

Explore an urban wilderness at the Acushnet Sawmill



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The Buzzards Bay Coalition will host a free Bay Adventure at the site of the former Acushnet Saw Mills on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m. Join Bay Coalition Ecologist Sara Quintal as she leads a two-hour tour of the property, which the Bay Coalition is restoring to its natural condition and plans to open as a public park in 2014.

Although this area is immediately adjacent to urban neighborhoods of New Bedford's North End and downtown Acushnet, it is bustling with more turtles, fish, herons and ospreys than people. Quintal will give visitors a background of the property's history as a busy sawmill, point out the site's important ecological features, and explain how the area will be restored to benefit wildlife and the community. As a special bonus, the tour will learn about cranberry harvesting at a private cranberry bog adjacent to the Sawmill.

The Acushnet Sawmill Bay Adventure is part of the Bay Coalition's series of Bay Adventures, guided excursions that

connect people with nature throughout the Buzzards Bay watershed. The event is free and open to the public.

WHO: Buzzards Bay Coalition

WHAT: Bay Adventure at Acushnet Sawmill

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WHERE: Acushnet Sawmill, 54 Mill Road, New Bedford. (Turn north off Tarkiln Hill Road onto Mill Road, just before entering Acushnet. Drive 500 feet and park on the right by the sign.)

COST: Free

RSVP: Reservations requested.

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