



AUGUST 2022 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Programs meet at the Houghton's Pond Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Inclement weather may cancel programs. To confirm or for more information call (857) 208-8498. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID).

Tuesdays in August **Family Nature Exploration, 9:00 am—10:00 am**
On Saturday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.
August 2 & 30—Eastern Bluebirds: Think outside of the box and learn about the renaissance of our beautiful Bluebirds.
August 9 & 23—Whitetail Deer: Pushed to the brink of extinction whitetail deer are back. But their growing populations are now a threat to the forest and to themselves.
August 16—Cottontail Rabbits: Rabbits play an important role in a forest community but they also thrive in your own backyard. Come and learn all about these fluffy survivors.

Tuesdays in August **Exploring the Blue Hills, 2:30 pm—4:00 pm**
On Tuesday afternoons, explore the lesser seen parts of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.
August 2 & 16— Chickatawbut Hill: See the second highest point in the Blue Hills and the stone tower built by the CCC. *Meets at Chickatawbut Road Parking Area.*
August 9 & 23—Little Blue Hill: Explore the western most hill in the Blue Hills, with a gentle hike to the summit of Little Blue. *Meets at Park & Ride Lot 2991 on 138 in Canton.*
August 30—Railway Quarry: Come see the granite cliffs of the old Railway Quarry and see Boston from the summit. *Meets at Parking Lot on Ricciuti Drive in Quincy.*

Wednesdays in August **History in the Hills, 9:00 am—10:30 am**
On Wednesday mornings, learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. For adults and children over 12.
August 3 & 31— The Tree Army: During the Great Depression, FDR sent millions of young men to build up and regrow the parks of America. Come learn their incredible story here in the Blue Hills. Accessible lecture at Visitor Center.
August 10 & 24— Colonial Farmers: Farming these rocky hills has never been easy. Learn how colonial farmers dealt with challenges and changed the landscape in their quest to make a new home. Accessible lecture at Visitor Center.
August 17— Bakers Chocolate: Learn how Bakers Chocolate transformed the Lower Mills economy and what became of their bitter-sweet legacy. Accessible lecture at Visitor Center.

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Wednesdays
in August

Junior Rangers, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm

On Wednesday afternoons, sharpen your nature skills and come be a Junior Ranger of Blue Hills Reservation. Suitable for ages 7-12 with an adult.

August 3—Bird Song ID: Who's making all that beautiful music when you walk in the woods? Come and find out who these mini maestros are and how to tell them apart next time you hear their symphony

August 10 & 24—Animal Detectives: Animal tracks tell the story of wildlife in the forest—where they go, what they eat, and who's trying to eat them. Learn how to tell what these animals are up to when no one is around.

August 17 & 31— Tree ID: There are many species of trees in the Blue Hills. Learn how to tell them apart, how they relate to one another, what they can tell us about the forest.

Friday
August 12,
19 & 26

Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am—11:00 am

Join us for a nature crafts and nature facts! Each week we will feature a different nature theme and a craft on that theme. Suitable for ages 4-10 with an adult.

Saturdays in
August

Family Nature Exploration, 10:00 am—11:00 am

On Saturday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

August 6 & 20—Volcanic Granite, Hundreds of millions of years ago the Blue Hills was a raging volcano. Come join us for a geological hike learn about the granite it left behind and how people have used that marvelous stone since.

August 13 & 27— Raccoons: A Thief in the Night, Raccoons are more than dumpster divers, they are true survivors. Raccoons have lived alongside humans for thousands of years. Discover how they've adapted to thrive in the modern world.

Saturday
August 6, 13
& 27

Nice and Easy Hiking Series, 1:00 pm—2:30 pm

Looking to get outdoors and take a gentle, guided hike in the beautiful Blue Hills? Join us for our weekly series of leisurely paced nature hikes (1.5-3 miles long). Learn about nature at your own pace and make some friends along the way. All ages.

coming events