HORSESHOE CRAB FAMILY WALKS

Saturday, June 14 & Sunday, July 6 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

All ages (Registration required)

Explore the fascinating world of horseshoe crabs. Discover why these remarkable "Living Fossils" have survived for over 300 million years, learn about their significant contributions to medical research, and understand their crucial ecological importance to our local area.

SEINE NET PROGRAM

Saturday Mornings 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23 + September 6

All Ages

Cast a wide net! The Seine Net program highlights the importance of the Little Narragansett Bay ecosystem and its connection to the Napatree Point Conservation Area. Join the Naturalists as they literally cast a large net into the water, catching marine life for up-close and personal examination. Grab your own mini dip net and delight in what you can bring to the surface.

 All beach programs are weather permitting. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.







June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7

Ages 10+

We welcome both new and experienced bird watchers to join us in exploring the variety of bird species in the Napatree Point Conservation Area, recognized as a "Globally Important Bird Area" by the National Audubon Society. During our 2-mile walk, we'll observe and learn, sharing our appreciation and knowledge. This program is open to anyone with a desire to learn about birding or share their own expertise. We encourage your curiosity and enthusiasm.

HORSESHOE CRAB COMMUNITY SCIENCE PROGRAM - Celebrating PROJECT LIMULUS 19 years!

Select morning and evenings during May / June full & new moon high tides

Ages 12+ (Registration required)

Project Limulus is a scientific survey tracking horseshoe crab populations. Volunteers will walk 2 miles along the shore during full and new moon high tides. The survey takes 2-4 hours depending on horseshoe crab activity (anywhere from 0-1000 crabs might be encountered). Contribute valuable data to this long-term research program. Please be prepared for the physical demands of the survey.

NAPATREE POINT CONSERVATION AREA

Summer Outreach & Education Programs





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NAPATREE INVESTIGATORS PROGRAM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Week 1: Seining - July 8, 9, 10

Week 2: Tidal Pools - July 15, 16, 17 Week 3: Crabbing - July 22, 23, 24

Week 4: Clamming - July 29, 30, 31

Week 5: Lagoon Exploration - August 5, 6, 7

Week 6: Beach Combing - August 12, 13, 14

Ages 7-13 (Registration required)

Foster your child's curiosity of the various habitats and ecosystems of the beautiful environment of Napatree Point, a premiere RI coastal Conservation Area. With a different environmental theme each week, participants will spend the morning on the beach with Naturalists as they learn and explore. Each child will take home a custom t-shirt as a souvenir.

NATURAL HISTORY WALKS

Saturday Mornings 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16 + August 30

All Ages

Join our Naturalists for a themed walk (plants, birds, marine life) based on participants and enjoy this excellent opportunity to learn about the natural history of Napatree Conservation Area.

BEACH BUMS YOGA



June 18, July 23 + August 20

Ages 4-7 (Registration required)

This children's yoga beach class is designed to combine the calming benefits of yoga with the fun and excitement of being at the beach. The class will be engaging, interactive, and educational. It focuses on mindfulness, body awareness, and playful movement while incorporating the natural surroundings of the beach. Parents must accompany their children.

BEACH BUMS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Monday Mornings 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

June 23, July 21, August 25 + September 22

Ages 4-6 (Registration required)

Educational beach time is fun for the little ones. This hour-long program with the Napatree Naturalists will consist of a children's story and an interactive activity/game covering topics such as Horseshoe Crabs, Shorebirds, Hermit Crabs, and Beach Clean-Up. Each participant will take home a small, child-safe souvenir. Parents must accompany their children.



NAPATREE DISCOVERY TABLE

Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

June 21 - September 6

All Ages

Visit our interactive information table and meet our Naturalists! Protecting Napatree's wildlife and habitats is a complex process. Take a self-guided family stroll on beautiful Napatree Point – it's the perfect opportunity to learn more about the purpose and benefits of our Conservation efforts. Children can touch beachcombing items, shells, crab exoskeletons and even observe wildlife through binoculars and scopes.

RI AUDUBON SOCIETY HORSESHOE CRAB EXPEDITION

Tuesday, June 24 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Ages 10+ (Registration required)

Join Audubon and The Watch Hill Conservancy for a unique experience to learn about the fascinating anatomy and life history of horseshoe crabs and their important role in coastal ecosystems. Start with a short introduction and then walk along the beach in search of these captivating critters and the shorebirds that feast on their eggs!

