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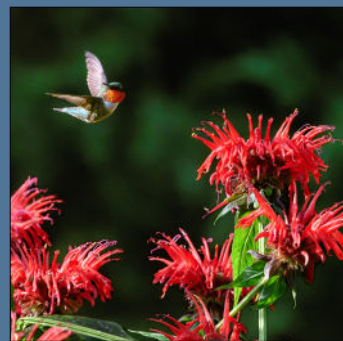
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On the cover:
Naturalist Andrea
Higgins and a couple
of very young hikers
explored Paw Wah
Conservation Area
on a Preschool
Explorers walk in

March (see page 8). Inset photo: Humming-
bird and bee balm, © Hardie Truesdale.



from the executive director

Dear OCT members and supporters,

The Trust often touts statistics about our lands: acres protected (700), miles of trails stewarded (6), value of OCT lands (incalculable, but well over \$50M by market standards). Although these are impressive figures, the number I'm proudest of is how many people our work has touched.

Our membership has swelled to almost 1,500, and we enjoy a retention rate much higher than usual for nonprofits—in part because we never take your support for granted. We aim to earn your trust year in and year out. As you read in this issue what we've been up to, please consider renewing your support.

Volunteer participation and capacity have also grown significantly. When an old osprey pole blew down in an early March windstorm, more than a dozen volunteers responded on short notice. They shuttled by boat to the work site, bushwhacked through bittersweet and poison ivy to remove the old pole, and donned waders to install a new pole in a mucky but more hospitable marsh location. (photo on page 9). Somehow everyone left with smiles!

We cannot protect land in perpetuity without the commitment of future generations, so we continue to provide opportunities for fledgling conservationists. See page 8 for an array of kid-centric programming sponsored by OCT.

A new trail at the Orleans Senior Center and an ADA trail at our Window on the Bay Conservation Area (page 7) will provide easier access to nature for folks with a range of physical abilities. We

want all residents to enjoy the outdoors as much as possible! We are also exploring ways to engage and collaborate with local Native

Americans, whose ancestors were the original stewards of these lands; see the facing page.

And while we work patiently with the owners of properties high on our list to protect, we're doubling down on lands we already own. Key projects include the first steps in rewilding Namequoit Wood (page 4) and a large planning and design effort to determine the fate of neighboring Namequoit Bog (page 6).

You are OCT's most impressive statistic. Our expansive community of supporters is what makes us strong, and it's your generosity that enables us to protect land we all hold dear. Thank you for respecting the places that make Orleans so special, and thank you for your enduring support.

Sincerely,

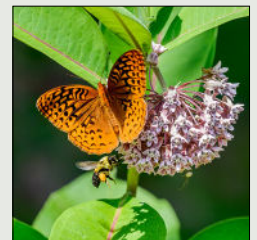
Stephen O'Grady
Executive Director



Come to the Plant Sale!

On Saturday,
June 14, from
9:00 am to
11:00 am, OCT

will host our annual plant sale at 203 South Orleans Road. Many are pollinator plants, grown and generously provided by Lake Farm Gardens of Orleans. Proceeds benefit the Trust; the plants benefit our local ecosystems.



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The Trust in Brief

Collaborating with Native Peoples

The lands of the Orleans Conservation Trust are the ancestral homelands of Indigenous people, most recently the Nauset and Monomoyick tribes of the Wampanoag Nation. From time immemorial, they flourished in the bounty of the area's bays, ponds, and woods. But when colonial settlers displaced their descendants in the 17th and 18th centuries through land purchases and violence, the tribes suffered, and European diseases decimated their populations. Since then, tribal members have encountered many obstacles in their effort to maintain their tribal identities, pursue traditional activities, and use the lands they have called home for so long. OCT is responding to this history by educating ourselves and engaging with Indigenous people on Cape Cod.

Since February 2024, OCT's Native Collaboration Task Force (NCTF) has been leading this work. The NCTF has met with many organizations and individuals to learn from them and develop ideas for our initiative. Among them is the Native Land Conservancy (NLC), a Mashpee-based land trust with Wampanoag leadership focused on conserving land and cultural traditions for the benefit of Native peoples here and around the country.

