

2023
WINTER
& SPRING

PROGRAMS

Bringing nature & science education to our community since 1872! | 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 | 508-748-2098 | marionmuseum.org

After School Programs \$8 / members | \$10 / non-members

HELD AT THE MUSEUM FROM 3:30 - 4:30PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

February 15 – Bird Feeders and Winter Bird Exploration with Manomet Bird Observatory

Students will explore local birds that overwinter in Massachusetts. They will be given model birds to identify and information about behavior and diet during the winter months. Students will determine best location and type of food for their bird feeders.

March 1 – How to Start Your Own Natural History Collections

We will take a quick tour of some of the Marion Natural History Museum's specimens from its beginnings in 1872 to recent donations. We will cover aspects such as how to begin a collection, identifying your specimens, correct labelling, and storage. Feel free to bring your own collection from home to share with the group.

March 15 – Naturally Artistic

Swing by MNHM for pendulum painting as we accelerate our studies of gravity as a force of creativity. After the matter of the splatter, we'll have one more surprise project — so bring a smock and get ready to rock.

April 5 – Exploring Wetlands and Vernal Pools

Let's look at these important ecosystems and the important role they play in our forests. We will be conducting several hands-on experiments involving water, soils and taking a close look at some of the animals that rely on these important habitats.

April 26 – The Science of Tie Dye with Dr. Dills

Let's learn the chemistry of what occurs when you tie dye an item. Dr. Dills is a Chemistry Professor and will explain the chemical process that allows you to create your own masterpiece. *Please remember to bring a cotton, silk, or rayon item of clothing to tie dye.*

May 3 – Amazing Arthropods with Plymouth County Entomologist Blake Dinius

Did you know that insects and spiders make up about 77% of all animal species on the planet? And did you know that without insects we would literally be buried in poop? Come join us on our journey into the wonderful world of Amazing Arthropods!

May 17 – Trip to Bird Island

We will take a trip to Bird Island to view Common Terns and the endangered Roseate Tern. Bird Island provides a very special habitat for these animals as well Oystercatchers and other birds who need this island for a safe nesting site. Life jackets are required and trip is limited to 12 students.

May 24 – This is Rocket Science!

Join us while learning about propulsion and lift with Mike Cronin. Each child will have his/her own rocket with motor to assemble and launch. The cost for this program is \$20.00 per participant and space is limited to 12 children. Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with rocket assembly.

May 31 – Exploring Ram Island

Ram Island is situated within Sippican Harbor and has many unique ecosystems for us to explore. Owners Michael and Hannah Moore have kindly invited our group to investigate their saltmarshes, rocky intertidal shore and mudflats. Life jackets are required, and the program is limited to 12 students. *FYI this program has been known to run a little later than 4:30.*



Marion Natural History Museum

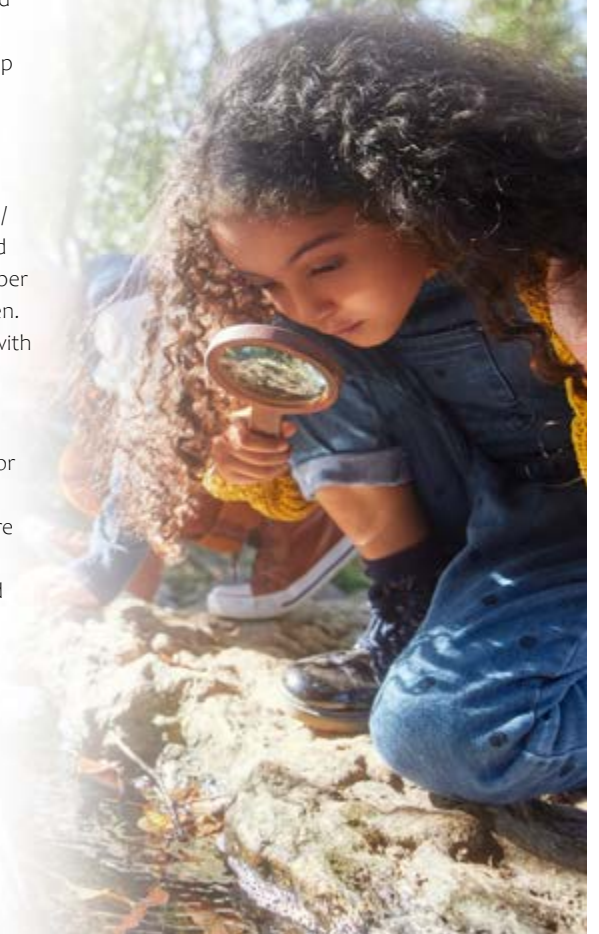
Visit us! Volunteer! Become a member!

