

Friday, October 6, 2023

Santuit Preserve Bog Walk

Beginning time: 8 AM

Approx. length/time to complete: 3 mi./1-1.5 hrs.

Starting point: Santuit-Newtown Road, Cotuit

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate

Directions: From Rte 28: N. on Santuit-Newtown Rd about .5 miles. Trailhead on left after Lovell's Pond boat launch. Look for yellow gate.

Walk leader: Tracy Pratt - tpnine@gmail.com

Bog and river walk.

Sandy Neck Fall Dune Hike

Beginning time: 10 AM

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

Starting point: Sandy Neck Gatehouse

Rating of terrain and pace: Challenging, strenuous terrain

Directions: 425 Sandy Rd. Parking is first come first served at the gatehouse. There is additional parking at the beach parking lot.

Walk leader: NRO Ann Marie Luppino - 508-362-8300

Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall on Sandy Neck. Natural Resource Officers will lead participants through the various habitats found throughout the park with opportunities to see some of the different species that call Sandy Neck home.

Hathaway's Pond

Beginning time: 1:30 PM

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

Starting point: Trailhead by beach/picnic area

Rating of terrain and pace: Easy, some small hills, leisurely pace

Directions: From Rte. 132, turn north onto Phinney's Lane, go 1/3 mile heading toward 6A. The entrance to Hathaway's Pond is on the left. Follow the road to the parking area for the town beach. The trailhead is just to the left as you face the beach.

Walk leader: Cate Gulliver - 774-487-7048

This is a loop trail around the pond, with wood and pond vistas, and interpretive markers.

A New Boardwalk for Barnstable Village

Beginning time: 3 PM

Approx. length/time to complete: 1 mi./1.5 hrs.

Starting point: Trayser trailhead, across from the Barnstable Unitarian Church on Route 6A

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate, low hills

OSC's Mission

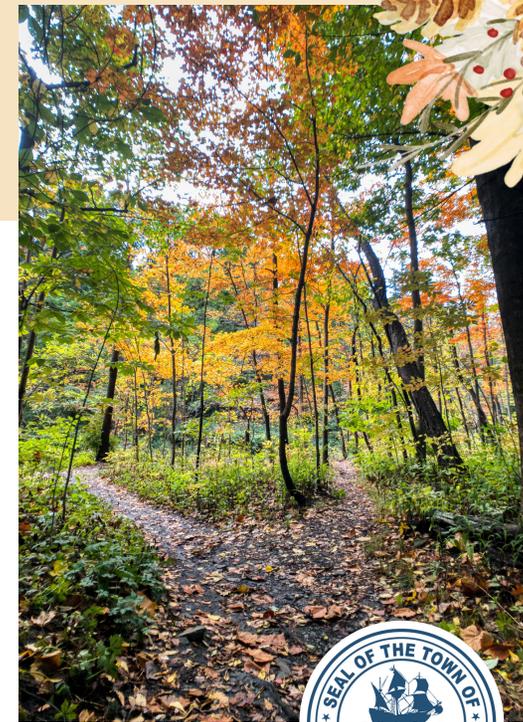
The Town Council created the Open Space Committee (formerly the Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee) in 2005. This Committee meets monthly and is charged with recommending parcels of land for acquisition to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC); leveraging in conjunction with the Town Manager 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 Land Acquisition and Preservation 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

Ann Canedy - Chair | Farley Lewis - Vice Chair
Elissa Crowley | Anne Rowland | Tracy Pratt
Doug Payson | Liz Lewis | Cate Gulliver
Kris Clark - Town Council Liaison

Partnerships & Projects

Americorps | Barnstable Community Preservation Committee | Barnstable Land Trust | Cape Cod Commission | Cape Cod Pathways



THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
PROUDLY PRESENTS

FALL WALKING WEEKEND 2023

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 -
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Friday, October 6, 2023 cont.

A New Boardwalk for Barnstable Village cont.

Directions: Route 6A, across from the Unitarian Church, parking lot on the left of the Coast Guard Museum

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

Discover the new boardwalk on the Trayser Trail in Barnstable Village.

