



# MAY 2022 PROGRAMS

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| <b>Tuesdays,<br/>May 3<br/>May 24</b>      | <b>The Evolution of Conservation, 9:00 am-10:30 am</b><br>This is the story of how Charles Elliot created the Blue Hills and how Franklin Roosevelt remade them with the Civilian Conservation Corp. Learn how these men transformed conservation and how we can carry on their legacy today. For adults.                                    |
| <b>Wednesdays<br/>in May</b>               | <b>Off the Beaten Path Hike, 9:00 am—11:00 am</b><br>Each week we will explore a different hidden gem inside the beautiful and diverse Blue Hills Reservation on a guided hike. Hikes range from 3 to 5 miles. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. Ages 12 and up.   |
| <b>Wednesdays<br/>May 4 and<br/>May 18</b> | <b>Vernal Pool Exploration, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm</b><br>Things are hopping down at the vernal pools of the Blue Hills. Spring peepers, Red-winged Blackbirds, painted turtles and many more creatures live on and near these seasonal wetlands. Come explore these amazing habitats and experience the sights and sounds of Spring. For all ages. |
| <b>Thursdays<br/>May 5, 12,<br/>19, 26</b> | <b>Great Blue Yonder Hike, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm</b><br><b>Meet at Trailside Museum Parking Lot</b><br>Join us for a vigorous hike to the highest summit in MA south of Boston and enjoy the majestic views from the top of Great Blue Hill. For experienced adult hikers. Please bring drinking water, a snack and appropriate footwear.          |
| <b>Fridays<br/>May 6, 20, 27</b>           | <b>Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am—11:00 am</b><br>Join us each week 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 years with an adult.   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>May 7</b>                  | <b>Turtle Trek, 10:00 am—11:00 am</b><br>Turtles are amazing! Many species make their home throughout the Blue Hills. On this all-ages program we will learn about turtles and their behavior as well as how to identify different species of local turtles and maybe see some ourselves!  |

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| <b>Saturdays</b><br><b>May 7, 21, 28</b> | <b>Nice and Easy Hiking Series, 1:00 pm—2:30 pm</b><br>Looking to get outdoors and take a gentle, guided hike in the beautiful Blue Hills? Come 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. Bring drinking water. For all ages. |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>May 10</b>          | <b>A Murder Most Fowl, 9:00 am—10:30 am</b><br>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. For ages 8+ years.                      |
| <b>Wednesdays</b><br><b>May 11, 25</b>   | <b>Pond Wander 3:00 pm—4:00 pm</b><br>Join us for a fun and informative one-mile walk around Houghton's Pond and explore springtime in the Blue Hills! Suitable for all ages and experience levels.  |
| <b>Tuesdays</b><br><b>May 17, 31</b>     | <b>Talking Trees, 9:00 am—10:30 am</b><br>The story of the forest is told in its trees. Trees 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. For ages 8+ years.  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>May 21</b>         | <b>Birdsongs For Beginners, 10:00 am—11:00 am</b><br>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. For all ages.   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>May 28</b>         | <b>Animal Detectives, 1:00 pm—2:30 pm</b><br>Animal tracks tell the story of wildlife in the forest—where they go, what they eat, and who's trying to eat them. On this fun, all-ages program we will learn how to tell what these animals are up to when no one is around.  |

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