forest, field, and wetland habitats each offering exciting opportunities for nature exploration. The 2 miles of trails on the sanctuary include a scenic boardwalk across a pond and marsh. Indoors, the visitor center contains displays on various natural history topics, program space, and a gift shop with nature oriented items.

Educational programming on site takes advantage of the unique features of this varied landscape. Stony Brook's staff is well versed in ecological and educational concepts and strives to provide only the highest quality programs stressing hands-on, experiential learning.



The Massachusetts Audubon Society is the largest conservation organization in New England concentrating its efforts on protecting the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. The Society protects nearly 30,000 acres of conservation land, conducts nature education programs for 250,000 school children annually, and advocates for sound environmental policies. Across the state, the Massachusetts Audubon Society operates 42 wildlife sanctuaries that are open to the public and serve as the base for its conservation, education, and advocacy efforts. For more information about the Society, or to support its important work by becoming a member, call 1-800-AUDUBON(283-8266) or visit the Society's website at www.massaudubon.org.

Scout Programs

The badge programs offered at Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary allow scouts to work together to gain an appreciation for the natural world. The education staff at Stony Brook will design and conduct a badge program to meet the needs of your individual troop. Each Scout Program is an hour and a half in length. The programs focus on the badge requirements which Stony Brook is best suited to teach. Due to time constraints, we may not cover all of the badge requirements. Stony Brook is also willing to develop different programs for additional badges with sufficient notice. Listed below are brief descriptions of the scout programs which we currently offer.



Girl Scout Programs

Daisies

From Seed to Flower: Learn about seeds inside and out. Discover how they grow into plants. Participate in a seed match up, find out which fruit has the most seeds and search for seeds along Stony Brook's trails.

Marsh Mysteries: Discover the mysteries of the marsh, swamps and ponds. Use your observation skills to discover frogs and turtles hiding among the lily pads. Learn about the wildlife, both plant and animal, that makes up Stony Brook's wetlands.

Brownies

Eco-Explorer: Explore the sanctuary, looking for both living and nonliving components of its ecosystem. Learn about the different habitats at Stony Brook and the wildlife that live here.

Plant Try-It: Learn about the importance of plants. Participate in an air ballet, seed search and food chain game to learn about the wonders of plants.

Brownies continued

Animal Try-It: Tour the sanctuary looking for and learning about the native animals which inhabit Stony Brook's various habitats. Find out who eats whom in an exciting food chain game.

Watching Wildlife Try-It: Improve your observation skills as we focus on watching the animals found at the sanctuary. Learn how they build their homes, communicate and get ready for the seasons.

Water Everywhere Try-It: Discover the importance of water and all that rely on it. We will visit our wetland habitats and find out who lives there. As well as do some experiments inside to learn about this precious resource.

Senses Try-It: Take a sensory hike to discover some of nature's mysteries. Compare your senses to those of other animals.

Juniors

Wildlife Badge: Learn about the various habitats at Stony Brook, become aware of both poisonous and endangered plants and animals in Massachusetts. Identify 5 species of birds as we walk the trails.

Earth Connections Badge: Explore Stony Brook as you learn about plant and animal relationships, human effects on the natural environment, and how to identify 10 species of trees.

Plants & Animals: Explore some of the roles plants and animals play in your everyday life. Go on the Stony Brook wildlife safari and search the sanctuary for "aliens".

Your Outdoor Surroundings Badge: Get outside and explore the sanctuary's trails. Learn what a naturalist does and how to pack a survival bag.

Water Wonders: Learn about a local water ecosystem and how the plants and organisms interact. Find out where your water comes from and become a raindrop and travel through the water cycle.

Boy Scout Programs

Bear Cub Scouts

Sharing Your World with Wildlife: Through games and other activities, learn about the animals that call Stony Brook home. Also learn their requirements for survival as well as factors that can lead to extinction.

Webelos Scouts

Naturalist Badge: Tour the sanctuary observing and learning the native animals which inhabit Stony Brook's various habitats. Become aware of poisonous plants and animals in Massachusetts and play a game about bird migration.

