

# SOUNDSIDE LEARNING

## THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND

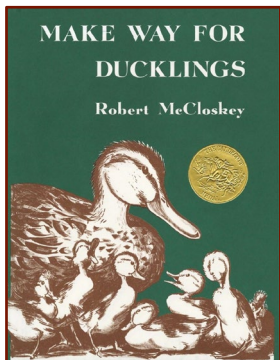


March 4, 2024

### COMING UP AT CORE SOUND...

- **March 12:** Community Night – “Coming Home” Portsmouth & Diamond City Homecoming @ 6 PM
- **April 6:** Core Sound Run @ 9 AM
- [Click Here for More Upcoming Events!](#)

### Sound Reading Material For You and Your Child



### Make Way for Ducklings

By Robert McCloskey

Mrs. Mallard was sure that the pond would be a perfect place for her and her eight ducklings to live. The problem was how to get them there through the busy streets of Boston. But with a little help, Mrs. Mallard and Jack, Kack, Lack, Nack, Ouack, Pack, and Quack arrive safely at their new home.

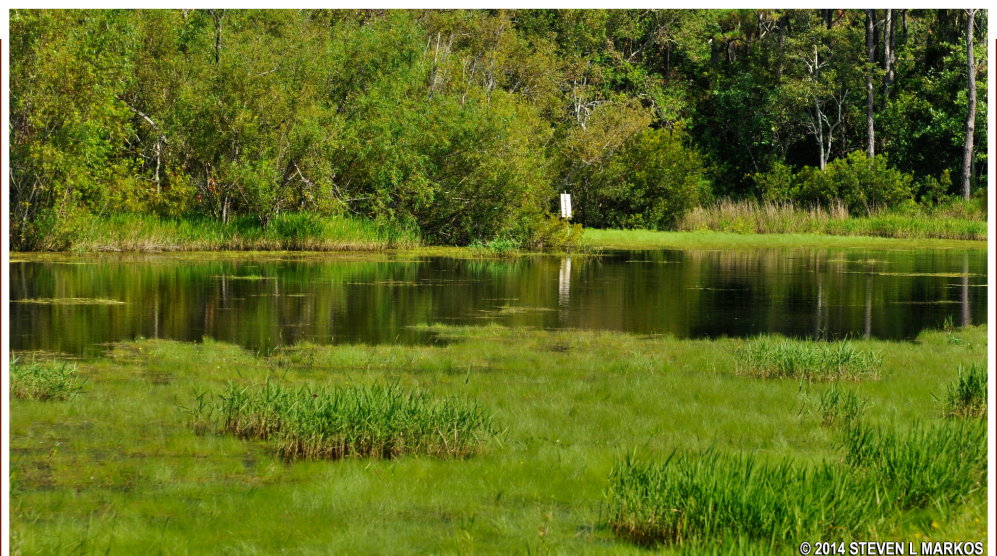
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### Have You Visited Our Willow Pond?

Our Willow Pond Trail is a beautifully uninterrupted maritime forest that serves as a safe harbor for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. Depending on the time of year, visitors may observe songbirds, herons, ibis, egrets, ducks, and geese.

The Willow Pond Loop is 1/3 mile long with the Willow Pond Spur providing another 1/10 mile. There is a 2/10-mile connector trail to the Soundside Loop which is another 8/10 mile. Another connector trail to the Willow Pond Loop is 1/10 mile. These trails provide an easy hike framed with picturesque views of nature. My favorite spot, though, is the observation blind that sits just above the Willow Pond’s edge and offers a quiet, solitude that is difficult to find nowadays in our busy world.

This natural, freshwater pond allows the museum's interpretive programming to include the complete story from live ducks to decoys and the importance of providing clean and safe areas for our wildlife. Our educational programs taking place around the Willow Pond focus on building a broader understanding and appreciation for our natural coastal environment.



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Willow Pond photo from <https://npplan.com>

# Wave Watching

Look for an item bobbing up and down in the water like a bird or a piece of driftwood. Use a stopwatch to time how long it takes for the object to go from the top of the crest to the bottom and back up again. That's one bob.

Record how long it takes for ten bobs to happen and then divide that number by ten. That will give you an average time for each wave's period.



*When the water is at its high point, it is called a crest. When it dips down to its lowest point, it is called a trough. The space between two crests is called a wavelength.*

## Willow Pond

by Wayne Davis

When I was 15 years old  
I was a member of a club.  
We would go to the pond, hot or cold.  
It was something we loved.

We fixed a camp; it was ours.  
It was the perfect place to play.  
Many days spent never wanting to leave.  
We only wanted to stay.

As we got older, we made new friends  
Our lives started to change.  
We had different places; our camp would end.  
We grew up and played new games.

I'm a lot older now, new memories made  
But that old willow pond, she's still near.  
Enjoy your memories, forget your mistakes  
Our museum, my new camp, let's keep her here.

I say this because a second chance  
Is something we often never see.  
But I'm grateful to know just down the road  
Our museum has given one to me.