

2016 Summer Evening Presentations

Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center

Wednesdays from 7–8pm



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July 6 Sea Turtles Around the Cape and Islands

Did you know that Massachusetts' waters are home to four species of sea turtles? They face many challenges from boat strikes & entanglement to risks of being trapped & cold stunned in the "hook" of Cape Cod during fall migration. Join Bob Prescott, MA Coordinator for the Northeast Sea Turtle Stranding Network & Director of Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, to learn more about local sea turtles, the challenges they faces, the work Mass Audubon does to help & how you can get involved.

July 13 Fishing the Cape Cod Canal

Ever wonder why 'that guy' is catching all the fish? The "science or is it the art" behind catching striped bass is discussed by a local fisherman. Jerry Gonsiewski has been chasing striped bass from shore for more than 40 years. His presentation will include Q & A, gear display, and hands on demo to help you become "that guy/gal".

July 20 Trivia Night

All ages are invited to join us for our first ever Cape Cod Canal Trivia night. Test your knowledge of the Cape Cod Canal in this entertaining team-based game. Chances to win bragging rights, as well as prizes. Hosted by Park Ranger Amy Pettigrew

July 27 A Passion for Birds

Created & performed by Henry Lappen, "A Passion for Birds" is a comic, interactive & educational show. Using realistic, handmade masks we'll explore how different birds have evolved different shapes & behaviors to adapt to their environment. Participants get a chance to try on the masks & soar as eagles, swim as puffins, & stalk as herons. Sponsored in part by the Sandwich Cultural Council. Great for all ages!

August 3 Dredging the Cape Cod Canal

How deep is the Cape Cod Canal? How do we know, and how do we keep it that way? Join Deputy Canal Manager John MacPherson for an inside look on how the US Army Corps of Engineers surveys and dredges the Canal to help ensure safe passage for large vessels. Photos and videos of the 2016 dredging operations and associated beach nourishment project at Town Neck Beach will be featured.

August 10 Restoring a New England Salt Marsh

Come hear the story of how a dedicated group of local residents took on the challenge of restoring tidal flows to a 70-acre coastal marsh a few miles north of the Cape Cod Canal. It is a wondrous tale whose characters include threatened Piping Plovers, a new species of insect & offshore eel grass. It stars Mother Nature, whose ability to unleash powerful winter storms can determine life or death for a salt marsh. Presented by Eric Cody, founder of the Friends of Ellisville Marsh.

August 17 Touch Tank of Marine Life

Lobsters, crabs, sea stars & more. Get up close & personal with this hands-on experience with live marine critters! Join Canal Park Rangers to discover fascinating facts about various local marine animals living in the waters around Cape Cod. Great for all ages! Presented by Park Rangers Amy Pettigrew & Shannon Soule.

August 24 Meet the Invaders – A Look at Invasive Species & Their Impacts

Is it native, non-native, or invasive? Does it matter? Discover defining characteristics of invasive species, and just how enormous their environmental, financial and aesthetic impacts can be. Walk away with resources for further information and how you can help. The presentation will include some hands-on specimens. Presented by Cape Cod Canal Natural Resource Specialist John Pribilla.

August 31 Diary of a Wimpy Beekeeper

Pollinators are critical to our Nation's economy, food security, & environmental health. Honey bee pollination alone adds more than \$15 billion in value to agricultural crops each year, and yet we are losing colonies faster than scientists can understand why. Come Join Canal Park Rangers Elisa Carey and Samantha Gray to learn the value of all pollinator species and the challenges they currently face. Rangers Carey & Gray will also detail their journey as first time bee keepers & discuss current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pollinator protection initiatives.

Admission: Free, no registration required.

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Location: Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center 60 Ed Moffitt Drive in Sandwich, MA. 508-833-9678.

