

# Complete List of Educational Programs at Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park

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## **Programs at the Park:**

- Free with park admission.
- State of Maine Schools get free entry by reservation during the school year.
- Starred (\*) programs are wheelchair accessible.

**Animals Wintering** - Add to your knowledge and appreciation of the ways in which the park's animals survive winter.

**Casco Bay Walk** – Enjoy views of islands and rocky shores on this one-mile walk along the beautiful Casco Bay Trail.

**Dragonflies and Damselflies** – Learn about these amazing insects in fact and folklore.

**Drawing from Nature** – Use observational drawing as a way to get up close and personal with the wildlife in the park. Drawing materials will be provided, though visitors are invited to bring their own if they prefer.

**Exploring Clamming** – Learn about the life and times of the soft-shell clam through an introduction and history of clamming in Maine.

**Fall in the Forest** - Fall is a great time to get to know the trees, and this program is a fun way to do it.

**Fond of Fronds** – Learn about the multitude of fern species that inhabit our forest and how to identify them.

**Guided Tree Hunt\*** - Learn to identify the main species of trees present in the park.

**Habitat Hunt** - Increase your knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of habitats within the park.

**Hike with the Ranger** – Enjoy the best that the park has to offer in this season on this hike with a knowledgeable guide.

**In the Pines\*** - Tour the pine forest on our accessible path and see why Maine is the Pine Tree State.

**Osprey Watch\*** - Stop by the osprey sign opposite Googins Island any time between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. for a close look at the ospreys.

**Plants Alive in a Cold World** - Learn the strategies of the park's plants for surviving winter.

**Preschool Nature Explorations** – Join us as we read a story about nature, do a related craft, and then enjoy a short hike in the park.

**Reading Animal Tracks** – Learn about the park's animals and how to identify their tracks.

**Ready, Set, Sleep!** - Discover how nature prepares for winter in this program for children and fun-loving adults.

**Secrets of the Shore** – Discover secrets of life in the salt marsh, mud flats, gravel beach, and rocky shore.

**Signs of Spring** - Look for signs of spring including newly arrived birds, fragrant Trailing Arbutus and other wildflowers.

**Small Wonders\*** - Discover extra-ordinary things in nature that are hiding right before your eyes. (Hand lenses provided.)

**Spring Birds at Wolfe's Neck** - Look for resident, migrating, and newly arrived birds, possibly ospreys. Bring your binoculars.



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**Steamer Dig** - Learn about the life and times of the soft-shell clam. Then try your hand at digging this delicacy of the deep mud. (Bring mud sneakers or high boots and clam hoe or spading fork.)

**Stories in Stone** - Get to know the story of Maine's beautiful rockbound coast on this walk with short talks and activities.

**Stroll with the Ranger\*** – Enjoy a leisurely stroll on the accessible White Pines Trail with knowledge-able guide.

**The Edge of the Sea** - Enjoy a walk, short talks, and activities on the natural history and ecology of our varied shores.

**The Shore Tour\*** - Learn about our varied shore through talks, activities, and views along the accessible path.

**Tide Pools** - Visit this informal program on the rocky shore near Googins Island any time between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. to discover the secrets of a tide pool.

**Tree Hunt\*** - Stop by the benches to get your papers for this fun, self-guiding hunt, and then come back afterwards to see how well you did.

**Treetops to Tide Pools\*** - Participate in sensory activities that introduce the park to children and fun-loving adults.

**Welcome Tour** - Get to know the things that live in the park's forest and on its shores on this eye-opening tour.

**Wildflower Walk** - come for a walk in the woods to enjoy the spring wildflowers of Wolfe's Neck Woods with a knowledgeable guide.

**Wild Relatives** – Everyone has them! Get acquainted with the wild relatives of things in and around your home on this tour.

**Winter Birds at Wolfe's Neck** - Discover the needs and adaptations of the park's birds and the ways in which people can help birds around their homes survive winter.

**Winter in the Woods** - Increase your understanding and appreciation of some of the ways in which plants and animals survive winter.

**Winter Tree ID**- Learn how to identify trees in the park's forest using their winter characteristics.

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### Outreach Programs:

- Offered in the Freeport area.

**Animal Tracks and Signs** – Learn to spot signs of animals in the forest and make a plaster cast of a footprint of one of our native animals.

**Iconic Flora and Fauna of Maine from Prehistory to the Present Day** - Come join us on a journey, from the retreat of the glaciers to the modern day, and learn about the animals and plants that embody the changing face of Maine.

**Mammals of Maine** – A fun introduction to what a mammal is and the mammals that call our state home.