For our members, OCT will provide opportunities to learn about local Indigenous history. On October 8, Darius Coombs, Cultural Outreach Director for the Mashpee Wampanoag Education Department, will join us as part of our speaker series. Please mark your calendar! We are also seeking an archaeologist to help OCT learn more about Indigenous peoples' traditional uses of lands we now hold, and we are planning cultural initiatives to encourage tribal members to



New Videos of OCT Trails

Stuck inside on a poor weather day? Off-Cape and missing the woods of Orleans? OCT recently teamed up with local filmmaker Charlie Johnsmeyer to create short videos highlighting several of our trails. These three-to-four-minute clips showcase the beauty and history of the Ice House/Reuben's Pond Trail, Mill Pond Valley Trail, and Twinings Pond Trail, with a brief overview of trail accessibility and terrain. Look for the videos on our website this summer.



avail themselves of those lands; stay tuned for details.

Developing mutual trust with tribal members and the organizations that represent them will take time. We hope that OCT's self-education and actions will facilitate that trust and generate increasing engagement.

Above left: OCT's Director of Land Stewardship Tom Keras, his young son Theo, and trustees Deirdre White and Carolyn Auty staff the OCT table at the April 12 Honor the Earth Fair, co-hosted by the Native Land Conservancy and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Right: Among the many offerings was a performance of traditional dance by the Neesh La singers and dancers.

Welcome OCT Interns!

This summer OCT is fortunate to have two interns serving from May through August. **Clara Parker**, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, is a rising senior at the University of



Pennsylvania, studying political science and environmental studies. Her passion for conservation and

addressing the climate crisis led her to pursue research on estuary systems at the University of Southern Maine and to serve as an intern and chapter leader for the nonprofit Citizens' Climate Lobby. Clara says, "Having spent summers

in Eastham, I'm excited to return to the Cape and contribute to land stewardship efforts at OCT." **Melissa Stellenwerf** grew up in Oakland, New Jersey, but spent



much of her summers at her grandmother's beach house in Orleans. Melissa is studying for degrees in landscape

architecture at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, developing her art, design, and technical skills. "I'm eager to apply my expertise and deep appreciation for the environment to support Cape Cod's natural beauty," she says.

Rewilding Namequoit Wood

A New Chapter for Camp Viking

During the short days of one of the coldest winters in recent memory, OCT embarked on our journey to rewild the recently donated 25.79-acre property on Little Pleasant Bay known as Namequoit Wood. This generational gift—once the site of the Camp Viking sailing camp—offers an exciting opportunity to return land to Mother Nature. OCT is carefully revitalizing native habitats as we manage the transition.

Camp Viking was a thriving summer camp where boys from all over New England and beyond learned to sail and much more. When the property was donated to OCT, five buildings still stood, of some two dozen (mostly small cabins) that once dotted the landscape, along with tennis courts, an archery range, a softball field, and a flagpole on the bluff where roll call took place each morning.

The first step for OCT's land stewardship staff in rewilding the property was to adopt a land management plan. Such documents account for a property's ecological and historical features, existing conditions, and any current or anticipated threats, such as fire hazards, harm caused by invasive species or climate change, or unauthorized public use. In this case, the donor had maintained and followed forestry management plans for many years, providing a strong foundation. OCT management plans also assess how a property fits into the surrounding landscape—significant here because it is adjacent to OCT's 23-acre Namequoit Bog Conservation Area. Informed by all these factors, the plan prescribes stewardship actions to carry out the Trust's vision for the property. That vision aims for a mix



Aerial view of the Namequoit Wood shoreline and Little Pleasant Bay. The gifted land lies between the two homes at far right and left. Photo © Hardie Truesdale.

Our work to remove invasives and restore native habitat will continue for the next couple of years. Check our emails for opportunities to see this property on volunteer workdays or one of our guided walks.

of habitat types that will provide diverse and valuable wildlife habitats. We also plan to maintain suitable access and a small footpath network for OCT's guided walks—the only public entry permitted on the property.

