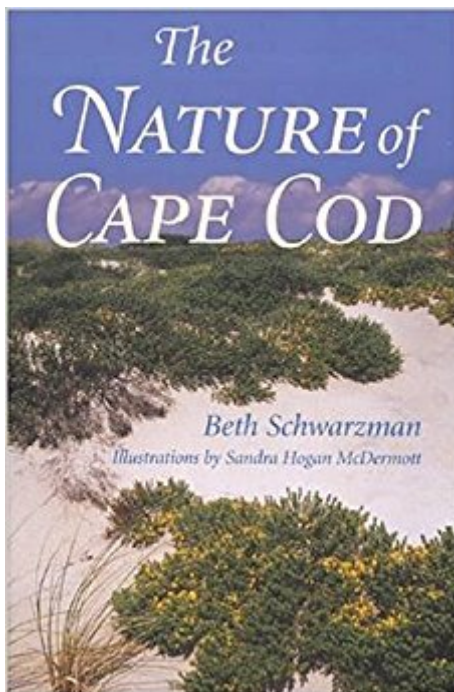


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# The Nature Of Cape Cod



## Synopsis

A well-known Cape naturalist, geologist, and public educator has written the first comprehensive natural history of the area, describing life and natural processes in its varied environments, from ocean beach to cranberry bog to deep woods. *The Nature of Cape Cod* provides maps and narrative descriptions of 50 sites that invite exploration; it will take the reader to hidden gems and reveal new aspects of favorite places. Generously illustrated with drawings and maps, the book can be used by anyone wanting to go beyond the paved roads: walkers, paddlers, and nature lovers of all sorts. It should appeal to year-round and seasonal residents alike, and also to the thousands of short-term visitors who wish they had a guide to the nature of Cape Cod.

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"...an excellent guide to Cape Cod for anyone seeking to explore beyond the quaint towns and tourist shops." -- *Northeastern Naturalist*, Issue 9/2, 2002  
"For Schwartzman, CapeCod's wild spots are one big classroom and she's eager to share her wisdom in a movable lecture." -- *Cape Cod Times*, October 11, 2002  
"This is a useful field companion...-providing clearly drawn sketches, useful maps, and detailed descriptions of 50 sites. -- *Sunday Boston Globe*, July 14, 2002 --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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This book provides interesting background on Cape Cod, especially in terms of its geological

formation and from a natural history perspective. The author, for example, provides a complete narrative of the likely geological formation of Cape Cod from the growth and recess of glaciers, the rise of moraines, and fresh water lakes. Also, she provides a very helpful background on the impact that settlers and subsequent generations had on the Cape's flora. I gave this book four stars, however, because I found it somewhat difficult to use as a nature guide for the new naturalist; some background in plant and animal identification would be helpful before using this as your primary guide. This book would be a nice companion to a guide that provides more information on plant/animal identification.

have a number of CC guide/nature books - we visit the cape once or twice a year - this is the only book we use -the others stay home - it's very strong for hikes, paddles etc - this is the one to get

Phenomenal trail book. I am a novice, and could follow the maps and advice in the book.

We like this very comprehensive guide to Cape Cod because it has everything in one book that we and our friends need to explore the Cape. The author begins with the fascinating story of how the Cape was built as the Ice Age came to an end and leads into the environments, plant life, animals and birds of the Cape. Especially valuable to those wishing to explore and 'savor' their surroundings, are the 50 sites that represent the natural environments of the Cape. Details about access, geology, history, beaches, what to see and do, and unique features of the sites are available along with maps for hikers and paddlers. The clear illustrations of plant and animal life are helpful, as well as the lists of birds commonly seen on the Cape. What a treasure this book will be for Cape Cod dwellers and nature lovers of all sorts!

As a hiker, canoe & kayaker, birdwatcher, guide book collector and Cape Cod resident I feel qualified to say that I'm in love with this book. Moreover, as someone who managed a local bookshop on Cape Cod for 12 years, I'm quite aware of how far above the pack "The Nature of Cape Cod" is. As much as I like to collect field guides, I only want to carry one in the actual 'field' and this is definitely my choice for the one detailing plants, trees, flora & fauna, with the geology it all sits upon and environments it creates. It's also a treasure trove of secluded sites richly described and beautifully mapped.

The new book , The Nature of Cape Cod, by seasoned geologist/naturalist and first-time author,

Beth Schwarzman, is informative, beautifully finished with clear detailed maps, and has a writing style that blends important lessons on living in harmony with the natural Cape system with interesting information and facts about the Cape from its geologic beginnings at the end of the Ice Age up to the present day. This book is a welcome addition to the libraries of all who love exploring and appreciating Cape Cod.

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