

FAQ: “Where Land Meets the Sea” Coskata Coatue Wildlife Refuge Tour

Our tours are conducted safari-style, meaning this experience is enjoyed sitting in the open air. Guests can enjoy 360-degree panoramic views of the refuge as the tour embarks across the sand; ideal for total immersion with the landscape and the ability to capture the beauty of Coskata-Coatue, both with a camera and memories! There are a limited number of seats inside the tour truck for special accommodation or larger tour groups.

1. Question (Q): How do I sign up for a tour?

Answer (A): Please go to [Coscata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge, Nantucket, MA - The Trustees of Reservations](#) Click on Ideas for your visit/ Enjoy a Tour. This will bring you to a calendar where you can choose your preferred day for the tour.

2. Q: How much does it cost? Are children free?

A: The price is \$75 for Members and \$65 for nonmembers. Children five and under are free.

3. Q: Where does the tour depart?

A: At the Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge Gatehouse. 111 Wauwinet Road, Nantucket, MA 02554. Park along the side of the road.

4. Q: How long is the tour?

A: The tour lasts about two hours.

5. Q: Will there be restrooms?

A: Yes, there are restrooms at the gatehouse and along the beach. We can stop as needed.

6. Q: Will you cancel the tour for weather?

A: If the weather is extreme or raining heavily, we will cancel the tour and refund your purchase. Or we can work with you to reschedule the tour.

7. Q: How will I know if you cancel the tour?

A: The Trustees will contact you no later than one hour before the tour if it is cancelled.

8. Q: Will we go to the Great Point Lighthouse?

A: The Tour will explore all areas of the Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge where access is available. Trails are often restricted from recreational access due to protected nesting shorebirds and/or erosion and flooding. If the conditions permit, the tour will go to the Lighthouse. It's a wonderful place.

9. Q: Can we go into the Great Point Lighthouse?

A: Unfortunately, no, the Great Point Lighthouse is not set up for visitors. It is owned by the Coast Guard.

10. Q: Will we see seals or other wildlife?

A: Yes, Coskata-Coatue tours almost always guarantee a seal sighting and an abundance of wildlife, particularly shorebirds in the spring, summer and fall seasons.

11. Q: What should I bring with me on the tour?

A: Please bring comfortable clothing that is prepared for the weather including rain gear, sweaters, hat, and sunglasses. It can be very cool on the beach if it is windy and very warm and buggy if there is no wind (unlikely). We also recommend water, sunscreen, binoculars, and bug spray.

12. Q: Is this tour safe and enjoyable for seniors and young children?

A: All are welcome at Coskata-Coatue. If there is a need for accommodation, such as using car seats for babies/toddlers or assistance in getting into the tour vehicle, please call Coskata-Coatue at 508-228-5646. We are happy to make accommodations as possible.

13. Q: Can you describe the tour vehicle?

A: The Trustees provide the tour in a F350 Ford full size cab pickup truck. We have benches in the cab for the open-air experience and seating inside the cab for up to four individuals. The tour truck travels no more than 15 mph over sand along the Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge.

14. Q: Can I do a private tour?

A: We are not currently offering private tours. However, our tour capacity is 12 individuals at most. More often, there are less than 10 individuals on a tour. If you want to buy out a tour to make it private, that is a possibility. Please call us to confirm at 508-228-5646.

15. Q: I had a change of plans; can I get a refund for the tour?

A: We will refund tours due to extreme weather or medical/family emergencies only.