

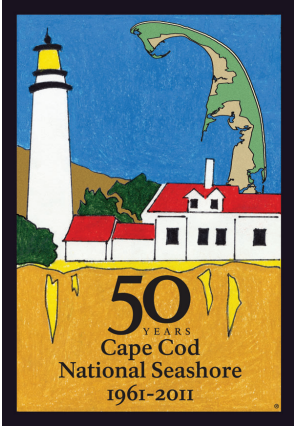


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Happy Anniversary, Partners!



Happy 50th to Cape Cod National Seashore!

Be part of the year-long celebration by uploading images and memories to the **online Cape Cod National Seashore Memories Album** (through September), visiting the roving **Cape Cod National Seashore at 50** display (June to September), and attending **Retrospective Ranger Programs** (July). Join us for the **Birthday Bash** (August 7), which will include commemorative postal cancellations, birthday cake, speakers, musicians, and more.

For more information go to: www.nps.gov/caco.

Happy 35th to Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies!

Join us on one of our exclusive **Sunset Whale Watches** (July 29 or August 26), or bring the family to our first annual **Whale Week** festivities (July 25 – 29). For more information go to: www.coastalstudies.org.

Happy 40th to Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill!

Come celebrate the many events happening this summer, including **Post Cards from Cape Cod** (July 3), a **Birthday Bash** (July 16), and our signature benefit **Live & Silent Auction** (August 8). For more information go to: www.castlehill.org.



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Park News



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Help Cape Cod National Seashore be a Climate Friendly Park!



Cape Cod National Seashore has pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as part of the National Park Service's (NPS) Climate Friendly Parks Program. For more information about the NPS Climate Friendly Parks program go to www.nps.gov/climatefriendlyparks

CCNS was officially accepted by the Washington Office into the National Park Service's Climate Friendly Parks Program in April. As climate change impacts parks across the country, the Climate Friendly Parks Program was initiated in order to incorporate sustainable practices in the parks' operations. The first step was the climate friendly launch of the Action Plan; rather than producing paper copies of the document, CCNS posted the Action Plan to a webpage at www.nps.gov/caco/parkmgmt/climate-friendly-parks-program-at-cape-cod-national-seashore.htm.

The Action Plan includes an inventory of current greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as well as a total reduction goal of 20% by for 2020. GHG emissions are reported in Metric Tons of

Carbon Dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂E), which is a standardized unit used to compare the global warming impact of different activities. In 2007, energy, transportation and waste emissions from park operations were 1,284 MTCO₂E, which is similar to the annual emissions of 109 homes. By 2020, CCNS will focus on reducing emissions in the sectors of energy, transportation, and waste. Based on our reduction goals, by 2020 emissions from just park operations will be approximately equivalent of the annual emissions of 84 homes.

Switch to an Electronic Newsletter

As part of this effort to reduce GHG emissions, we will continue to publish future issues of the Highlands Record electronically. While hard copies will still be available to those who prefer them, we encourage you to consider switching from hard copy receipt to electronic delivery. To sign up for e-distribution, please contact Erin Der-McLeod at erin_der-cleod@nps.gov or (508) 957-0702.

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An Earth Day of Spring Cleaning



Volunteers from AmeriCorps Cape Cod’s Wellfleet House and staff from CCNS pose with the completed Historic Harvest Garden bed at the end of a busy Cleanup Day. (Photo credit: Francie Randolph)



A blueberry patch now accompanies the beach plums in what is beginning to be an edible landscape in front of CCNS’s North Atlantic Coastal Lab.

Sign Upgrade Planning Complete

Tucked away in the Truro Highlands over one mile from Route 6, the Highlands Center can be a challenge to find, but is a destination worth reaching. Recognizing this, the National Park Service (NPS) and the six other Highlands Center partners recently collaborated with NPS Landscape Architect Patricia Brouillette to create a *Sign Guideline* plan. The plan identifies the current signage needs to guide people to the site, while also establishing guidelines for future signage to provide a cohesive and pleasing system for orientation and directions within the site. Implementation of the plan has already begun: Castle Hill’s new sign for their wood kiln was installed on Highlands Center Cleanup Day, and directional signs to the site are being added.

