



# MARCH 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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Coming events

## Tuesdays

**10:30–11:30am**

March 3, 10 &  
17

### Nature’s Classroom

On Tuesday mornings, learn all about nature. For families and curious adults.

#### March 3 & 17 — I Spy Fungi

Discover the mysterious and hidden world of fungi. They are more than just beautiful (and sometimes deadly) mushrooms – they’re crucial for all life on earth! A gentle 1-mile walk.

#### March 10 — Fire in the Hills

Forest fires have shaped these hills for as long as humans have lived here. Discover the history of fires in the Blue Hills, what was done to fight them, and what impact climate change means our future. A gentle 2-mile walk.

## Tuesdays

**2:30–4:00pm**

March 3, 10 &  
17

### Exploring the Blue Hills

Explore the lesser-seen parts of the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

#### March 3 & 17 — Houghton Pond Walk

Enjoy a restful and rejuvenating heart healthy, 1.5-mile hike around Houghton’s Pond and Old 128.

#### March 10 — Burnt Hill Path Hike

Explore the hidden trails behind Houghton’s Pond. About a 2.5-mile easy to moderate hike. Bring water and dress for the weather.

## Wednesdays

**2:00–3:00pm**

March 4 & 18

### Wellness in the Woods

Join us for quiet and contemplative sensory exploration program in the beautiful and peaceful Blue Hills. De-stress and reconnect with nature on this slow and gentle 1.1-mile forest meditation walk. Adults and children 10 and up.

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**Thursdays**  
**9:30–11:00am**  
March 5, 12 &  
19

## History in the Hills

Learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible lectures for adults and children 12 and up.

### March 5 & 19 — The Tree Army

Charles Eliot was a dreamer. He dreamed what public parks could be and worked to create the Emerald Necklace, the Trustees of Reservations, the Metropolitan Parks Commission (now the DCR), and Blue Hills Reservation.

### March 12 — Baker’s Chocolate

Baker’s Chocolate transformed Milton and Dorchester’s economy and were leaders in the Industrial Revolution and in advancing modern advertisement. We will also explore some of the darker elements of the bitter-sweet legacy of Baker’s Chocolate.

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**2:00–3:00 pm**  
March 5, 12 &  
19

## Winter Wonders Adventure

Experience winter on a gentle 1.1-mile walk. For all ages.

### March 5 & 19 — Hibernation Holiday

Ever wonder where snakes, turtles, and other cold-blooded animals go when the temperature and the snow falls? Come find out on this fun and informative program.

### March 12 — Winter Wonders

The plants of Massachusetts are adapted to hard winters, like the evergreen plants we’ll discover on this walk.

**Fridays**  
**10:00–11:00 am**  
March 6, 13 &  
20

## 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.

**Saturday**  
**9:00–10:00 am**  
March 7

## Family Nature Exploration

For families and curious adults.

### March 7 — 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 we can do today to save our raptors.

**Saturdays**  
**1:00–2:30 pm**  
March 7 & 21

## 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!

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## SPECIAL EVENT

**Saturday and  
Sunday**  
**10:00 am–  
3:00 pm**  
March 14 & 15

### **Maple Sugar Days**

Join us for a fun and informative guided exploration into all things maple sugar! Learn how trees are tapped and practice drilling yourself, and finish your tour inside our aromatic sugar shack where you will see (and smell!) just how maple syrup is made! Families and curious adults are welcome.

**Registration is required.** Visit [mass.gov/dcr/bluehills](https://mass.gov/dcr/bluehills) for more information.

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