The most pressing item was removing the buildings. After this was blessed by the Orleans Conservation Commission, in early January a generous local contractor



Volunteers rake and seed in February. Hard to tell seeds from snowflakes!

removed all five structures, which involved carefully weaving a mini-excavator through the woods and downslope to take down a boathouse. Scars in the landscape from foundations and other infrastructure were

filled and regraded. As a side benefit, the view of Pleasant Bay is no longer obscured by buildings.

In February, a team of ten dedicated volunteers braved snow and frigid temperatures to help seed the disturbed building sites with a mix of native grasses and wildflowers. Native seeds benefit from cold stratification, so winter is not a bad time to sow. Our native seed mixes, carefully selected for each site, include a large diversity of species. It's a way to hedge our bets, as some but not all will thrive in this sandy,

exposed environment.

Though the woods are mostly in good condition, the work of the past few months has included inventorying, treating, and removing invasive vegetation. Any landscape where so much activity took place over a century will have its share of introduced, non-native species. Here we found one new to OCT: bristly locust *Robinia hispida* was once encouraged by federal agencies for erosion control, before we appreciated the potential harm of introducing non-native species.



Sailing off Camp Viking, 1950s, photographer unknown.

Our work to remove invasives and restore native habitat will continue for the next couple of years, then will become a more modest occasional task. Check

our emails for opportunities to see this property on volunteer workdays or one of our guided walks, which are sure to fill up fast!

We Want Land, Lots of Land...

The mission of the Orleans Conservation Trust (OCT) begins with protecting and restoring our natural lands. Currently we safeguard and steward a diverse portfolio of land valued at more than \$50 million, including 30-plus acres added just in the past year. Sounds great, doesn't it? But with rapid development happening in our once rural town, we are always looking to acquire more land—and we want to be politely assertive in that pursuit. OCT can protect your land in all these ways.

Gifts of Land

A gift of land is always most welcome! Such a gift can provide various tax benefits, ensures that the land you love will be forever preserved, often secures continued privacy on land you retain (for example, by preventing a subdivision), and gives you peace of mind in knowing the land



OCT's purchase of a property on Eli Rogers Road brought the chance to undevelop the land by removing derelict buildings.

will be expertly stewarded by OCT's land management team.

Conservation Restrictions

Perhaps a lesser-known option is to put all or part of your land in a Conservation Restriction (CR), thereby retaining ownership and use of the land while protecting it from development. We can work with you to tailor a CR agreement to your property and interests, and a charitable gift of a CR can significantly reduce your income taxes.

Sales of Land to OCT

We encourage anyone considering selling their land to call OCT first! One option is to sell to us at a discount—the income tax deduction available can make this type of sale very valuable. Another option is a market-value sale. We sometimes purchase a property at market value if it has strong environmental values or connects with other OCT land. Indeed, we have made several market-value purchases in recent years.

Land for “Undevelopment”

OCT's acquisition last year of a developed property at 33 Eli Rogers Road is an example of our interest in buying such properties that we can undevelop by removing structures and returning the land to its natural state.

Our experts are prepared to walk you through all these options. So please keep OCT at the front of the line when deciding what to do with your property. We thank you, your neighbors thank you, the town thanks you, and Mother Nature thanks you!

Bog Wild!

OCT was very pleased to learn in November that we were awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) to support planning and design of an eco-restoration project at our 23-acre Namequoit Bog Conservation Area in South Orleans. This funding will enable us to gather data and develop a comprehensive restoration plan for the bog, with the goal of transforming it into a thriving wetland ecosystem—as a freshwater wetland, estuarine wetland, or a combination of both, depending on the hydrology and vegetation found in various locations.

Namequoit Bog is a complex wetland system that sits just above sea level yet currently functions as a freshwater wetland. The grant will help OCT lay the foundation for a multi-phase restoration project to improve water quality, support local biodiversity, enhance resilience to climate change, and promote the ecological health of the surrounding areas, including Paw Wah Pond and Little Pleasant Bay. Key focus areas for planning will include removing invasive species, introducing native plant communities, and evaluating hydrological changes that may benefit or challenge restoration efforts.



