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Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center

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Scarborough Marsh Center Hours:

9 am–5:30 pm
Weekdays, mid-June through Labor Day
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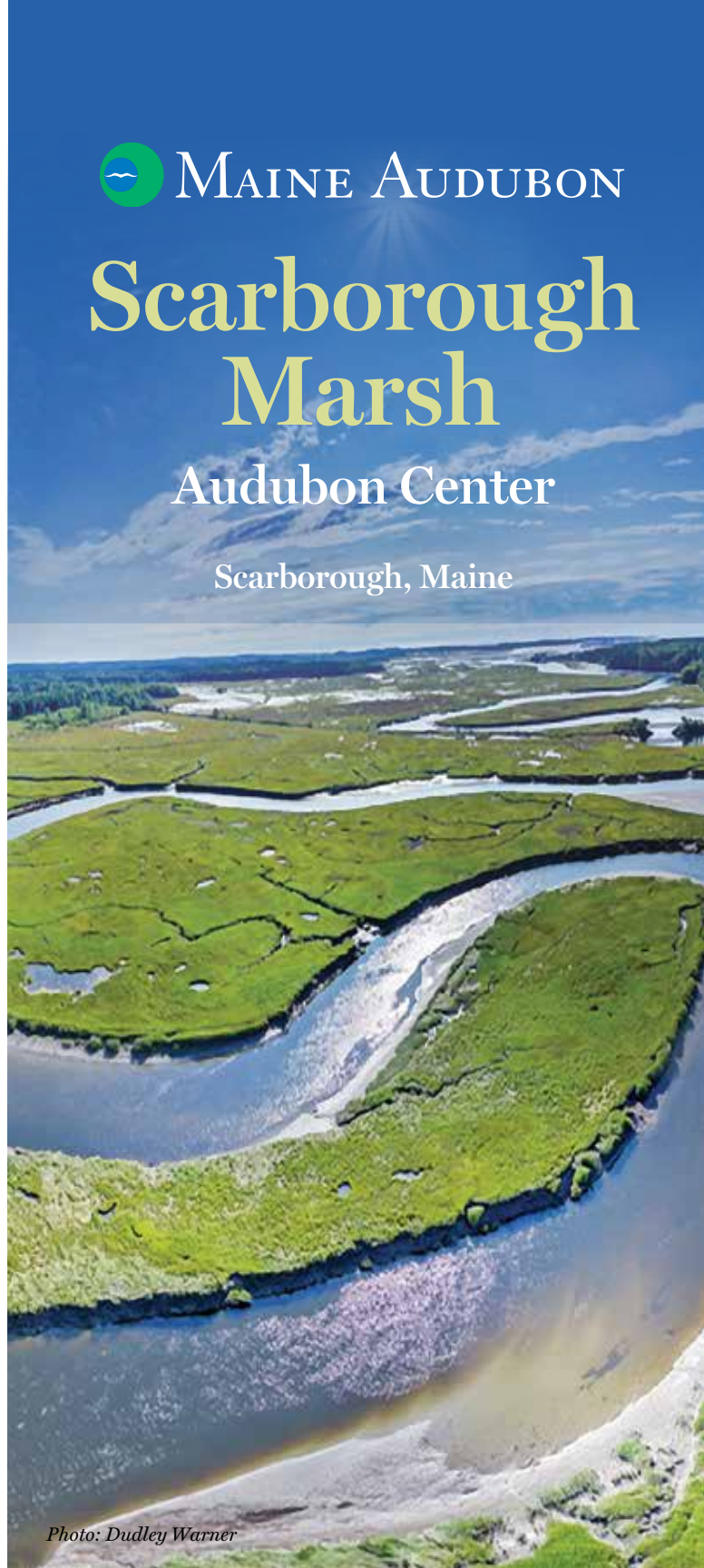


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Owned and managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the 3,100 acre estuary known as Scarborough Marsh is the largest salt marsh in the state, comprised of tidal marsh, salt creeks, freshwater marsh, and uplands.

The marsh is particularly important for wildlife as a resting, breeding, and feeding ground, and also provides a nursery and shelter for animals. It filters sediments and pollutants from water, and the vegetation in the marsh absorbs storm water which prevents damage to roadways and structures. For people, the marsh offers a peaceful place to enjoy wildlife watching, fishing, paddling, and exploring nature.

Scarborough Marsh provides critical habitat for a broad array of wildlife, particularly birds. Waterfowl, egrets, herons, Double-crested Cormorants, Glossy Ibis, and many species of shorebirds depend on this rich ecosystem for food, a place to rest during migration, and nesting habitat. The marsh is also an excellent spot to find a number of grassland songbirds not commonly found in other parts of Maine, as well as various birds of prey that hunt in the marsh throughout the year. Muskrat, mink, otter, and deer also frequent the wetland. The marsh water hosts mummichogs and sticklebacks—small minnows that feast on mosquito larvae and other microscopic creatures.

Maine Audubon operates the Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center, which provides guided and self-guided walks, canoe and kayak tours, bird walks, family programs, canoe & kayak rentals, and field trips for school groups. The center also has exhibits, a nature trail, and a Nature Store.

Things to See and Do

- Rent a canoe or kayak, or launch your own
- Join a canoe tour led by Maine Audubon naturalists
- Attend one of the many nature programs for all ages throughout the summer
- Discover the marsh on your own, through nature displays and a self-guided nature trail
- Watch the shorebirds feeding in the marsh
- Shop at the Nature Store for books, toys, Maine-made gifts, and bird optic equipment
- Try out our hands-on activities, exhibits, and displays for all ages

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