

Registration Procedure

Advance registration with a \$25 nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit (per child, per program) is required. The balance of the program fee is due by May 1. When registering after May 1, payment is due in full. You can register by phone at 978-887-9264, by mail, or in person. We accept cash, checks, MasterCard, VISA or Discover. Checks should be made payable to Mass Audubon. For identity safety assurance, fax and email submissions are not accepted.

Refund Policy

Deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. No refunds of balances will be made after May 1 unless we are able to fill your space. Refunds are not made for dismissal, failure to attend, absence, or sick days. All cancellations must be made in writing. If the program you desire is full when you apply, your payment will be refunded and your name placed on a waiting list. We reserve the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment. In this event, a full refund will be made.

Transportation

Parents/guardians will drop off and pick up children at designated sites each day. Directions to sites will be sent. On days of inclement weather we'll meet and run the program from the Boxford Library.

Health Forms

Health forms will be sent upon receipt of registration. They must be filled out and returned prior to the first day. Children will not be admitted without a completed health form.

Staff

All staff members are carefully selected for their competence in the fields of natural history, outdoor education, and leadership. Staff members have teaching experience and are committed to educating children about the natural world.

Boxford Nature Days Registration Form

Prowling Predators June 28, 29, & 30 **Secret Garden** July 5, 6, & 7 **Boxford's Wet and Wild Side** August 2, 3, & 4

Guardian's Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Mass Audubon Member Yes No Membership #: _____ Child's age: _____ Child's Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Check payable to Mass Audubon is enclosed MasterCard VISA Discover Card #: _____ Exp. _____

Please return form to: Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield, MA 01983-1999 Phone: 978-887-9264

Boxford Nature Days



Outdoor Explorations for Children Ages 7 to 10

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Summer is the perfect time to get kids outside and connected to nature, and Boxford has many wonderful habitats that are just waiting to be explored. Many children haven't had the opportunity to discover all the diverse plants and animals that are living in their own backyard, so here is their chance!

This summer, Boxford Trails Association/Boxford Open Land Trust (BTA/BOLT) and Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary are teaming up to lead fun, safe nature programs in some of Boxford's most unique open spaces. Together with skilled Mass Audubon naturalist educators, your children will visit Lockwood Forest, Witch Hollow Farm, Kelsey Arboretum, Shaven Crown, and many more great spots.

Each nature program has a different theme. Sessions run for three days and take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Session fee: \$72

Each 3-day session is \$72. Sign up for one or all of these exciting programs!



Prowling for Predators

June 28, 29, & 30

9:00 am to 12:30 pm



Come with us as we explore the woods and fields of Boxford while looking for evidence of predators. On Tuesday we'll meet at the library, get to know one another, and talk about the coyotes, foxes, owls, hawks, and weasels that live in our neighborhood. These animals are often secretive, but we will learn how to interpret the clues they leave behind which indicate their presence. The next two days will be spent exploring Lockwood Forest and Bald Hill, where we will keep our eyes and ears open for signs of predators.

Secret Garden

July 5, 6, & 7

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Did you know Boxford contains a secret garden? The Kelsey Arboretum is a wonderful place for campers to get lost in their imagination. We'll explore this enchanting world of plants, investigate their wonderful blooms, and discover the unique animals that make this garden their home. We'll also visit Witch Hollow Farm to see the "natural gardens" of our fields and forests and build gnome homes for the local magical creatures. There will be time for games and interesting craft activities that will focus on the pollinators that make all of our wild and cultivated flowers possible.

Boxford's Wet and Wild Side

August 2, 3, & 4

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Boxford has lots of wetlands including vernal pools, streams, ponds, and swamps. We'll grab nets and explore these wet places to discover the animals that call them home. As we search the Wildcat Conservation Area for aquatic insects, amphibians, and reptiles, we'll learn about their unique body parts that allow them to live in water. With luck, and our observation skills, we'll get up-close looks at herons, turtles and frogs. A trip to Shaven Crown will complete our week as we venture into a wetland filled with natural sounds and towering ferns that will allow our imaginations to soar.