Namequoit Bog from above, with Paw Wah Pond and Pleasant Bay in the background. A slough holds water year round in most years, and ospreys have nested in standing dead trees in the bog. Photo © Hardie Truesdale.

“The property serves crucial ecosystem functions: filtering runoff before water enters Pleasant Bay, buffering against flooding, and providing valuable wildlife habitat.”

“The property serves crucial ecosystem functions today: filtering runoff and septic effluent from surrounding homes before water enters the Pleasant Bay system, buffering against coastal flooding, and providing valuable wildlife habitat,” says OCT Director of Land Stewardship Tom Keras. “But as sea levels rise, we need to understand how to manage this critical resource now and



A network of ditches through Namequoit Bog attest to the land’s historic use as a cranberry bog.

into the future. The DER grant will be a huge help.”

This land was once a cranberry bog, as evidenced by ditches running through the wetland and “borrow pits” along the banks surrounding the bog, where sand was excavated to apply to the cranberry vines to stimulate new growth. With financial support from the town, OCT purchased the property from

the Heyelman family in 1998. (Rachia Heyelman still owns more than 20 acres in the vicinity and plans to bequeath that land to OCT.) The bog also abuts the 26-acre Namequoit Wood Conservation Area, which was anonymously gifted to the Trust last June. The assemblage of protected land here serves as a stronghold for local wildlife.

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Expanding Access to Nature

OCT is proud to continue our efforts to make the natural beauty of Orleans more accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Our school grants program helps through funding environmental education at Orleans Elementary and Nauset Regional Middle Schools, but most of our accessibility work involves physical improvements to conservation land.

Window on the Bay

An exciting coming attraction is an ADA-accessible trail at our Window on the Bay Conservation Area on Portanimicut Road. Although only 160 feet long, the trail boasts an adjacent, wheelchair-compatible picnic table and stunning views of Pleasant Bay. Protected by OCT in 2022, Window on the Bay is a neighborhood gem. Two rental cottages that once stood here were highly coveted by summer visitors.

“We knew we wanted to put an ADA trail somewhere, and we considered all our holdings,” says stewardship director Tom Keras. “This property was the obvious choice.” The location already includes parking, is mostly flat, and has an amazing vista. Importantly, adds Keras, “Adding this trail is highly compatible with the land management plan for this property, which encourages public enjoyment.”

Because it runs close to the saltmarsh (Deacon Rogers Meadow), the trail needed Conservation Commission approval,



Window on the Bay has a wheelchair-accessible picnic table.

which came in December. We selected a contractor who has completed similar projects nearby. They need warm, dry weather to construct the stone-dust surface so the material can fully bond and cure. The trail may be installed by the time you read this—but with Cape Cod’s unpredictable springs, we just don’t know yet. We will announce its opening by email.

Senior Center Trail

OCT’s Steve O’Grady was delighted to hear from Orleans landowners Yael and Dexter Beals that they were interested in opening a trail on their property for visitors to the Orleans Senior Center.

The Beals’s property abuts the town facility and is protected by an OCT Conservation Restriction. Connecting this land to the Senior Center helps bridge a gap for Orleans residents who may face barriers to outdoor recreation. The Bealses worked with OCT, the Orleans Planning Department, and the town manager’s



The new accessible trail at the Orleans Senior Center.

office to formally provide permission for public use of their property. Orleans Parks Department staff cleared enough space for a flat, looping, wood-chipped trail through the woods that offers a leisurely walk and a quiet escape in nature, close to the heart of Orleans.

Dexter’s grandparents, Joseph and Helen Beals, and his father, Joseph Beals Jr., were strong believers in preserving land in its natural state for future generations, and the new trail is a legacy of the family’s commitment.

“We’re so happy to share this beautiful corner of Orleans with the community,” says Yael. “It means a lot to us that seniors and other visitors now have easy access to a peaceful trail in the woods. Nature has always been a source of calm and healing for me, and I hope this trail offers the same to others.”