Forestry Badge: Become a tree to learn about their parts and how they grow. Explore the grounds and learn to identify 6 species of trees as well as 6 forest plants that are useful to wildlife.

Large Group Programs

Scout Night Hikes

Each fall and spring, Stony Brook conducts a night program for scouts of all ages. Explore the trails at night and play games as our eyes get used to the dark. We'll learn how our eyes and the eyes of other animals such as owls and raccoons adjust to the dark. Stony Brook can also schedule private night hikes for just your pack or council. Call Stony Brook for further information and dates.

Parent/Child Nature Discovery Days

Stony Brook can design a special parent child event for your pack or council. These large group events are designed for you and your child to experience the natural world together, as well as meeting some of the requirements for a badge or try-it. Call Stony Brook to schedule a discovery day or for further information.

To Schedule a Program

Programs can be scheduled throughout the year. During the school year, programs can be scheduled Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:00p.m. or Saturdays from 12:00p.m.-1:30p.m. Programs must be booked at least two weeks in advance and are subject to availability. Large group programs such as Discovery Days and Night Hikes must be booked at least three weeks in advance and are subject to availability. Programs may be rescheduled due to severe or inclement weather.

Program Fees

Try-Its & Badge Programs \$6.00/child
There is a **minimum of \$30.00** per program. All children, who participate, will be charged. Two chaperones per troop may attend free of charge. A **non-refundable deposit of \$18.00** is to be made within a week of scheduling the program.

Large Group Programs \$6.00/person
All parents and children, who participate, will be charged. Two chaperones per troop may attend free of charge. A **nonrefundable deposit of \$50.00** is to be made within two weeks of scheduling the program. A **final count of participants is due two weeks before the date of your program.**

Refund Policy: We will issue a refund if you notify us of your cancellation at least one week before the program is scheduled. Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Things to Remember...

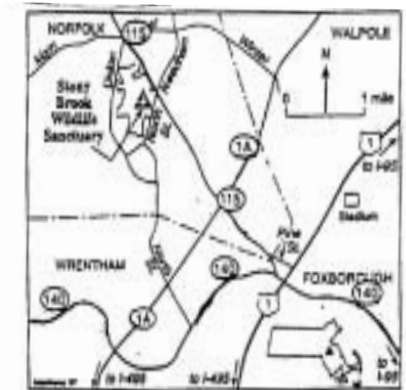
- Chaperones are responsible for the safety and discipline of scouts.
- Chaperones are expected to participate fully in all activities
- Stony Brook has a carry in carry out policy. Please take any trash home with you when you leave.
- Please respect the sanctuary's habitat by refraining from collecting plants or animals.
- Stony Brook maintains a gift shop with a variety of nature related items. You and your scouts are welcome to visit it after your program

To Schedule a Scout Visit

Please contact Stony Brook's Education Coordinator at the following address and phone number.

Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary
108 North Street
Norfolk, MA 02056
(508) 528-3140 Ext. 22
(508) 553-3864 FAX
stonybrook@massaudubon.org

Directions to Stony Brook



From 495: Take Exit #15 (Rt. 1A North). Follow 1A North for 4 miles to Rt. 115. Turn left on 115N and go 1.5 miles. Take the 3rd left on to North Street. The sanctuary is 100 yards up on the right.

From 95S: Take exit #9 (Rt. 1S). After Foxboro stadium, take a right on Pine St. At the stop sign take a right on to Rt. 115N. Cross Rt. 1A and take the 3rd left at North Street. The sanctuary is 100 yards up on the right.

From 95N: Take Exit 7 (Rt. 140N) Follow to Rt. 115N. Cross Rt. 1A and take the 3rd left at North Street. The sanctuary is 100 yards up on the right.

From 115N: Follow 115S to 4 way stop in Norfolk Center. Continue on 115 for approximately 1 mile. Take a right at North Street. The sanctuary is 100 yards up on the right.