Cape Cod
Sea Turtle Rescue

Tour Special Features

Unique Habitats
Fabulous Birds
Fine Food
Beautiful Parks
Wild Landscapes
Comfortable Hotels

Small Groups!
Great Leaders!
Interesting People!

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Each year in early late November into December, the beaches along the bayside of Cape Cod become the last hope for sea turtles like Kemps Ridley, Green, Loggerhead, and Hawks Bill that get stunned by the cold water and end up stranded along the coast of Cape Cod. Massachusetts Audubon at their Wellfleet Sanctuary have created a very successful rescue program which we will learn about over the weekend.

Without the crowds of summer, travelers will be magically absorbed into the wildness of the outer Cape, its grass topped dunes, empty beaches, and ceaseless crashing waves. Participants should keep their eyes open for and expect the rare and unusual.

After a sea turtle hatches, on beaches from the Carolinas to Mexico, they swim out to sea to join the Sargasso loop current. This current is warm and teeming with life. The young turtles spend the early years of their lives here, floating amid the seaweed, eating crustaceans and a plethora of sea life on these floating mats. During their adolescent years, the turtles come shoreward and sweep up the eastern seaboard with the Gulf Stream Current. Up around Cape Cod, its bay, inlets and countless sheltered harbors, sea turtles find rich feeding grounds and hospitable waters throughout the summer.

When the turtles start their way back south, the result can be significant “wrecks” of turtles on shore. You may not know it, but there are sea turtles in peril right here in New England!

Join Connecticut Audubon Society EcoTravel on the Cape during the “off season,” in early December, so you can search for stranded sea turtles! No specialized skills are needed, just your time and some effort (a warm jacket and apparel is also a good idea). Yes, it is a cold day on the beach and you will go home tired, but the fulfillment you will experience in helping such a wonderful endangered animal is priceless. Just remember Mother Nature is unpredictable so finding a turtle is NOT guaranteed.

Jim Sherwonit

As early as high school, Jim Sherwonit fell in love with the woods and with birding. He started birding more seriously in 2010 after his first EcoTravel trip and has participated (as traveler, driver, and co-leader) in over 30 trips. He is a professional engineer and has been managing the local office for a major transportation engineering firm for over 30 years. Jim has an enthusiasm for conservation, all things nature, and is an avid photographer. As he says, “Any day spent in the woods is a good day.”

General Information

Main Tour Cost: $998.
With Member Discount: $798.
Single Room Supplement: $125

Prices are based upon a minimum number of five paying participants traveling together.

For a Detailed Itinerary and More Information:
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