OCT thanks the Beals family for their generosity!

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“We have been investing more each year in the stewardship of our lands,” says Executive Director Steve O’Grady. “I think the community is starting to take notice of that. I hope other landowners out there will realize how much we care and that they’ll consider OCT when they’re deciding



Wetland vegetation at the bog includes cattails.

what will become of their property.”

A contractor for the project was selected in March after interviews with several highly qualified firms. Data on hydrology and vegetation will be collected over the next several months, and planning and design work will be completed by summer 2026.

Outdoor Fun for Children and Families

By Deirdre White

The Trust is excited to report on recent and ongoing activities for children and families in Orleans and surrounding communities. In an initiative created by our trustees and supported by OCT donors, we are partnering actively with our whole community and building relationships with the town, schools, and other nonprofits. For the past few years, we've prioritized helping our youngest residents learn the joys of protecting local places that will be theirs for many years to come.

On Saturday, May 10, OCT joined the Orleans Recreation Department to sponsor a walk led by birder and naturalist Christine Bates. The walk, a rain-delayed celebration of **National Go Birding Day**, took place on the Boland Pond Trail, behind Nauset Regional Middle School. Each child received a complimentary pair of binoculars (theirs to keep) to help them spot birds. An enthusiastic group headed out on the trail to discover birds and other wildlife while learning about the importance of protected habitat.

Through April and May, OCT continued its ongoing partnership with the Harwich Conservation Trust to offer **Preschool Explorers** programs. Naturalist Andrea Higgins leads preschoolers and their adult companions in outdoor adventures on our trails; each walk includes a craft activity, plant identification, stories, and lots of fun. On a cool early March morning, OCT staff met Andrea and a local family at the Paw Wah Conservation Area for a walk through the woods down to the Little Pleasant Bay shoreline. (See cover photo.) Soon the two



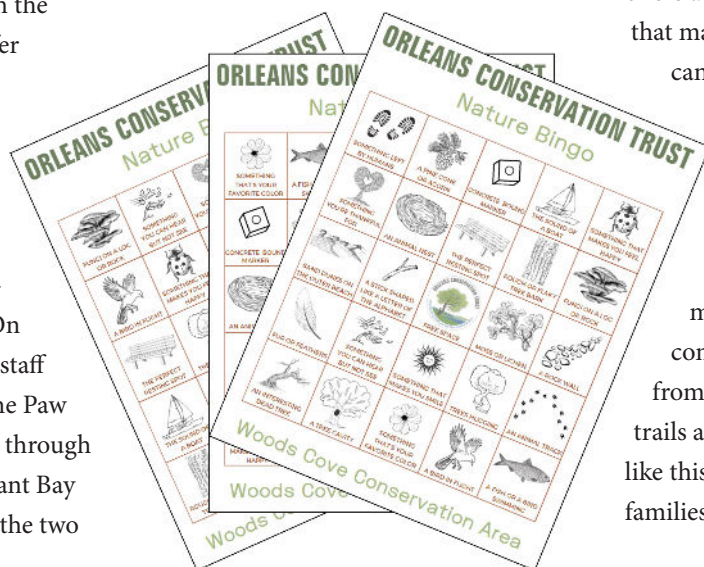
Naturalist Christine Bates (center) leads a birding walk with local children and family members on the Boland Pond trail. OCT provided a pair of binoculars for each family.

Children and their families can challenge themselves with our new Scavenger Hunt Bingo at OCT's Woods Cove Trail (366 Tonset Road). Bingo cards can be found at the trailhead or via the QR code posted on the trail kiosk.

children were finding natural materials to match up with the color “palettes” Andrea provided: dark brown bark, gray-green lichens, and a bright orange slime mold!

