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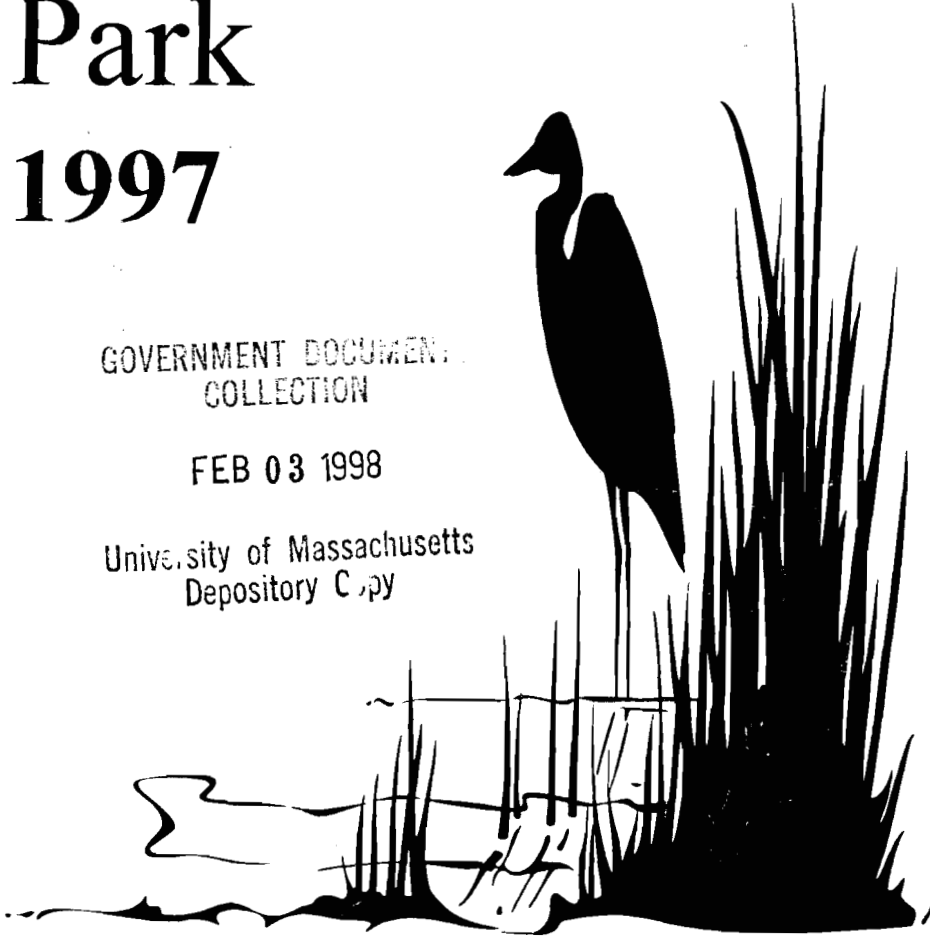


Boston Harbor Islands State Park 1997

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The Boston Harbor Islands State Park is now designated a National Recreation Area and is cooperatively managed by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and the Department of Environmental Management (DEM). The Park includes Peddock's, Lovell's, George's, Bumpkin, Grape, and Gallops Islands. Public transportation to the Islands is provided exclusively by Boston Harbor Cruises.

The Islands offer a unique solitude just minutes from downtown Boston and abound with cultural and natural history and wildlife. This calendar outlines the programs designed to help you enjoy and appreciate your park to the fullest. Programs are coordinated by the Park Staff, The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands and Boston Harbor Cruises. Most programs run rain or shine and are free of charge, except where noted. Events are subject to change without notice.

Over the past several years the two Park agencies have been working more closely together to improve park management and service to the public. To help facilitate this a park information kiosk will be built on Long Wharf in May. The reservation system for camping and group permits; program registration and general information has been simplified and a single phone number established. An effort has also been made to standardize park regulations. It is hoped that these changes will result in a more enjoyable experience for all.