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Meetinghouse Farm

Beginning time: 10 AM

Approx. length/time to complete: <1 mi./1.5 hr.

Starting point: 2135 Meetinghouse Way

Rating of terrain and pace: Average pace, flat with some rises and slightly bumpy areas

Directions: Route 149 to 2135 Meetinghouse Farm, park in the green near the greenhouse/barn or behind the greenhouse. Parking will be designated.

Walk leader: Joe Leary - jleary695@gmail.com and Diane Mulligan - mulligan.diane1@gmail.com

Conservation property with 30 community gardens, a short path through the woods, holly grove, floral quilt, green house, and restored barn.

Thoreau's Cape Cod Readathon Walking Tours

Beginning time: 11 AM

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

Starting point: Fuller Farm Kiosk

Rating of terrain and pace: Easy

Directions: Shuttle bus parking is provided at the West Village Elementary School (760 Osterville West Barnstable Rd.)

Walk leader: Tours will be provided by Barnstable Land Trust staff - info@blt.org

Barnstable Land Trust, in honor of its 40th Anniversary, proudly presents the first ever Thoreau's Cape Cod Readathon happening from 10 AM-3 PM on October 7 and 8. Check <https://blt.org/thoreau> for more details.

Thoreau's Cape Cod Readathon Walking Tours

Beginning time: 1 PM

Please see the Saturday, October 7th 11 AM Thoreau's Cape Cod Readathon Walking Tour for more information--the details are identical except for the time.

Saturday, October 7, 2023 cont.

Bridge Creek Conservation Area

Beginning time: 3 PM

Approx. length/time to complete: 3+ mi./2 hrs.

Starting point: Grassy triangle in front of West Parish Church, West Barnstable

Rating of terrain and pace: Mostly flat with a few hills.

Average pace.

Directions: From Rte 6, take exit 65 to Rte 149N (Meetinghouse Way). West Parish Church on immediate left after overpass. Park on the quiet section of the road next to the grassy triangle in front of church.

Walk leader: Farley Lewis - farlewis@comcast.net / 508-737-6983

This walk goes through a varied terrain of woods, wetlands, and old cranberry bogs. Views of marshlands. A beloved route through conserved landscape. Good walking shoes, water, and tick precautions recommended. Heavy rain cancels.

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Cape Cod Community College Forest Loop

Beginning time: 10 AM

Approx. length/time to complete: 2.5 mi./1.5-2 hrs.

Starting point: CCCC Parking lot #12 (solar canopy near tennis courts)

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and climbing

Directions: Traveling north on Rte 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: Lev Malakhoff - capcod@gmail.com

Join pathway enthusiast Lev Malakhoff on a journey through the forest around the periphery of the Cape Cod Community College property. This recently completed trail loop travels almost entirely on natural surface trails and forms part of the Town of Barnstable's Pathways Network.

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What Plants Are Invasive, and What Plants Are Native?

Beginning time: 3 PM

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

Starting point: Trayser Trailhead, across from the Barnstable Unitarian Church on Route 6A

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate, low hills

Directions: Route 6A, across from the Unitarian Church, parking on the left of the Coast Guard Museum

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

The plants and trees along this section of trail provides a clear example of the impact of invasive plants on the Cape Cod landscape. Learn to identify native and invasive species.

Monday, October 9, 2023

Marstons Mills River Headwaters Restoration Walk

Beginning time: 10 AM

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

Starting point: 948 River Road

Rating of terrain and pace: Flat terrain at an easy pace. Bring sunblock or a hat as there is minimal shade along the route.

Directions: Pull into the shared driveway at 948 River Rd. Stay straight until reaching the cranberry bogs.

Walk leader: Luke Caldren - info@bcleanwater.org / 508-420-0780

Join Barnstable Clean Water Coalition (BCWC) staff on a tour of BCWC's historic 1800's cranberry bogs at the headwaters of the Marstons Mills River. See the headwaters of the Marstons Mills River, learn about ongoing wetlands restoration work in the area and how this bog system provides an opportunity to improve water quality in the Three Bays estuary.