

SUNDAY, MAY 19 CONT.

Otis Atwood Botany Walk

Start time: 2 p.m.

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

Starting point: Kiosk in the parking area

Rating of terrain and pace: Hilly, uneven trail; medium pace; moderate difficulty

Directions: Large parking area on the west side of Osterville–West Barnstable Road, south of fork with Route 149. Look for “Otis Atwood Conservation Area” sign.

Walk leader/contact: Vicki LeFevre, 607-725-1816; Rich Eldred, richebotany@icloud.com

Go for a walk in the woods with leaders from the Botanical Club of Cape Cod and the Islands. The Otis Atwood Conservation Area is tucked between two main roads but feels like a world apart. We'll make stops to point out some of the Cape's beneficial native trees, bushes, and groundcovers.

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

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

Partnerships & Projects

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Committee
Barnstable Land Trust | Cape Cod Pathways
New England Mountain Bike Association



**THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN**

**SPRING
WALKING
WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 -
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Urban Birding and Nature Walk

Registration required

Start time: 7 a.m.

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

Starting point: Twin Brooks Golf Course, 35 Scudder Ave

Rating of terrain and pace: Easy walk along golf cart trails and level and slightly elevated terrain, that will include a number of stops and starts.

Directions: Park in the back lot to the right of Hyport Conference Center, close to the white picket fence bordering the golf course. Meet at the Golf Pro Shop sign along the fence.

Walk leader/contact: Tommy Burgess, ornithologist, 508-418-4096 and Bettina Abe, conservationist, 978-621-8403

Join us on a walk through the Twin Brooks Golf Course exploring the natural resources of this 40-acre site. Bring binoculars to search for resident and migrating birds. Explore the plant and wildlife habitat along the bordering wetlands of Joshua's Brook and Stewart's Creek, the ponds and estuary, and the open woodlands. Preregistration required via email, limited to 15 participants. **To register email bettina.abe@gmail.com.** *Thank you to Cape Cod Irish Village and the Riverview School for allowing us access to this site.*

Cranberry Bog Restoration Walk

Start time: 10 a.m.

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. Minimal shade.

Directions: Pull into the shared driveway at 948 River Road and stay straight until the cranberry bogs.

Walk leader/contact: Heather Rockwell, 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. Learn about BCWC's ongoing wetlands restoration work to remove nitrogen flowing downriver through 64 acres of bogs and how this bog system provides an opportunity to improve water quality in the Three Bays estuary.

Crooked Cartway

Start time: 2 p.m.

Approximate length/time to complete: 3 mi./2 hrs.

Starting point: Parking area at end of Crooked Cartway

Rating of terrain and pace: Almost entirely flat with one hill up to the deck. Relaxed pace.

Directions: Take Route 149 to rotary at Cape Cod Airport in

Marstons Mills. West on Race Ln. for 1.1 miles. Right onto Crooked Cartway. Go to end. Parking in front of gate.

Walk leader/contact: Farley Lewis, farley@comcast.net

Wooded walk to the Walker Point Observation Deck. Nice open views to the south. Will travel trails that were previously used as cartways. Now these paths are part of a large network of multi-use trails maintained by the Town.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Birding with BLT

Registration required

Start time: 7:30 a.m.

Approximate length/time to complete: .25 mi./1-1.5 hrs.

Starting point: BLT Conservation Center

Rating of terrain and pace: Easy

Directions: Available to pre-registered participants

Walk leader/contact: info@blt.org

Join Barnstable Land Trust with walk leader and ornithology educator, Tommy Burgess, to explore a local birding spot. This will include a number of stops and starts to listen and look for birds. Bring binoculars. Event will be cancelled in the case of rain or severe weather. Registration is required and is limited to 10 participants. **Register at blt.org/events.**

Sandy Neck Spring Walk

Start time: 10 a.m.

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

Starting point: Sandy Neck Gatehouse, 425 Sandy Neck Rd.

Rating of terrain and pace: Challenging, soft sand

Directions: Park in the gravel lots at the gatehouse

Walk leader/contact: Contact gatehouse 508-362-8300

Join Sandy Neck Beach Park staff for a hike on the marsh and front beach to see all of the different signs of spring!

Cape Cod Community College Forest Loop

Start time: 10 a.m.

Approximate 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 2nd entrance to CCCC (opposite YMCA). Park under the solar canopy near the tennis courts.

Walk leader/contact: Lev Malakhoff, capedcod@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.

Mass Audubon Skunknet River Wildlife Sanctuary

Start time: 2 p.m.

Approximate length/time to complete: 2 mi./45 mins.-1 hr.

Starting point: Kiosk at sanctuary parking lot on Bumps River Road

Rating of terrain and pace: Easy, moderate pace with some elevation.

Directions: 345 Bumps River Road off Osterville-West Barnstable Road. Audubon sign for small parking area. No dogs allowed.

Walk leader/contact: Cate Gulliver, cate.j.gulliver@gmail.com

A loop through mixed woodland with some views of Skunknet River and West Pond.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Geocaching at Hathaway's Pond

Start time: 9 a.m.

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

Starting point: Hathaway's Pond Beach parking lot

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and climbing

Directions: Traveling north on 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 enthusiasts Cassie Medeiros and Marla Colarusso on an introduction to the fun world of Geocaching. Cassie and Marla will be on hand to explain how it all works from 9-9:30 a.m. and follow it up with a walk around Hathaway's Pond to discover hidden "treasure."

Meetinghouse Farm, West Barnstable

Start time: 10 a.m.

Approximate length/time to complete: .75 mi./30-45 mins.

Starting point: Large barn

Rating of terrain and pace: Walking pace, normal terrain, slightly uneven in spots, easily walkable.

Directions: Parking at Meetinghouse Farm, 2135 Meetinghouse Way, W. Barnstable, in front of large barn

Walk leader/contact: Diane M. Mulligan, mulligan.diane1@gmail.com

Community gardens, short walking paths, meadow, beautiful tree stands. Lots of history.