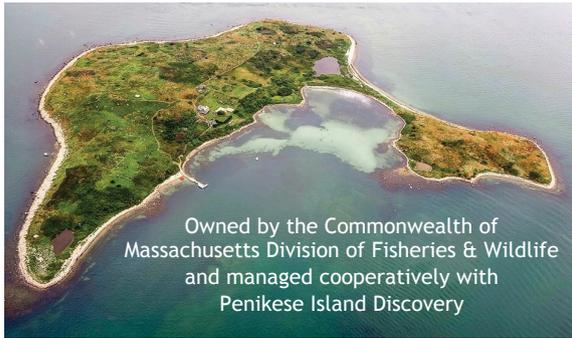


**Penikese Island Discovery**  
*Explore Every Direction*

*Discovery Awaits...*

All who explore Penikese Island will experience place-based education that expands scientific literacy, inspires curiosity and creativity, and builds appreciation and understanding of the wider world.

## NATURAL AND HISTORICAL WONDERS ABOUND ON PENIKESE ISLAND



Owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and managed cooperatively with Penikese Island Discovery

Penikese Island, located about 13 miles off the coast of Woods Hole at the west end of the Elizabeth Island chain in Buzzards Bay, is a pristine 75-acre wildlife sanctuary with a storied past.

**THE SIGHTS ARE MAGICAL,  
THE SOUNDS CALMING AND  
THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
DISCOVERY ARE ENDLESS**

Visitors to this remote island experience panoramic views of Buzzards Bay, the Atlantic Ocean, and nearby islands and landmasses. The island features crystal-clear waters, rocky beaches, tide pools, grassy hills, and walking trails. It boasts significant geology, diverse flora, and pristine marine ecosystems. Day or night, the expansive sky is a sight to behold.

Notably, Penikese Island is home to more than 150 documented species. Bird populations are abundant and include protected species, such as raptors and waterfowl. Rocky beaches and the island's hilly terrain serve as a critical nesting colony for seabirds while lush eelgrass meadows that carpet the shallows provide an important habitat for fish and shellfish.

Further, Penikese Island has a long and fascinating history, which includes its use as a Wampanoag hunting and fishing camp, a school for the study of natural history (the precursor to the famed Marine Biological Laboratory), a leper colony, and a school for troubled youth. Today, along with being a wildlife sanctuary, it is where the nonprofit group—Penikese Island Discovery—provides students with nature-based STEAM educational programming across multiple disciplines, camp experiences, and other groups with opportunities to experience the wonders of Penikese Island.



### School Discovery Days

Day-long field trips tailored to the curriculum objectives of the teacher. Cost subsidized by donors.



### Virtual Discovery Days

Live, interactive virtual field trips are accessible to students from any geographic location. Cost subsidized by donors.



### Science & Nature Camps

Five-day/four-night, one-of-a-kind adventure opportunities for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Camps are segregated by gender.



### Human Service Organizations

In-person trips focusing on immersion in nature and wellness.



### Special Interest Groups

Groups, including those interested in birding, art, and science are invited to schedule a day visit to experience Penikese through their own lens.

**Schedule Your Adventure Today**

**Penikese Island Discovery**

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