



OSC's Mission

The Town Council created the Open Space Committee (formerly the Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee) in 2005. This Committee meets monthly and is charged with recommending parcels of land for acquisition to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC); leveraging in conjunction with the Town Manager and the Town Council, funding other than Community Preservation Act funding, for purchase of land, reviewing conservation restrictions before Town Council approval, keeping the Open Space and Recreation Plan and open space section of the Comprehensive Plan updated and current, and implementing the approved Cape Cod Pathways Plan. Additionally, a member of the Open Space Committee serves as the Town's representative on the Santuit Management Committee. The OSC assists Town departments in the management of the Land Bank lands acquired under the Land Bank Act and its provisions.

TownOfBarnstable.us/OpenSpaceCommittee

Committee Members

Lev Malakhoff - Chair
Farley Lewis - Vice Chair
Elissa Crowley
Anne Rowland
Tracy Pratt
Doug Payson
Liz Lewis
Cate Gulliver
Dave Gorrill
Kris Clark - Town Council Liaison

Partnerships & Projects

Americorps
Barnstable Community Preservation
Committee
Barnstable Land Trust
Cape Cod Commission
Cape Cod Pathways
New England Mountain Bike Association

The Town of Barnstable's
Open Space Committee
invites you to join their annual

Fall Walking Weekend

Friday, October 17, 2025 -
Sunday, October 19, 2025



Friday, October 17

Hyannis Harbor Walk to Kalmus Beach

Beginning time: 9 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: 2 mi./2 hrs.

Starting point: In front of JFK Museum, 397 Main Street, Hyannis

Rating of terrain and pace: Level, some road crossings

Directions: Park along Main Street or in the town parking lot behind the JFK Museum

Walk leader and contact: Doug Payson 508-737-7000, capecodhiker@gmail.com

Follow the Walkway to the Sea and continue to Kalmus Beach.

Celebrating National Write-Out: Exploring the Writer Within with Linda Maria Steele

*Registration required

Beginning time: 10:30 AM

Starting point: The Michael R. Kramer Center at Fuller Farm, 995 Route 149, Marstons Mills

Walk leader and contact: Linda Maria Steele, blt.org

Celebrate the national "Write Out" project where we step outside the doors of our classrooms, homes, and workplaces to write and create. Join in for a morning of guided nature writing at the Michael R. Kramer Center at Fuller Farm. A special opportunity for writing in community with inspirational prompts and an invitation to be creative. Workshop will be productive and fun. Bring a journal and a pen or pencil. Led by Linda Maria Steele, author of Finding the Writer Within. Pre-registration required at blt.org/events

Bridge Creek Conservation Area

Beginning time: 2 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 3+ mi./2 hrs.

Starting point: Grassy triangle in front of West Parish Church

Rating of terrain and pace: Mostly flat with a few hills. Easy pace.

Directions: From Rte. 6, Exit 65 to Rte. 149N (Meetinghouse Way). West Parish Church on left after crossing overpass. Park on the quiet section of road next to grassy triangle.

Walk leader and contact: Farley Lewis, farley@comcast.net, 508-737-6983

This walk goes through a varied terrain of woods, wetlands, and old cranberry bogs. Views of marshlands. A beloved route through a conserved landscape. Good walking shoes. Tick precautions. Heavy rain cancels.

Saturday, October 18

Trayser Trail and Boardwalk

Beginning time: 9 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1.3 mi./1.5 hrs.

Starting point: Trayser Trailhead, across from the Barnstable Unitarian Church at 333 Main Street, Barnstable

Rating of terrain and pace: Some hills, moderate

Directions: Park in the designated parking on the left of the Coast Guard Museum

Walk leader and contact: Doug Payson 508-737-7000, capecodhiker@gmail.com

Explore the varied habitats along this section of the Red Trail.

Discover Nature: A Family-Friendly Open House

Beginning time: 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM

Walk leader and contact: blt.org

Barnstable Land Trust and Cape Cod Toy Library, Inc. invite families to a special "Discovering Nature" Open House in celebration of Barnstable's annual Fall Walking Weekend. Explore BLT's Pogorelc Trail and discover the joys of nature together. Enjoy interactive activities, games, a story time featuring "The Hike" written by Alison Farrell, and more! Recommended for children 2- 12; registration is not required but encouraged at blt.org/events. This FREE event will be held rain or shine.

Hathaways Ponds Mystery Walk

Beginning time: 3:30 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1.5 mi./1.5 hrs.

Starting point: Hathaways Pond Beach

Rating of terrain and pace: Moderate pace and modest climbing

Directions: Traveling north on Phinneys Lane from Rte. 132, turn left into the Hathaways Pond Recreation Area (next to the Barnstable Dog Park). Head down the hill to the beach parking lot.

Walk leader and contact: Lev Malakhoff, apedcod@gmail.com

Seek out the mysteries of the Hathaways Ponds with pathways enthusiast Lev Malakhoff. The walk will pass through a land that has changed over the years in some expected ways and take in idyllic views of the ponds along the way.

Sunday, October 19

Barnstable's Internationally Renowned Salt

Marsh and Barrier Beach: Sandy Neck

Beginning time: 9 AM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1-3 mi./2-3 hrs.

Starting point: Sandy Neck Gatehouse

Rating of terrain and pace: Walking in sand can be slow and more exerting

Walk leader and contact: Dr. Pete Sampou (Vice Chair of the Sandy Neck Board), psampou@yahoo.com

Coastal geology, wildlife viewing, dune and marsh ecology, recreational opportunities, wild cranberry harvest, and lots of other info. If interested contact Dr. Pete (psampou@yahoo.com) with words in message title "Sandy Neck Walk."

Discover the Legacy of Fred Conant's Trees at Meetinghouse Farm

Beginning time: 1 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 1 mi./1.5 hrs.

Starting point: Meetinghouse Farm, 2135 Meetinghouse Way

Rating of terrain and pace: Level, low hills, moderate

Walk leader and contact: Doug Payson 508-737-7000, capecodhiker@gmail.com

The former nursery of Fred Conant, reimagined.

Old Jail Lane "Rock Walk"

Beginning time: 3 PM

Approximate length/time to complete: 2.5 mi./75 mins.

Starting point: Old Jail Lane Conservation Trailhead on Old Jail Lane

Rating of terrain and pace: Medium

Directions: From Phinneys Lane, turn onto Old Jail Lane. Trailhead is a half of a mile on the left. From Route 6A, turn onto Old Jail Lane. Trailhead is 0.6 miles on the right.

Walk leader and contact: Lev Malakhoff, apedcod@gmail.com

Join Pathways enthusiast Lev Malakhoff on a tour of some of Old Jail Lane Conservation Area's most famous rocks. These remnants of the ice age have often been focal points of the Pathways network. Our walk includes arguably the largest of all in Barnstable: "Picnic Rock" - so named due to the flat top - suitable for a family-sized picnic!