

# Tuckernuck Land Trust Summer Programs 2024

Please join us this summer as we continue to explore the nature of Tuckernuck Island. Except where otherwise noted, all activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays at the TLT Field Station and will last approximately one hour. We encourage both children and adults to participate; everyone is welcome to all programs. Children under twelve should be accompanied by an adult. All programs involve outdoor time, so please dress for the weather.

Come discover something new in, on, around or about Tuckernuck!

## Program Leaders

Rich Blundell, Ph.D.	Scientist-in-Residence, Maria Mitchell Association
Peter B. Brace	Nantucket naturalist and author
William Evans	Camp and Youth Engagement Director, Maria Mitchell Association
Neil Foley	Interpretive Education Coordinator, Nantucket Conservation Foundation
Frances Ruley Karttunen, Ph.D.	Nantucket historian and author
Mikaela Neary	TLT's 2023 and 2024 Coastal Steward
Kelly A. Omand	Plant Research Ecologist/Botanist, Nantucket Conservation Foundation
RJ Turcotte	Nantucket Waterkeeper, Nantucket Land and Water Council

## Calendar

- July 21 **How's the Water?** – Join Nantucket Waterkeeper RJ Turcotte to learn about the state of eelgrass meadows, and water quality in general, from Madaket to Muskeget.
- July 28 **Bam's Ramble** – Explore Tuckernuck's unique array of vegetation with botanist Kelly Omand and learn its similarities and differences from the plants found on nearby Nantucket.
- August 4 **Fields and Foraging** – From field ecologist and interpretive educator Neil Foley, who studies and manages habitat across the Nantucket Conservation Foundation's 9,000+ acres, learn about naturalist study and ethical foraging as you walk through portions of Tuckernuck's diverse habitats.
- August 11 **Bug Bonanza** – Would you like to learn more about the bugs and insects that live on Tuckernuck? William Evans, the Maria Mitchell Association's Camp and Youth Engagement Director, will lead a bug hunting adventure and tell us about the amazing traits and behaviors of the bugs and insects we find!
- August 18 **Rockin' Tuckernuck** –Dr. Rich Blundell will return to Tuckernuck to delve further into the geological history of Tuckernuck. Join him to learn the origins of common and unusual rocks on the byways and beaches. And if you have been wondering about a rock of your own, bring it along for identification and explanation.
- August 25 **Tuckernuck and How It Got that Way** – Join Peter Brace, the author of *Nantucket: A Natural History* to learn about the topographical formation of the Nantucket Islands and the development of their unique flora and fauna.
- September 1 **The Colorful Bigelow Family** – Nantucket-historian and prolific local author Dr. Fran Karttunen will delve into the dynamic story of the Bigelows, for whom Tuckernuck's westernmost point was named.

## Tuckernuck Land Trust Lending Library

TLT's lending library shelves offer a variety of books, from local reference to summer fare, plus games and puzzles, ready for all ages to borrow. Additional reference materials are also available to consult at the Field Station. Library hours are Sundays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. And if you have a book you would like to add to the collection, TLT Coastal Steward Mikaela Neary will be happy to make it available to everyone—space permitting!

**The Tuckernuck Land Trust is a local non-profit organization dedicated to conserving Tuckernuck Island through land protection and educational experiences. Please join TLT's efforts by sending a tax-deductible donation.**

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We also love questions, feedback, and suggestions: 508-228-2638 or [tlt@tuckernucklandtrust.org](mailto:tlt@tuckernucklandtrust.org).

**Thank you for joining us. See you at the Field Station!**