For unscheduled fun at any time, children and their families can challenge themselves with our new **Scavenger Hunt Bingo** at OCT's Woods Cove Trail (366 Tonset Road). Bingo cards can be found at the trailhead or via the QR code posted on the trail kiosk. Each card invites participants to make discoveries on the trail and offers a chance to think about “something that makes you smile” or “something you can hear but not see.” The idea for

Scavenger Hunt Bingo originated with students at Nauset Regional Middle School—one outcome of a “Changemakers” class for which OCT staff and board members served as the inaugural community partner. Through a grant from OCT, NRMS students visited the trails and developed ideas for activities, like this one, that would appeal to kids and families.



Don't forget OCT's **Storybook Trail** at the beautiful Ice House Pond Conservation Area (245 Tonset Road). Each season, our partner, Snow Library, chooses a new children's book that's posted along the trail. This summer we are planning to partner with the library on a six-week Storybook Hour series, led by Youth Services Librarian Kim Auclair on Thursdays. Children will hear about pollinators and their favorite



flowers and trees, along with the importance of maintaining protected land where they can flourish. Look for Storybook Hour dates and

themes later this spring —and visit OCT's website for maps of and guides to all our family-friendly trails.

Off the trail, the Trust has been partnering with local schools to provide environmental education. For the past two years, we have awarded **grants to teachers** at Orleans Elementary and Nauset Regional Middle Schools for conservation-related projects. This spring marks our third grant cycle. Trustees have also worked with the Nauset School District to design a three-part professional development sequence on environmental education. This program,



Budding naturalists on a Preschool Explorers outing found forest treasures in colors to match the palette provided by naturalist Andrea Higgins.

staffed by educators from Mass Audubon, will begin in the 2025–26 school year.



Send Us Your Feedback!

OCT's Education Committee welcomes your feedback on our new programs for

young families, children, and grandchildren in our community. If you have taken part in any of the offerings or have ideas for other activities we might try out, please let us know!

Email: oct@orleansconservationtrust.org



Photo ©Mark Faherty



Children introduced to nature may grow up to be OCT volunteers! When an osprey nest pole blew down in a March storm, a dozen volunteers showed up on short notice to erect a new one in a wet but welcoming spot to host osprey families in the future.

Pulling Together for Native Plants

By Debbie Munson

“But it’s pretty!” This is a common response from people on learning that a familiar plant is not just pervasive but invasive, and needs to go.

In our small community deep in the Berkshires forest, some were understandably attached to the winged euonymus (also called burning bush) planted as ornamental shrubs in the 1980s, when most of the homes were built. Now it has spread everywhere, spattering the drab late-fall woods with bright red.

Otherwise, this forest is relatively free of invasive plants, having been well tended for more than a century by a nudist colony, a scout camp, and then an HOA diligent about preventing deforestation as the area was developed. I worried that the delightfully diverse community of spring ephemeral wildflowers, ferns, and native shrubs was at risk if this invasive continued to spread. Having volunteered with local conservation organizations to remove the plant, I proposed two initiatives to the HOA: educating homeowners and forming a volunteer group to eradicate the shrub on common property.

Approval secured, we gathered for the first time on a sunny spring day to try out hand-pulling and a heavy-duty weed puller. We aimed to pull out as many shrubs as possible, including the roots, to minimize use of the alternate approach: cutting them down and painting the stumps with herbicide. We continued to meet about once a month through last fall, clearing several acres.

The hard and buggy work was rewarded by sightings of native wildflowers and shrubs given a better chance, and by the good company of neighbors getting to know each other better. We shared the en-



It’s illegal to sell or import highly invasive burning bush (winged euonymus) in Massachusetts. University of Connecticut photo.

deavor widely, using photos of our smiling group and native flowers. This generated many questions from interested homeowners and invitations to check properties for invasives. In one case our group helped remove large shrubs from a yard.

This spring, we tackled a dense thicket of mature burning bush (and invasive coltsfoot) that grew up in a disturbed wetland after bog bridges were replaced. And we know to expect sprouting: shrubs still grow on private property, and seeds can survive in the soil for a few years. Still, there’s a lot of appreciation for this win-win approach. The initiative was low impact and low cost, created a small reserve where native plants don’t need to compete with winged euonymus, and brought neighbors together to enjoy outdoor time and share appreciation of our forest.

