

2023  
FALL &  
WINTER

# PROGRAMS

Bringing nature & science education to our community since 1872! | 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 | 508-748-2098 | [marionmuseum.org](http://marionmuseum.org)



Quality and engaging natural history programs have long been a backbone of the Marion Natural History Museum. This fall and winter we have a great line-up of children's after school programs as well as daytime community programs. Registration is required to attend. Please fill out the form on the back, visit our website, or scan the QR code to register.

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

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

### September 29 – Tour the Historic Bird Island Lighthouse

Let's learn a little about the history of the Bird Island lighthouse and hear a ghost story involving the first lighthouse keeper and his wife. We will be meeting at the Harbormaster's office at Island Wharf at 3:30. Sippican School parents may request the museum staff to retrieve their child. (Please note this program will run from 3:30 - 5:00pm).

### November 1 – Talking Terrapins

Deb Ewing oversees a diamondback terrapin conservation area in Marion and has partnered with the New England Coastal Wildlife alliance to protect Diamondback Terrapins. She will be sharing information regarding the efforts she and others have made to protect this threatened species.

### November 8 – Fall Forests with Jim Rassman

An introduction to fall forests with state forester Jim Rassman. We will learn about different types of local trees, how to tell how old a tree is, and the benefits that trees and forests provide to us all. If the weather is nice, we will get to meet a few trees that grow nearby so please dress accordingly.

### November 15 – Build a Bog

Let's investigate how cranberry bogs were created from glacial times to now. What is required to keep them healthy and productive? Every child will go home with a miniature bog in a cup.

### November 29 – How Watersheds Work

What is a watershed? We will be using the museum's watershed table to experiment with how a watershed reacts to certain conditions. We will be using our creativity and hands-on experiments to find the answers to some of our most common issues like pollution, erosion, flooding, sea level rise, and more. Please dress to get messy!

### December 6 – Whales in Our Waters

While investigating museum specimens we'll learn a little about the whales that visit our coast each year. Some filter their food and some use their teeth for larger prey. Where do they migrate from when they enter our waters in spring and where do they go when the weather gets too cold? What are their relative sizes and what are some of their habitats? Let's learn a little about these warm-blooded animals that visit us every year.

### December 13 – Annual Holiday Party

Let's have fun at our annual holiday party. We'll be making gifts from natural and recycled materials. As usual we will be spread out over several tables for a variety of crafts and activities. Let's get together and have fun making creative projects while enjoying some snacks and beverages.



## 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

\*Preregistration required

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

## For more information or to register:

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

## October 21 – Woodland Walk for

**Mushrooms** Join us for a mid-autumn hike where we will look for what mushrooms are still fruiting. We will chat about basic anatomy and diagnostic features for identifying mushrooms as well as how to identify a few beginner edible mushrooms and their closest non-edible look-alikes. (Please note this program will run from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm).

## November 15 – History of Cranberry

**Bogs** USDA soil scientist Maggie Payne will guide us through what creates a cranberry bog. From their glacial creation through their geologic history up to the present.

## November 29 – Design a Butterfly!

Artist Karen Alves-Cronin is offering an opportunity for the community to help design an item for our butterfly display. We have a collection from the 1800s and will be giving the display case a facelift. Here's your opportunity to become a part of this historic display for our museum.

**New programs are scheduled weekly.  
Visit our website for more!**



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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):

- Tour the Historic Bird Island Lighthouse
- Build a Bog
- Whales in Our Waters
- Talking Terrapins
- How Watersheds Work
- Annual Holiday Party
- Fall Forests with Jim Rassman

**Cost for each program is \$8 members, \$10 non-members**

**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 child ..... 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 after school 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:** .....