

Newcomer/CONCH Hiking Highlights

Sunset Dinner on the Dunes

Date: Monday evening September 21, 2009

Time: 5:15 PM

Meet: Great Island parking lot (See directions below)

This will be a Sunset hike on Griffin Island in Wellfleet. This is a repeat of last year's sunset hike where 73 people had a wonderful time enjoying food, drink and good company on a dune cliff while watching the sun set over Cape Cod Bay. It will be 2.2 miles with some beach and loose sand walking and a gradual uphill walk to the top of a dune cliff. It is not a difficult walk.

We will start at the Great Island Parking lot, descend to the Herring River marshland and walk through the Gut to the beach on Cape Cod bay. We will walk the beach for ½ mile and then head inland to a wonderful path that will wind thru a bearberry and bayberry hillside to a resting place at the top of a high dune overlooking the bay. Here we will relax, toast the sunset, have our meal/snack and beverage and enjoy the sunset at 6:39PM. Bring your own snacks/meals and beverages and maybe a little extra for sharing. From this hill it will be less than ½ mile to the cars. I will send out an email by Monday noon if we have to cancel the hike. Rain will cancel the hike, cloudy skies that obscure the sunset will not.

Directions: Take Rt 6 north towards Wellfleet, Turn left at the traffic light towards Wellfleet Center and proceed 0.3 mi. Bear left at the fork onto E. Commercial St. Follow to .75 miles to the harbor. Take a right at the harbor and follow road 2.5 mi. At the triangle take a left into the Great Island lot. From here we will organize a car shuttle to have some cars waiting for us at the end of the hike.

Other Hikes: Starting in October

The dates and locations will be sent to those who sign up.

Some of the probable hikes are:

Hawksnest State Park in Harwich

Sunrise hike ~ on the beach

Sunset hike ~ Brewster flats

Provincetown dunes

Bound Brook Island, Wellfleet

Truro cliffs on the Atlantic

Nickerson State Park

Bonus Hike 'Hike a Hurricane' When the rains and winds are heavy let's walk an ocean beach for a short while to experience the storm in all its fury then talk about our adventure at a pub over a hot chocolate. I will send an email when the forecast looks really bad. Last year there were no storms. Maybe we scared them away.

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