

Day Trips for Schools



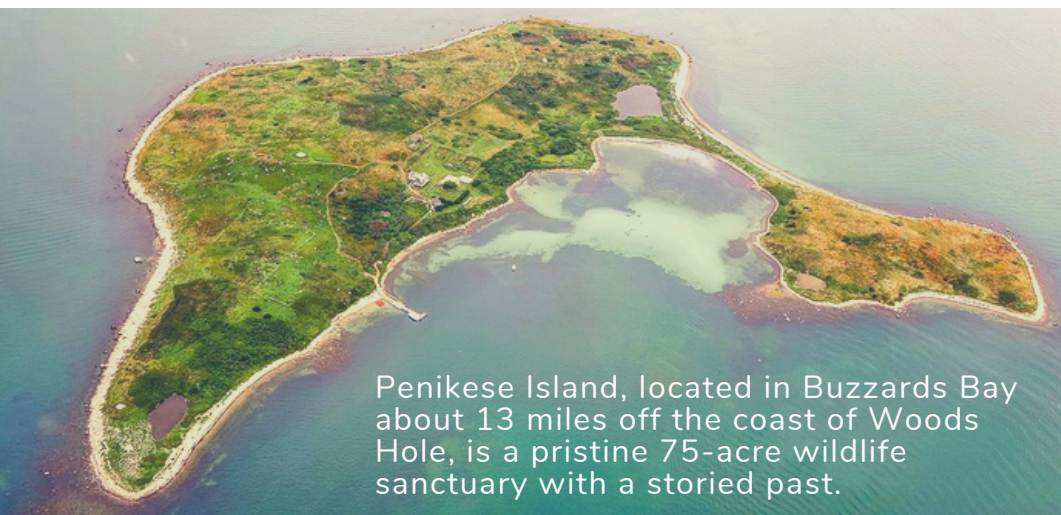
A Unique Island Learning Experience

Nature-based environmental education

Program overview: Our educational programs bring students together for a unique adventure that uses Penikese Island as nature's classroom. The island has a fascinating history, which includes its use as a Wampanoag hunting and fishing camp, a school for the study of natural history (precursor to the Marine Biological Laboratory), a leper colony, a school for troubled youth, and a wildlife sanctuary. A day trip to Penikese is designed to engage students in investigative natural history and ecology programs, aligned with NGSS science standards, that build self-confidence and foster an appreciation for nature.

What a day trip looks like: The trip to Penikese begins as students ride through the waters of Buzzards Bay or Vineyard Sound on our 36-foot MV Richard S. Edwards; they are introduced to navigation and follow the route on their own laminated charts. After arriving on Penikese, students learn about life on the island with a guided walking tour of Penikese that includes an overview of the history, topography, animals and plants of Penikese, and the surrounding tidal and ocean environment. Students then engage in nature-based, hands-on lessons that focus on island and marine ecology.

Program cost: \$2,200 per trip, funding assistance available!



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