

Cape Cod National Seashore Activities for April 18 - 30, 2015

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SALT POND VISITOR CENTER

OPEN DAILY 9 TO 4:30 PM, 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 thematic films in the theater. Staff are on duty to help with trip planning. There is a well-stocked store offering books, maps, puzzles, games, apparel, 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 nearby.

PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER

OFF RACE POINT ROAD, PROVINCETOWN. 508 - 487 - 1256

REOPENS FOR THE SEASON MAY 1. LIMITED HOURS DURING SCHOOL VACATION:

11 AM TO 1 PM, APRIL 17, 19, AND 24. Stop by to chat about activities and

take in the amazing views from the outdoor observation decks. The indoor exhibits and films may be available. At 1 PM on each day, join the ranger for a one-hour dune walk to learn about the history of the Province Lands, and the flora and fauna of this unique landscape. The Province Lands Bike Trail and Race Point Beach are nearby.



Due to extensive storm damage and erosion, there is currently no access to Nauset Light Beach in Eastham.

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CENTENNIAL

During National Park Week, April 18 to 26, the National Park Service will announce exciting plans for its Centennial in 2016. Visit www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/index.htm to see how you can join this huge party that will be celebrated in over 400 national park areas across the country next year.

FIND YOUR
PARK

Saturdays

TOUR: CAPTAIN EDWARD PENNIMAN HOUSE: A WHALING FAMILY'S STORY

11 AM, 1 hour. Free. Learn about the Penniman family through a tour of their home and stories of their travels. Examine some of the hardships, adventures, and lifestyle of a whaling family. *By reservation only. Call Salt Pond Visitor Center, 508-255-3421, ext 0.* Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, Eastham.



Sundays

WALK: DISCOVER NAUSET MARSH - 2 PM, 1 hour, 1 mile. Free. Take this easy one-hour walk to discover some of the stories and features of this scenic area. Meet at the terrace of the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.

WALK: LIGHTHOUSE TOUR of the THREE SISTERS - 3 PM, 1 hour, ½ mile. Free. These 19th-century lighthouses once provided a beacon for sailors off the shore of Nauset Light Beach. Come and learn of their history and importance. Meet at Nauset Light Beach parking area, Eastham. 



Tuesdays

WALK: SPARK OF MAGIC: WHERE MARCONI TRIUMPHED - 10 AM, 45 minutes, ½ mile. Free. Join a ranger to explore the site where, in 1903, Guglielmo Marconi transmitted the first official wireless message across the ocean. Meet in the parking area of the Marconi Station site, Wellfleet. 

Thursdays

WALK: THE NATURE OF NAUSET - 2 PM, up to 1½ hours, 1½ miles. Free. Explore the natural history of the Nauset area, uncovering the Cape's geologic origins and investigating the landscape - from ice age remnant Doane Rock to the sweeping green expanse of Nauset Marsh. Meet at the Doane Rock picnic area *rear* parking lot, Eastham.



Especially for Families

DISCOVERY ACTIVITY - Saturdays, Sundays, Monday, April 20, and Friday, April 24 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop by Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham to see what the rangers have arranged on the activity table. 

Sunday, April 19

A PASSION FOR BIRDS - 11 AM. Free. Created and performed by Henry Lappen, “A Passion for Birds” uses realistic, handmade masks to explore how different birds have evolved different shapes and behaviors to adapt to their environment. Participants get a chance to try on the masks and soar as eagles, swim as puffins, and stalk as herons. Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. 



Henry Lappen as heron!

Tuesday, April 21

FIND YOUR BEACH - 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Free.

Find out what lives on and off shore of Cape Cod beaches. Search and explore Coast Guard Beach, Eastham for beach animals (both dead or alive!). Bring your sharp eyes and a digital camera or smartphone. Binoculars are helpful but not required. Meet at the Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Beach, Eastham.



Wednesday, April 22 - JUNIOR RANGER DAY

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING? 10:30 AM, 1 hour. Free. *Calling all families:* Tour Cape Cod National Seashore's wildland fire facility. Touch fire trucks and use some of the equipment wildland firefighters use to put out forest fires. Meet in front of Cape Cod National Seashore's Headquarters Building, Marconi Station Area, Wellfleet.

FIND YOUR PARK!

- 1 to 3 PM. Free.

Bring your family to celebrate Junior Ranger Day and Earth Day! Start at Salt Pond Visitor Center to receive your “Find Your Park” mystery packet. From there you will travel on your own to up to five

secret locations in Eastham and Wellfleet, perform a fun, Earth-friendly activity, and receive a clue. Once you have completed your mission, return to the visitor center to earn a Junior Ranger patch! *If you would like to help plan this event, visit Cape Cod National Seashore's Facebook page on April 13 to suggest one of the “secret” locations.*



Saturday, April 25

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY CELEBRATION - 10 AM to 3 PM. Free. 

In 1903, Guglielmo Marconi made history when he sent and received the first two-way wireless transatlantic message from the United States to Europe from his Wellfleet station. Families are invited to join licensed radio operators from the Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club as they make contacts with other operators around the world in honor of Marconi's birthdate, April 25, 1874. Kids can practice Morse code on a “key,” use signal flags, and learn about other signaling techniques. Takes place at the Coast Guard Station, Coast Guard Beach, Eastham.



Kids, have you been on the Buttonbush Trail yet this year? Pick up a trail folder, from the visitor center or the trailhead, and head out to find some activity stations. Have fun dip netting, building a mouse house, or just exploring! 

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