For more information and confirmation of events, please contact:

The Boston Harbor Islands State Park	617-727-7676
Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands	617-740-4290
Boston Harbor Cruises	617-227-4321

General Information

The Boston Harbor Islands State Park is open seasonally. George's and Gallops Islands are open daily May 3 through Columbus Day, October 13. The other Islands are open weekends only from May 3 through June 22 and from September 1 through October 13. Gallops, Lovell's, Bumpkin, Grape, and Peddock's Islands are open daily from June 21 through September 2. The Islands are open from 9 am to sunset. Camping is available by permit on Peddock's, Lovell's, Grape and Bumpkin Islands. Visitor orientation, programs, events and emergency assistance are offered by park staff.

Weather on the Islands can be unpredictable and often cooler than the mainland. Please dress in layers even if it is warm, bring a jacket or wind breaker; don't forget a hat, sun screen and sunglasses. There is no water available on any island, so bring plenty to drink for the day.

Picnic tables are available on all islands and grills are available on George's. The George's Island Snack Bar offers a variety of picnic style foods, snacks and soft drinks. Visitors are encouraged to be responsible for their own trash and carry it off.

Transportation

Access to the Islands is available by public ferry from Long Wharf, Boston (next to the Aquarium), Hewitt's Cove, Hingham (Commuter Boat Dock), and Lynn Heritage State Park (weekends only). Ferries dock at George's Island where you can catch a free water taxi to the other islands. Round trip fare is \$7.50/adult, \$6.50/seniors and \$5.50/children. For group

rates and schedule information, contact Boston Harbor Cruises.

Private boats may dock at George's Island free of charge, on a first come first served basis. No broadside docking is allowed. At all other Islands, boaters can off-load at the pier but must anchor offshore. Prams are available to assist in anchoring.

Educational/Outreach Programs

A variety of fun, hands-on educational programs for school and community groups are offered on the Islands. Lessons on the history of the Islands, marine ecology and other topics can be adapted to meet the needs of individual groups. Curriculum packets are available for Island activities. Slide presentations and talks for community groups can be arranged by calling the Park Office. All programs are free of charge but subject to staff availability.

Island Tours.

Tours are offered by Park Rangers on all islands, on a regular basis. Tours are usually forty-five minutes to an hour long and cover a variety of topics including the island's cultural and military history, wildflowers, birds, and marine ecology. The tour schedule usually corresponds with the Water Taxi. Ask a Ranger for details.

Naturalist Walks on George's Island

Dominated by Fort Warren, the natural history of George's Island is often overlooked. Join Park Staff and volunteer naturalists during regular schedule times for an hour long "Walk on the Wild Side". These programs begin at the Information Booth on George's Island.

Kiddleidoscope

The Kiddleidoscope Program is a nature oriented program on Grape Island, for 3 to 6 year-olds and a favorite adult. Activities include stories, games, and multisensory activities. The program is offered on Tuesday mornings, June 24 through August 26 and is free of charge. Access from Hingham at 10:00 am only and costs \$3.00 per person. Please register by the previous Friday at 727-7676. (Space is Limited)

