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Orleans Firebirds: Your Guide to Cape Cod's Outer Cape Baseball Experience

A free field guide from the people who actually live here.



Eldredge Park in Orleans has a fair claim to being the most beautiful setting in the Cape Cod Baseball League — a natural bowl where fans watch from a grassy hillside sloping down to the field, the kind of place where a summer sunset behind the outfield can steal the show from the game. Home to the Orleans Firebirds, it’s the CCBL stop for anyone staying on the Outer Cape, near the National Seashore and the great Atlantic-side beaches. Here’s the guide.

The Cape League, in brief

The Cape Cod Baseball League is the top summer collegiate wood-bat league in the country — where elite college players spend the summer being scouted by every MLB team. **A large share of today’s major-leaguers played on the Cape.** Admission is **free** (donations passed in a hat), players live with host families, and the season runs mid-June through early August with playoffs.

The Firebirds and Eldredge Park

The Firebirds (long known as the Cardinals before a rebrand) play at **Eldredge Park in Orleans** — famous for its **natural grass amphitheater**, where fans spread blankets on the hillside above the field. It’s one of the most photographed and best-loved settings in the league, and the Outer Cape location makes it the natural pick if you’re staying around Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, or the National Seashore.

Detail	Info
Ballpark	Eldredge Park, Orleans
Known for	Grassy-hillside amphitheater setting
League	Cape Cod Baseball League
Season	Mid-June to early August + playoffs
Admission	Free (donations)

How to enjoy a Firebirds game

- **Bring a blanket** — Eldredge Park’s hillside is made for it; claim a spot on the slope early.
- **Come early for batting practice** and to settle in as the light gets good.
- **Cash for donations, the snack bar, and the raffle** — the free league runs on it.
- **Kids and foul balls, players and autographs** — the classic Cape League evening.
- **Stay for the sunset** — the light over Eldredge Park is part of the experience.

Pair it with an Outer Cape day

Orleans is the gateway to the best of the Outer Cape: - **Nauset Beach and Skaket Beach** — big Atlantic surf on one side, calm bay sunsets on the other. - **Cape Cod National Seashore** just up the road — trails, dunes, and the wildest beaches on the Cape. - **The Cape Cod Rail Trail** runs through Orleans; bike to dinner and the game.

Practical notes

- **Check the schedule** — home dates vary through the summer.
- **Rainouts happen** on the Outer Cape as anywhere; confirm before you drive.
- **Early August playoffs** at Eldredge Park, under the lights on that hillside, are a special Cape night if the Firebirds are in it.

Don't miss: a blanket on the Eldredge Park hillside at sunset. Watching free, world-class amateur baseball from a grassy slope as the sky goes pink over the Outer Cape is one of the most quietly perfect experiences the whole Cape offers — and it's the Firebirds' signature.

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