



APRIL 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

April 14, 21 &
28

Nature’s Classroom

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

April 14 & 28 — Turtle Trek

Turtles are truly incredible animals! Many species make their home throughout the Blue Hills. We will learn about these turtles, their behavior, and how to identify different species of local turtles and maybe see some ourselves.

April 21 — 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!

Tuesdays

2:00–3:30pm

April 14, 21 &
28

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 used 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

April 15, 22 &
29

Wellness in the Woods

Join us for a quiet and contemplative forest bathing program in the peaceful and beautiful 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

Thursday

2:00–3:00pm

April 30

History in the Hills

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

First People of the Hills

How did First Peoples live here? We respectfully explore the lives, culture, and practices of the Massachusetts People, before and after European contact, as well as discuss the vital role they still play in our society today

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Thursdays
2:00–3:00 pm
April 23 & 30

Vernal Adventures

Come experience unfolding spring in the Blue Hills!

April 30 — Marsh Madness

The lovely Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds and reptiles that have returned (or re-emerged!) after the long winter. All ages 1-mile, gentle walk.

April 23— Bird Song for Beginners:

Who’s making that beautiful music in the woods? Find out who these mini-maestros are and how to tell them apart when you hear their songs. All ages 1.1-mile, gentle walk.

Fridays
10:00–11:00 am
April 17 & 24

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
April 18 & 25

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April 18 — I Spy Fungi

Discover the mysterious and hidden world of fungi! Fungi are crucial for all life on earth. Come learn how fungi are much more than just beautiful and sometimes deadly mushrooms on this gentle 1-mile walk.

April 25 — 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. Learn how to tell what these animals do when no one is around.

Saturdays
1:00–2:30 pm
April 18 & 25

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 too!

SPECIAL EVENT

Wednesday
10:00-11:00 am
April 22

Talking Trees: An Earth Day Celebration!

The trees are talking! No kidding! 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 learn how to listen. 1.1-miles.