Island Adventures on Gallops

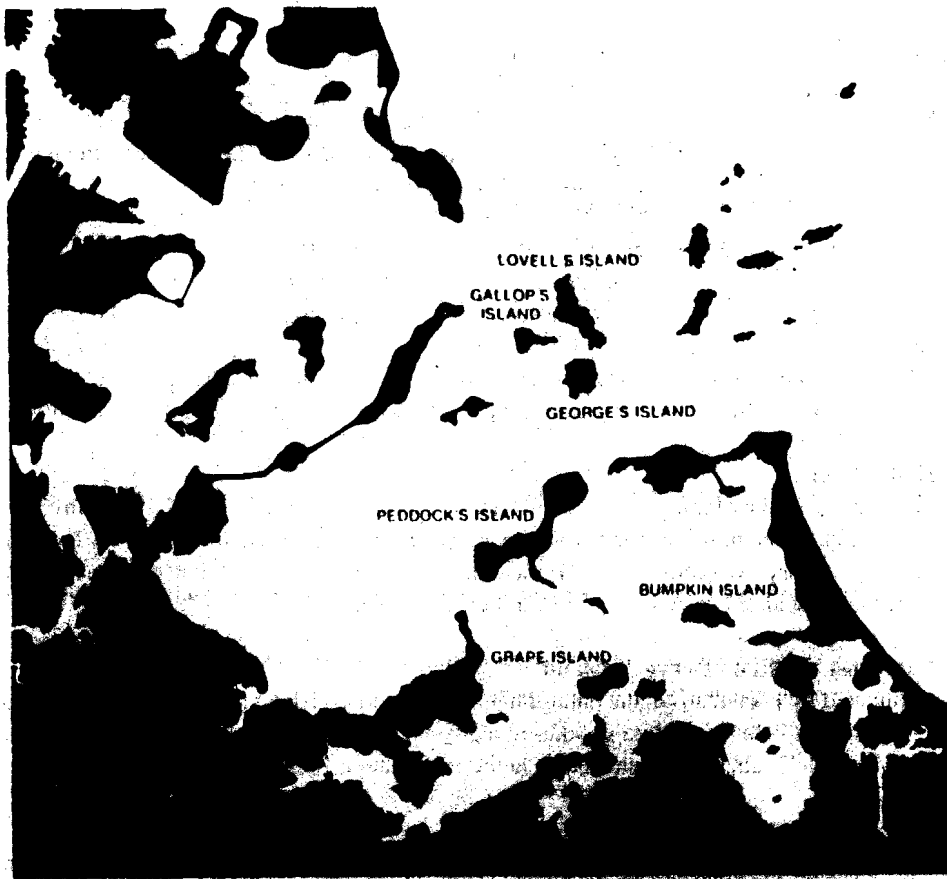
These programs are held Thursday mornings at 11:15 am to 1:15 pm, June 26 through August 28. Programs are geared to 7 to 12 year-olds and a favorite adult feature an island walk followed by a related activity: invent secret codes, become a tideline archaeologist, tie nautical knots, munch on wild edible plants. Programs are free, take the 11:00 am water taxi from George's Island. Bring a picnic lunch.

Slide Shows

Slide presentations of Peddock's, Lovell's and George's Islands and other historic topics will be offered on George's Island. Presentations will be shown in the Mine Casemate Theater. Check the George's Island information Booth for details.

Walks at Webb (Webb State Park, Weymouth)

Walks take place once a month on Sundays June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7 at 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Explore the natural and cultural history of this scenic peninsula that extends into Hingham Bay. The focus will be on the native and exotic plants of the Harbor Region. Seniors are especially welcome.



Treasured Islands Clean-Up

Saturday, April 26

Help the staff prepare the park for the coming season. Volunteers are needed to help clean the beaches and trails of their winter debris on Gallops, Lovell's and Peddock's Islands. Transportation and bags will be provided and groups assigned to each of the islands. Volunteers are encouraged to dress in warm work clothes, bring work gloves, lunch and plenty to drink. Registration is required and groups are welcome. Come, enjoy this opportunity to support this unique resource and explore the islands before the summer crowds. Call the Park Office for more information and reservations.

Springtime on Gallops Island

Sunday, May 18

11:15 am and 1:15 pm

Explore the natural history of Gallops Island at a leisurely pace. The tamarisk and fruit trees will be in bloom along with early wildflowers. Great Black-backed and Herring Gulls will be courting and gathering nesting material. Spring songbird migration will be at its peak.

Boston Light Trips

Call the Friends for dates, times, and fare information.

Springtime on Grape Island

Sunday, May 25

12:45 pm

Explore the natural history of Grape Island at a leisurely pace. Shrubs and early wildflowers will be in bloom and the last of the migrating songbirds will be passing through. Osprey and Common Terns will be fishing offshore.

A Maryland Rebel in a Yankee Bastille Memorial Day

Monday, May 26

11:00 am and 1:00 pm, (George's Island)
Join the spirit of Doctor Charles Macgill, of Hagerstown Maryland, in a stroll through Ft. Warren as he reminisces about his confinement at the Fort, as a political prisoner during the Civil War. This Living History Tour will take approximately 1 hour.

