



A collaboration between the
Pemaquid Watershed
Association & the Bristol Parks
and Recreation Commission



BEACHCOMBERS' REST NATURE CENTER AT PEMAQUID BEACH PARK 2011 CALENDAR

Open Tuesdays through Saturdays July 19 to September 3
from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (weather permitting).
Closed Sunday and Monday

→ **TOUCH TANK -- Tuesdays July 19 to Aug. 30, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, courtesy of the Gulf of Maine Foundation and Darling Marine Center, allowing visitors to experience first-hand many of the animals and plants that inhabit our coastal waters. Gentle handling of the creatures, observation, drawing, and discussion, with a period from 11:30 to noon of 'quiet no-touch time' to give the critters rest. Sponsored by The Edward A. Myers Marine Conservation Fund.

DIRECTIONS: From Damariscotta, take the Bristol Road (Ste Rte 130) about 12 miles. Take the first right about 50 yards after the Fire Department (and just before Hanna's Store) onto Snowball Hill Road. Travel 9/10ths of a mile. At the bottom of the hill, on the left, there is a sign for the entrance to Pemaquid Beach Park (there's also a smaller Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center sign). The Nature Center is in the pavilion.

2011 Workshops:

→ **Space is limited. To pre-register, call PWA at 207-563-2196 at least 2 days in advance of the event. Programs are free unless otherwise indicated, but donations are gladly accepted. Nature Center visitors and program participants must pay the Town of Bristol admission fee to Pemaquid Beach Park. Programs are cancelled if weather is inclement (as Pemaquid Beach Park closes on bad-weather days); call 677-2754 for information about the Park. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the workshop and gather in the community room on the right side of the pavilion.**

- **Friday, July 22, 10:30 – noon: Sea Glass Crafts.** Tenley Seiders, local artist and owner of WildeFlower Designs in South Bristol, will instruct participants on how to make many different creations, from delicately wire-wrapped sea glass pendants to sea glass picture frames and mobiles. Tools and wire will be provided; finishing material will be available for purchase at the workshop. Participants need to bring a piece or two of sea glass, about an inch in diameter, and their passion for the beauty of the sea. There will be a limit of use of materials for one craft item per participant during the workshop. All ages are welcome. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult.
- **Friday, July 29, 10:30 – noon: Seabirds Here and There.** Come join Susan Schubel, a.k.a. Seabird Sue, to learn about the seabirds in the area. Become an expert on five different Maine birds with "Be a Bird Mystery Boxes". We also may look for birds or bird clues at the beach. Families and all ages welcome.
- **Friday, Aug. 5, 10:30 – noon: Tide Pool Prowl** with Jean McAlice. Discover the tidal pools teeming with life, from mussels, crabs, worms, snails and barnacles to periwinkles, lichen, seaweed, rock weed, and maybe even sea lettuce. Come learn fascinating facts, like how barnacles, which are crustaceans, define the upper tide line, are dormant during the lower tides, feed when wet, that they shed their skin in late winter or early spring, and build limestone houses for themselves. This program is for ages 13 and up.

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- **Sat., Aug. 6**, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.: **Under the Sea**. Have you ever wondered what was under the sea off the coast of Maine? Come join us at 9:00 a.m. as local diver, Brian Boone, shows us the beauty under the sea and talks about the sport of scuba diving. He will dive and bring up some sea life for you to examine. Bring your wet shoes and prepare for an exciting time! All ages are welcome. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult.
- **Friday, Aug. 12**, 10:30 – noon: **Whales**. Diane Perry. Many whales migrate to the Gulf of Maine for the summer. But, how can someone claim to have a whale in their backyard? Local author/illustrator Diane "Dee" Perry has published a children's book that is based on actual events. Her book, *A Whale in My Backyard*, tells how a humpback whale is discovered off the coast of Maine, brought to the mainland, and, eventually, its bones are reconstructed for a museum display. There will be a collection of bones from whales and other marine mammals at the workshop, and participants will be encouraged to handle and compare the bones, both small and very large. Signed books will be available for sale. Whale lovers of all ages will come away with some new information about whales off the coast of Maine. This workshop is best for children ages 7 and up, and children under 7 who do attend should be accompanied by an adult.
- **Thursday, Aug. 18**, 4:30-7:30 p.m.: **BBQ at the Beach**, a family-friendly fundraiser for the Pemaquid Watershed Association. Call 563-2196 for tickets.
- **Friday, Aug. 19**, 10:30 – noon: **The Gulf of Maine**. You have heard about it, read about it, probably even been there, but what is the Gulf of Maine? Come find out about this very special sea within the sea. Where it is, how it works, why there are so many fish there, why the tides are so big and any other questions you have always wanted to ask. This is a participatory program for all ages presented by Phil Averill of Ocean Adventure!
- **Friday, Aug. 26**, 10:30 – noon: **Coastal Creative Writing**. Life-long teacher and poet, Sally Woolf-Wade, will lead this workshop that aims to enable participants to express their observations and feelings about the Maine Coast in their own prose and poetry. Participants will examine and describe some of the artifacts washed up by the sea, such as shells, sand, stones, seaglass, driftwood, and seaweed, and they will read some literary examples by famous and amateur adult and children writers. Participants will briefly explore Pemaquid Beach to collect a few of their own souvenirs from the shore and then will spend some solitary time writing about thoughts as poems, essays, memoirs, or descriptive prose, according to individual comfort zones. Ultimately, participants may choose to share rough drafts of whatever they have written. This program is for ages 10 and up.
- **Friday, Sept. 2**, 10:30 – noon: **Rocks, Sand, and Geologic History of Pemaquid Beach**. Educator/geologist David Pope will lead participants on a beach stroll to explore and discuss the shimmering sand, streaks of reddish brown, sand dunes, and more. Families and all ages welcome.



Calendar of Events also available at
www.pemaquidwatershed.org/naturecenter.html