



AUGUST 2026 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodation is available upon request. Programs meet at the Houghton’s Pond Visitor Center, 840 Hillside St, Milton, MA, unless otherwise noted. Inclement weather may cancel programs. To confirm or for more information call (857) 208-8498.



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Tuesdays 10:30–11:30am Aug. 11 & 25	Nature’s Classroom Families learn all about local nature on gentle, one-mile walks. August 11 & 25 - Talking Trees The trees are talking! Trees are living beings and have strange and fascinating ways to cooperate and communicate with each other. Learn what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen. 1-mile walk.
Tuesdays 2:00–3:30pm Aug. 11 & 25	Exploring the Blue Hills Explore the hidden treasures of the Blue Hills! Join us on this revolving series of hikes through some of our beautiful but lesser-known trails. We hike between 2.5 and 5 miles over moderate trails. Suitable for adults and children 8 and up. Please bring water and dress for the weather
Wednesdays 2:00–3:00pm Aug. 5, 12,19 & 25	Wellness in the Woods Join us for a quiet and contemplative forest mindfulness program in the peaceful and beautiful Blue Hills. De-stress and reconnect with nature on this slow and gentle 1.1-mile meditative forest walk. Adults and children and up.
Thursday 9:30–11:00am Aug. 6 & 20	History in the Hills Learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible lectures for adults and children 12 and up. The Tree Army During the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt sent millions of young men to improve and expand the parks of America. Come learn their incredible story..
Thursdays 2:00–3:00 pm Aug. 6, 13, & 20	Summer Strolls Come experience sudden summer in the Blue Hills! August 6, 13, & 20 — Bird Song for Beginners Who’s making all that beautiful music in the woods? Find out who these mini-maestros are and how to tell them apart when you hear their symphony. All ages 1.1-mile walk.

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Coming events



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Fridays

10:00–11:00 am
Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28

Kidleidoscope

Join us for a nature craft and nature facts! Each week we will feature a different nature theme, story, and craft on that theme. Suitable for ages 2-5 with an adult.

Saturdays

10–11:30 am
Aug. 8, 15 & 22

Nice and Easy Hiking Series

Looking to get outdoors and take a gentle, guided hike? Join our series of leisurely paced hikes (1.5-3 miles). Enjoy nature at your own pace and make some new friends.

Saturday

1:00–2:00 pm
Aug. 8, 15 & 25

Nature’s Classroom

Come learn all about nature on gentle, one-mile walks in the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

August 8 & 22 — I Spy Fungi

Discover the mysterious and hidden world of fungi! They are crucial for all life on earth. Learn how they are much more than just beautiful and sometimes deadly mushrooms.

August 15 —Raptor Rhapsody

Birds of prey soar over Massachusetts, regulating the health of our ecosystems, but their survival has become increasingly threatened by human actions. Discover what can do today to save our remarkable raptors.

**SPECIAL
EVENTS**

Saturday

1:00-3:00 pm
Aug. 1

Southeastern Massachusetts Adult Walking Club: Bugbee Path Hike

A 3.5-mile, moderately graded Bugbee Path hike. Rocky but wide trails, finishing on a portion of Old 128 where we will see evidence of a beaver pond. Meets at the Houghton’s Pond Visitor Center: 860 Hillside Street, Milton. (857) 208-8498.

Saturday

9:00am - 12:00 pm
Aug. 29

Leave No Trace Community Clean Up

Leave No Trace, the Friends of the Blue Hills, and DCR are partnering to promote stewardship and work with volunteers to clean up beautiful Houghton’s Pond. Meets at the Houghton’s Pond Visitor Center: 860 Hillside Street, Milton. (857) 208-8498.