Tunes and Tales

Saturday, May 31

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Enjoy the songs of the Civil War era and stories of Fort Warren told by a Union Soldier. Relax on the parade ground while you are entertained. This hour long program is brought to you by volunteers of the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands.

National Trails Day, Trail Work Project

Saturday, June 7

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join the staff of Eastern Mountain Sports, Appalachian Mountain Club and the Boston Harbor Islands State Park for a volunteer work day, in celebration of the importance of our urban trails. Trail clearing and clean-up projects will be done on several Islands within the Park. Transportation will be provided and groups assigned to various Islands. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch and drink. Work clothes and work gloves are a must. Contact EMS at 617-254-4255 to make reservations

First-time Campers Program

Saturday, June 14 - Sunday, June 15

10:00 am Saturday to 5:00 pm Sunday

Have you thought about going camping but weren't quite sure how to go about it? The Boston Harbor Islands offer an excellent family camping experience just minutes from Boston. This weekend-long program will take you step by step through an Island camping trip. Experienced campers will share ideas on packing for the trip, cooking, equipment and more. A pre-trip meeting will be scheduled and an information packet will be available to help you plan. Reservations must be made by June 10. Please call 727-7676 to make reservations.

Tantalizing Tidepools

Saturday, June 14

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Meet on George's Island and take the Water taxi to explore the rocky intertidal zones on Lovell's Island. Naturalists will help identify the harbor marine life and the challenges these creatures face. Bring a picnic lunch and your curiosity. Be prepared to get your feet wet.

Seaside Salad and Sumac Tea.

Sunday, June 15

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm (George's Island)

Join Park naturalist John Nove for a little snack on George's Island. Participants will learn to identify common edible plants and various ways to prepare them. Prepared samples will be available for tasting. Bring your curiosity and your taste buds.

Lovell's Naturally

Sunday, June 15

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Rediscover Lovell's Island the natural

way. Join a Ranger on a walk discovering the flora and fauna that exists on the lone wind swept Island. Learn how the plants and animals changed, and why they have changed throughout time. Don't forget to bring your camera and binoculars.

Sunset Cruise to Thompson's Island

Tuesday, June 24

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Join the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands on a narrated boat cruise to visit an Island and watch the sunset. Bring a picnic supper and your camera. Contact the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands for more information.

Tunes and Tales

Saturday, June 28

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

See description for May 31

HarborFest Treasure Hunt

Tuesday, July 1 - Sunday, July 6

10:00 am - 3:00 pm (George's, Lovell's, Peddock's Islands)

Kick off the summer season by joining the Park Staff on a treasure hunt and explore the many Islands of Boston Harbor. This five day, family oriented event is part of the HarborFest activities. Contact the Park Office at 727-7676 for more information

Grape Island with Appeal

Saturday and Sunday, July 12 - 13

A weekend of special events on and about Grape Island: tours, wild edibles walks, family activities, crafts, and demonstrations, a campfire program on the beach - and a few surprises.

Tunes and Tales

Saturday, July 12

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

See description for May 31

Sunset Cruise to Grape Island

Tuesday, July 15

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

See description for June 24

Lifesaving on the Harbor

Saturday, July 19

12:00 noon - 4:00 pm (Lovell's Island)

A tragic shipwreck off Lovell's shore inspired over a century of lifesaving efforts in Massachusetts. Learn the History of the U.S. Coast Guard through rowing and rescue demonstrations by the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Contact the Park Office for more information.

Children's Festival

Sunday, July 20

11:00 am - 5:00 pm (Lovell's, George's, Peddock's Islands)

The Islands will be geared up for summer fun! We will be making ice cream, flying kites, telling stories and much more. A children's concert featuring Kids Break, will take place on George's Island in the afternoon. Participants are encouraged to catch the 10 am boat to make the most of this wonderful family event.

Tunes and Tales

Saturday, July 26

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

See description for May 31

To Build a Fort

Saturday, July 26

11:00 am and 1:00 pm

The mid 1800's marked a very busy time for the stone cutters at the granite quarries in Quincy and Cape Ann. Granite blocks were shipped by rail and boat to the Islands of Boston Harbor to build Fort Warren and Fort Independence. This program will include a tour of Fort Warren to explore the history of fort construction and will include a stone cutting demonstration using historic tools and methods.

