



# OCTOBER 2022 PROGRAMS

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coming events

Saturdays  
October 1,  
15 & 22

## FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION, 10:00am—11:00 am

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

### October 1 & 22—A Murder Most Fowl

Crows are remarkably social and intelligent animals. These clever birds have long been a source of fascination and lore. See how different cultures have viewed crows throughout history and how these myths are often supported by the newest science.

### October 15—I Spy Fungi

Explore the mysterious world of mushrooms and hidden lives of fungi. Fungi are among the largest and oldest living things on earth. They have strange ways, and beautiful and sometimes deadly expressions in their mushrooms. We will see mushroom bounty on the forest floor and learn to identify some common types of mushrooms. *Note: This is not a mushroom harvesting program nor will edible mushrooms be identified.*

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## NICE & 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 to 3 miles long). Learn about nature at your own pace and make some friends along the way. All ages.

Tuesdays  
October 4,  
11, 18 & 25

## FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION, 10:00am —11:00am

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

### October 4 & 18—Talking Trees

The story of the forest is told in its trees. They are living beings with sometimes strange and fascinating ways to communicate. Learn what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen.

### October 11 & 25—White-tailed Deer: To the Brink & Back

Pushed to the brink of extinction, white-tailed deer are back. But their growing populations are now a threat to the forest and themselves. Learn how the natural place of deer in our ecosystem has been disrupted and what can be done to help.

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## EXPLORING THE BLUE HILLS, 2:30 pm—4:00 pm

On Tuesday afternoons, explore the lesser seen parts of Blue Hills Reservation. Best for adults and children 13+ years.

**October 4 & 18—St. Moritz Pond:** Explore beautiful St. Moritz Pond and rocky Rattlesnake Hill on this 3.2-mile moderately difficult walk with very little elevation gain/loss.

*Meet at Shea Rink Parking Lot at 651 Willard Street in Quincy.*

**October 11 & 25—Railway Quarry:** Come see the granite cliffs of the old Railway Quarry and see Boston from the summit on this 1.5-mile easy walk with very little elevation gain/loss. *Meet at parking lot on Ricciuti Drive in Quincy.*

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- Wednesdays**    **HISTORY IN THE HILLS, 9:00 am—10:30 am**  
**October 5, 12, 19, & 26**    On Wednesday mornings, discover the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible for all adults and children 12+ years.
- October 5 & 19—The Tree Army:** During the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent out millions of young men to build and improve the parks of America. Come hear their incredible story here in the Blue Hills.
- October 12 & 26—Bakers Chocolate:** Learn how Bakers Chocolate transformed Dorchester's economy and what became of their bitter-sweet legacy.
- Wednesdays**    **AUTUMN ADVENTURES, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm**  
**October 5, 12, 19, & 26**    Join us on our awesome autumn adventures in the Blue Hills!
- October 5 & 19—Marsh Madness:** Explore lovely Marigold Marsh—vital habitat and home to many birds and reptiles as they make their preparations for winter. All ages.
- October 12 & 26—Fall Foliage Foray:** See autumn's red blaze (and yellow and orange, too!) on a lovely, one-mile stroll around Houghton's Pond. All ages.
- Thursdays**    **GREAT BLUE YONDER HIKE, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm**  
**October 6, 13, 20, & 27**    **Meets at Trailside Museum Parking Lot**
- Join us on a moderately difficult 1.3-mile hike with some elevation at the start. Hike to the highest point in Massachusetts south of Boston and enjoy the majestic views from the top of Great Blue Hill. Suitable for adults with hiking experience. Bring drinking water. Rain cancels.
- Fridays**    **KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:00 am—11:00 am**  
**October 14, 21, 28**    Join us for 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.



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