



The Town of Barnstable's
Open Space Committee
invites you to join

Fall Walking Weekend

Friday, October 11, 2024 -
Monday, October 14, 2024

Committee Members

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

- Americorps
- Barnstable Community Preservation Committee
- Barnstable Land Trust
- Cape Cod Commission
 - Cape Cod Pathways
- New England Mountain Bike Association

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.

Friday, October 11

Barnstable Village Loop

Beginning time: 10 AM
Approx. length/time to complete: 1.5-2 hrs
Starting point: Barnstable Superior Court Building
Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate with some hills
Directions: Rte. 6A to Barnstable Village. Meet in front of the courthouse at 3195 Main St. Parking is available in the lots behind the courthouse.
Walk leader: Doug Payson, capecodhiker@gmail.com
A walk through historic Barnstable Village on sidewalks and wooded trails. Explore the natural history of classic Cape Cod habitats.

Maximum Effort with TheDeadPoolians at Hyannis Ponds Wildlife Area

Beginning time: 10:30 AM
Approx. length/time to complete: Entire loop is 3.75 miles, or inner loop is 1.5-2 miles. Allow 2-3 hours.
Starting point: Trailhead at N 41° 40.936 W 070° 16.832
Rating of terrain and pace: Terrain is 2 to 2.5, some light climbing of elevated ground and soft footing and brambles. Pace will be extremely casual.
Directions: Trailhead entrance is off Mary Dunn Road
Walk leader: Erica Daniels, 954-856-7989, Geocaching profile name TheDeadPoolians

Join Erica & Sunny to traverse these well-traveled and maintained trails in search of hidden "treasures!" We will be on hand to guide you with navigation assistance and tips for finding the treasures in the woods! This loop has a total of 12 geocaches, and a few different trail loops if you don't wish to complete the entire trail with us. Do as much or as little of the trail as you like.

Hidden Gems of Hyannis

Beginning time: 3 PM
Approx. length/time to complete: 1.5-2 hrs
Starting point: JFK Museum
Rating of terrain and pace: Level, sidewalks and some sand walking
Directions: JFK Museum at 397 Main St., Hyannis.
Parking in rear.
Walk leader: Doug Payson, capecodhiker@gmail.com
Discover the hidden gems along the shoreline in the southside village of Hyannis.

Saturday, October 12

The Length of Cotuit Walk

Registration required

Beginning time: 8:30 AM
Approx. length/time to complete: 4.5 mi./2.5 hrs.
Starting point: Eagle Pond parking area, Cotuit
Rating of terrain and pace: Mostly flat, mostly woods with several road crossings
Directions: Park at Eagle Pond parking area, a pullout across from 820 Putnam Ave, Cotuit. Carpool to Crocker Neck at the south end of Cotuit.
Walk leader: Mark Robinson, mark@thecomact.net
Limited to the first 15 signups. Please contact leader via email to register. Children must be above 12 years old and accompanied by a parent. Everyone should be able to walk long distances, and wear appropriate footwear. Bring water. Walk through mostly connected conservation areas. Led by long-time Cotuit naturalist.

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 areas near the greenhouse/barn. There will be parking signs.
Walk leader: Earl Springer, etslra@comcast.net
Conservation property with short trails, community gardens, floral quilt, butterfly garden/holly grove, a variety of trees, labyrinth, and greenhouse/barn.

What's in Your Pocket with the DaVinci Pursuit

Registration required

Beginning time: 1 PM
Approx. length/time to complete: 1.5 hr
Walk leader: Barnstable Land Trust, register at blt.org/events
When we are out for a leisurely walk, are there some artistic tools and supplies we should be carrying with us? In this art/science walk you will learn about ways to prepare and use small art kits including supplies and carrying cases. You will also learn about things you can do with your cellphones as well as how to capture these quick and fleeting moments. The walk is intended to introduce participants to the science concepts through the arts and is designed for non-artists and artists, photographers, and families of all ages and ability levels.

Hathaways Pond Mystery Walk

Beginning time: 3:30 PM
Approx. length/time to complete: 1.5 mi./1.5 hrs.
Starting point: Hathaways Pond Beach
Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and modest climbing
Directions: Hathaways Pond Recreation Area next to the dog park. Head down the hill to beach parking lot.
Walk leader: Lev Malakhoff, capcod@gmail.com
Seek out the mysteries of the Hathaways Ponds with pathways enthusiast Lev Malakhoff. The walk will pass through a land that has changed over the years in some unexpected ways. Take in idyllic views of the ponds along the way.

Monday, October 14

Marstons Mills River Headwaters Restoration Walk

Beginning time: 10 AM
Approx. 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/hat as there is minimal shade.
Directions: Pull into the shared driveway at 948 River Road. Stay straight until reaching the cranberry bogs.
Walk leader: Luke Caldin, 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 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.

Sandy Neck Walk

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. off Rte. 6A. Parking is first come first served at the gatehouse, with additional parking at the beach lot
Walk leader: Dina Allard, 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.