



# Blue Hills Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## JULY 2022 PROGRAMS

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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).

- Fridays,  
July 1, 15, 22,  
& 29**

**Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am—11:00 am**  
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.
- Saturdays in  
July**

**Family Nature Exploration, 10:00 am—11:00 am**  
On Saturday mornings, explore the natural side of the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.  
**July 2 & 23— A Murder Most Fowl:** American 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 latest science.  
**June 9 & 30—Talking Trees:** The story of the forest is told in its trees. They are living beings and have strange and fascinating ways to communicate with one another. Learn what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen.
- Saturdays  
July 2, 9 & 30**

**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
- Tuesdays in  
July**

**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.  
**July 5 & 19— 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. Learn about their remarkable adaptations that let them thrive in the modern and urban world.  
**July 12 & 26—Volcanic Granite:** Hundreds of millions of years ago the Blue Hills was a raging volcano. Join us for a geological hike in this extinct volcano and learn about the granite it left behind and how people have used that marvelous stone for hundreds of years.

### MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

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840 Hillside Street, Milton, MA 02186. Tel. (617) 698-1802

coming events



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Tuesdays in  
July

**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.

**July 5 & 19— St. Moritz Pond:** Explore beautiful St. Moritz pond and rocky Rattlesnake Hill. *Meets at Shea Rink Parking Lot at 651 Willard Street in Quincy.*

**July 12 & 26—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 Route 138 in Canton.*

Wednesdays  
in July

**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.

**July 6 & 20— Fire in the Blue Hills:** Fire has impacted the lives of humans for hundreds of years in these hills. Join us for a hike to a recent forest fire and learn about the history of fire in these hills and the challenges we face from fire today.

**July 13 and 27— Colonial Farmers:** Farming in 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.

Wednesdays  
in July

**Junior Rangers, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm**

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

**July 6 & 27— Tree ID:** There are many species of trees in the Blue Hills. Learn how to tell them apart, how they relate to one another, and what they can tell us about the forest.

**July 13—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. We will learn how to tell what these animals are up to when no one is around.

**July 20—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.

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