Sunset Cruise to Lovell's Island

Tuesday July 29

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

See description for June 24

Peddock's Island Naturally

Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3

Masters of the Marsh

Saturday, August 2

11:00 am (Peddock's Island)

Salt marsh once covered much of the Boston area and 75% of the ocean life depends on the marsh for food and raising their young. Join Park naturalist and learn more about one of the most productive ecosystems on earth. Meet at George's Island and take the taxi to Peddock's Island. Bring a picnic lunch and be prepared to get your feet wet.

Seaside Salad and Sumac Tea

Sunday, August 3

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm (George's Island)

Join Park naturalist John Nove for a little snack on George's Island. Participants will learn to identify common edible plants and various ways to prepare them. Prepared samples will be available for tasting. Bring your curiosity and your taste buds.

Peddock's Naturally

Sunday, August 3

See description for June 15

Sunset Cruise to George's Island

Tuesday, August 5

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Legends of George's Island

Bumkin, Bomkin, Pumkin, Round

Saturday and Sunday, August 9 - 10

A weekend of special events on and about Bumpkin Island: tours, wild edibles

walks, family activities, crafts and demonstrations, a campfire program on the beach - and a few surprises.

Sunset Cruise to Peddock's Island

Tuesday, August 12

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

See description on June 24

Civil War Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17

Civil War Encampment

Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join the Union and Confederate Volunteers at Fort Warren for the 24th annual Civil War Encampment. Historic re-enactors will demonstrate military drills, camp life, and military and civilian dress. The triumphs and tragedies of the Civil War will be brought to life at one of New England's premier Civil War sites. Sunday participants are encouraged to come early to make the most of this unique experience. Contact the Park Office for more information.

Gallops in the Civil War

Sunday, August 17

11:15 am and 1:15 pm

Thousands of soldiers, including the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, whose story was featured in the film "Glory," passed through Gallops Island on their way south or on their way home. Learn about the camp and its barracks, then visit the site of a cemetery in which 13 soldiers were buried.

Tunes and Tales

Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

See description for May 31

Edward Rowe Snow Day

Sunday, August 24

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Perhaps no one person has had a more dramatic impact on the Boston Harbor Islands State Park than the late Edward Rowe Snow. Through his many books, newspaper articles, and tours, this adventurous school teacher/historian brought the romance of the harbor's history to life and rallied for its preservation as a park. Join Ed's family, friends, the Park Staff and the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands in celebrating the anniversary of his birthday. The days activities will include video presentations, personal reminiscences by those who knew Mr. Snow, tours highlighting Ed's stories and a folk music concert. Contact the Park Office for more information.

**A Maryland Rebel in a Yankee Bastille
Labor Day**

Monday, September 1

11:00 am and 1:00 pm, (George's Island)

Join the spirit of Doctor Charles Macgill, of Hagerstown Maryland, in a stroll through Ft. Warren as he reminisces about his confinement at the Fort, as a political prisoner during the Civil War. This Living History Tour will take approximately 1 hour.

Sunset Cruise to Gallops Island

Tuesday, August 26

6:15 pm - 9:00 pm

Special folk music program

Call the Friends for more information.

Tunes and Tales

Saturday, September 6

1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

See description for May 31

Applefest

Sunday, September 21

11:00 am - 3:00 pm. (Gallops Island)

Celebrate Gallops' wild-fruit harvest with apple cider, carmel apples, apple games, apple art, beach- plum jelly, rose hip jam and iced tea, and blackberry cobbler.

Fall Foliage Trip

Saturday, October 4 - Monday, October 6

Autumn is a beautiful time of year on the islands. Enjoy a cruise to one of the islands to enjoy a colorful Fall day. Contact the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands for more information.

Halloween on the Harbor

Saturday, October 25

12:00 noon - 4:00 pm (George's Island)

Join the Lady in Black for a spooky fun time at Fort Warren. Activities include a haunted tour of the fort, games, music, and more. Dress in your best for the costume contest. Contact the Park Office at 727-7676 for more information.

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