Held annually since 1973, the 7-mile Falmouth Road Race from Woods Hole to Falmouth Heights draws an average of 11,000 runners each year. This year’s race kicks off Sunday, August 16.

Another big event held at the Cape Cod Fairgrounds is the Cape Cod Scallop Festival, which serves an estimated 50,000 people each year. This year’s festivities—the 46th annual—are scheduled for September 18 to 20.

More than 4,500 students visit Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), the world’s largest non-profit oceanographic research institute, each year. Tour the facility on weekdays in July and August.

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The festive Falmouth Christmas Parade made its way down Main Street for the 51st time in 2014. Held annually in December, the parade includes decorated floats, marching bands, and an appearance by Santa Claus!

Operated by Mass Audubon, the Ashumet Holly Wildlife Sanctuary is known for its 65 varieties of holly trees. At the heart of the property is a coastal plain pond that’s home to more than 30 dragonfly species.

The Woods Hole Film Festival consists of eight days of screenings, workshops, panel discussions, and more. This year’s festival, which highlights first-time and New England filmmakers, runs July 25 to August 1.

The Woods Hole Science Aquarium features 140 marine animals, all hailing from the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic waters. Open year-round. Watch the seals feed, most days at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Bourne Farm is a survivor of an endangered species: an 18th-century farm of modest size in a quickly developing area. The 37.73-acre farm, adjacent to 14 more acres of protected woodlands, offers a peaceful spot for a stroll.