Armed with tools, work gloves, and a spirit of service, volunteers from AmeriCorps Cape Cod, Castle Hill, Payomet, and Single Volunteers of Cape Cod joined Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS) staff on April 22 to undertake some spring cleaning at the Highlands Center. Known as Highlands Center Cleanup Day, this annual event is organized by CCNS and AmeriCorps Cape Cod to ready the Highlands Center for the busy summer season. This year, special projects included refurbishing the entry to the North Atlantic Coastal Laboratory, installing a new interpretive panel at the overlook, planting native shrubs, and building a raised garden bed and three benches for a garden that will teach local children about historic native plants.



AmeriCorps members construct a raised garden bed and three benches in front of the Atlantic Research Center’s Classroom for Sustainable CAPE’s Historic Harvest Garden. (Photo credit: Francie Randolph)

Directions to Highlands Center: Take Route 6 to the Highland Light Exit in North Truro onto Highland Road. At the end of Highland Road, take a right onto South Highland Road. After approximately .6 miles, take a left onto Old Dewline Road. Highlands Center is at the end of the road.

The Highlands Center Mission: The Highlands Center fosters the unique cultural and natural heritage of Cape Cod by facilitating scientific research, the arts tradition, and educational programs atop the dramatic sea cliffs of Cape Cod National Seashore.

Upcoming Events at the Highlands Center: Highlands Fest: Celebrating Volunteerism - Making Waves July 9

Scheduled to be held at the Highlands Center on Saturday, July 9 (rain date July 10), from 3 to 6 PM, this year’s Highlands Fest will be Cape Cod National Seashore’s (CCNS) 50th Anniversary celebration of our Volunteers-In-Parks and how their commitment to service makes positive waves throughout the national seashore. The day will focus around a fun and engaging service project: painting a mural that commemorates volunteerism, which will leave a visible and lasting mark on the Highlands Center, just as volunteers have left their mark on the seashore. A chance to take a break from the sun will be available under the Payomet tent, where “Out of Service,” a short film about the former North Truro Air Force Station, will be screened on loop. The Highlands Center Partners and CCNS will specially honor several parties for their extensive volunteer service to advance science, the arts, education and the community during a ceremony at 5 PM. *Sponsored by the Highlands Center Partners: Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod, Cape Cod National Seashore, Fine Arts Work Center, Highlands Center, Inc., Payomet Performing Arts Center in Truro, the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, and Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill.*

Under the Payomet Tent All Summer Long

Payomet’s 13th season will include their signature Summer Sundays Music Series under the tent at the Highlands Center. Other features will include plays, book readings, Shakespeare, and more. **Summer Sundays Music Series:** July 10 - Rosanne Cash; July 17 - Carolina Chocolate Drops; July 24 - Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum, with special guest opener Crabgrass; August 7 - Shemekia Copland; August 14 – Fishtank Ensemble kicks off Payment’s 3rd annual Yiddish Theater and Klezmer Music Festival; August 28 - David Greely and Joel Savoy, Cajun music stars kick off a week of New Orleans Fest. Visit www.ppactruro.org or call the box office (508-487-5400) for a complete schedule and reservations.

Fired Up!

Still room to sign up for July and September Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill will be loading their Highlands Center wood kiln with pottery, and anyone curious can stop by! Watch the excitement as they stoke the 3-day fire all the way to 2300 degrees on July 25-27 (unloading on July 30) with artist Shawn O’Conner, and Sept 12-14 (unloading on Sept 17) with artist Dan Murphy. Visit www.castlehill.org or call Ceramics Studio Manager Brian Taylor, 508-349-7511, for more information.



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WALK: TRURO’S COLD WAR PAST

Mondays at 10 AM - 1½ hours, ¾ mile. Free. Tour the former North Truro Air Force Station. Learn about the role the area played in our Cold War past and the exciting plans for the station’s future as the Highlands Center. Meet in the parking area. No program August 29.



Fishtank Ensemble brings its high-energy, cross-pollinated gypsy music to Payomet, August 14.



Firewood organized and stacked for easier access during Castle Hill’s upcoming kiln firings.