Note: Burning bush is common on Cape Cod, along with other invasive plants introduced as landscaping or garden plants. Our native plants and wildlife have a better chance when we control invasive species, which limit sunlight for native seeds, diminish biodiversity, and have changed the soil itself. But community efforts can make a



Black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*) is native to Massachusetts and often used as a replacement for burning bush.

difference. If invasives are common where you live, consider joining with neighbors or your association to explore removal and discourage practices that aid their spread. Even small efforts, like correctly removing bittersweet, can create a valuable reserve to help restore our local ecology. OCT holds volunteer events to remove invasives from conservation land. For more information, see <https://orleansconservationtrust.org/at-home-with-nature/>

OCT member Debbie Munson is passionate about protecting native landscapes where she lives, in Nauset Heights and in the Berkshires.

Spring/Summer 2025 Walks

Get to know the **open spaces** of Orleans on our popular guided walks. They're **free, fun**, and appropriate for **all ages**. *Space is limited; advance registration required. Register online at our website.* Walks take place on OCT properties or Town of Orleans trails, those marked with **T** symbol.

Portanimituc Greenbelt

Walk about 1.5 miles, including a stretch on Portanimituc Road, and visit the Greenbelt Gateway and Window on the Bay preserves.

Wednesday, June 18
8:30 am–10:00 am



Putnam Farm^T

Putnam Farm, acquired by the Town of Orleans in 2010, has become a hub for small-scale agriculture. Hear from one of the growers, OCT's own Steve O'Grady, during a short walk around this town jewel.

Tuesday, July 15
10:30 am– noon



Mill Pond Valley

Located in the Tonset (translation: "where the land meets the sea") neighborhood, Mill Pond Valley is closely tied to OCT's origins. Learn its history and our current management practices on this 1-mile walk.

Friday, August 15
9:00 am–10:30 am



Foraging with Russ Cohen

OCT and the Orleans Cultural Council invite you to join naturalist and wild foods enthusiast Russ Cohen on a foraging walk through the woods. Learn about what's growing, what's edible (or not), and how nature nourishes more than just our bodies. Takes place in Orleans; location provided upon registration.

Tuesday, September 9
Time TBD

Hike to Pochet Island

OCT leads this walk as part of Orleans Pond Coalition's Celebrate Our Waters weekend. Join us to walk about 5 miles, including strenuous portions over soft sand, to this hidden treasure within the National Seashore. Bring snacks or a light lunch; we'll take time to rest along the way.

Sunday, September 14
9:00 am–1:00 pm



Kent's Point^T

Walk 1 mile around a beautiful peninsula featuring shoreline and outstanding views of Pleasant Bay. Learn about animals that call these waters home—from herring to horseshoe crabs to diamondback terrapins.

Thursday, October 23
2:00 pm– 3:30pm



Three Ponds

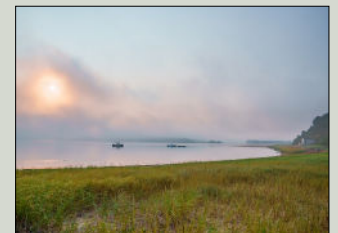
A 2-hour walk around Meadow Bog, Sarah's, and Twinings Ponds through more than 80 acres of OCT-protected land, highlighting the connections between lands and waters.

Wednesday, November 19
10:00 am– noon



Members-Only Walks at Namequoit Wood

In appreciation of the vital, ongoing support of our members, we're pleased to offer opportunities to visit Namequoit Wood on guided walks with OCT staff and trustees. Walk dates will be posted



on our website and announced via e-blasts. (A "member" is an OCT supporter who gives \$50 per year/individual, \$100 per year/family.)

"Talks" Schedule Has Moved Online!

As always, OCT will present informative and entertaining programs by noted local and regional speakers throughout the fall, in person and via Zoom. Speakers, dates, and locations will be announced well in advance on our website and in our regular emails to members. Be sure to sign up for e-blasts if you haven't done so!

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