Museum Hours

Wed: 10-4 | Fri: 12-2

2nd Sat of every month: 10-12

Other hours by appointment



FREE Senior & Community Programs

WEDNESDAYS
10:30 - 11:30AM
Unless Otherwise Noted

**Preregistration and the wearing of masks will be required for museum entrance

For more information or to register:

VISIT: marionmuseum.org
EMAIL: director@marionmuseum.org
CALL: 508-748-2098

Feb 1 – Let’s Look for Winter Ducks at Silvershell Beach

Justin Barrett, museum board member and president of the Nasketucket Bird Club, will guide us through some areas at Silvershell Beach that commonly host our winged winter arrivals. Never been on a bird walk before? No problem! Justin is an excellent birding guide and welcomes questions from all including those with little to no experience. Bundle up warm and expect to be standing still in some locations for a period of time to view these winter migrants. (This program will be held from 8:00 am to 9:30 am)

Feb 15 – Winter Walk at Washburn

Join the Marion Natural History Museum and Service Forester James Rassman for a walk around Washburn Park. We will be learning to identify various tree and shrub species using their bark and buds. We will be walking through fields and forest habitat so please dress accordingly.

March 22 – Naturally Artistic for Adults

Turn your smartphone into an ARTPHONE at our Naturally Artistic program. Join us and explore the basics of nature photography from photo composition, natural lighting, textures and more. No matter your background — budding photographers and seasoned shutterbugs alike will find something to help capture moments that become treasured memories.

April 5 – Butterflies of Southeastern Mass and the Cape

“Butterfly Man” Joe Dwelly, a Yarmouth resident, will be visiting the Marion Natural History Museum to share what he knows about our local species. Mr. Dwelly will give advice about where they can be found and how community members can attract them to their own backyards.

May 17 – A Potential Win for Fisheries and Endangered Right Whales

Woods Hole Researcher Michael Moore has been working with fishermen, engineers, and other scientists to adapt technology that allows bottom trap retrieval with less risk of whale and turtle entanglement. Potentially allowing fishermen to fish in areas otherwise closed for whale conservation.

Come in and meet Dr. Michael Moore to hear more about this interesting and hopeful topic.

May 20 – Butterfly Walk at Washburn Park

Join Massachusetts Butterfly Club member Andrew Griffith for a short walk and discussion looking for butterflies around the beginning of the Washburn Park trails. The purpose of the walk will be to find and identify butterflies and their related host plants. Please dress accordingly and the program will be weather dependent. Attendees are highly encouraged to wear long pants and bring the insect repellent of their choice.



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AFTER-SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM (or register at marionmuseum.org/after-school)

YES! PLEASE REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THE FOLLOWING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM(S):

- Bird Feeders and Winter Bird Exploration
- Exploring Wetlands and Vernal Pools
- Trip to Bird Island
- How to Start Your Own Natural History Collections
- The Science of Tie Dye
- This is Rocket Science!
- Naturally Artistic
- Amazing Arthropods
- Exploring Ram Island

Cost for all programs is \$8 members, \$10 non-members, \$20 for rocket program

Please note: After-school registration forms (with payment!) are to be mailed or dropped off to the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738. Please do not bring the forms to the school or library, thank you! Registration is not complete without payment. Refund and registration policies are on our website. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leidhold via e-mail at director@marionmuseum.org.

Name Member Non-member
 Address
 Telephone E-mail

Sippican School release form to walk to the program location:

I, hereby give permission to Elizabeth Leidhold of the Marion Natural History Museum, to pick up my son/daughter from Sippican School and walk them to the after-school program at the Museum or Harbormaster’s Office to attend the above programs. I understand that after-program pick up is at 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted above.

My emergency contact information is the above number or Signature:

Marion Natural History Museum photo/media release:

I grant the Marion Natural History Society and summer program teachers the right to use, reproduce, and/or distribute photographs, films, video tapes of my child for use in any materials they may create.

I have read and agree with the museum’s terms and conditions, which can be found at marionmuseum.org/terms-conditions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: