

April 2024 PROGRAMS

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.



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Tuesday

April 9, 16,
23, & 30

Nature’s Classroom, 10:30 am—11:30 am

On Tuesday mornings we will learn all about the natural side of the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

April 9 & 23 — Raccoons: Thieves in the Night:

Raccoons are more than dumpster divers, they are survivors. Raccoons have long lived alongside humans. Because of some remarkable adaptations, they now thrive in the modern world.

April 16 & 30 — Fox Talks

The clever red and gray foxes of the Blue Hills adapt to the changing seasons and make their home here in unexpected ways. Learn about their behavior and the signs of their silent comings and goings.

Tuesday

April 9, 16,
23, & 30

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.

April 9 & 23 — Burnt Hill and Beyond

Explore the hidden trails behind Houghton’s Pond. **Meet at the Visitor Center at 840 Hillside Street, Milton.**

April 16 & 30 — Beyond the Pond

Join us for a restful and rejuvenating heart healthy, 1.5-mile hike around Houghton’s Pond and Old 128. **Meet at the Visitor Center at 840 Hillside Street, Milton.**

Wednesday

April 17

Great Blue Yonder Hike, 2:30 pm—4:00 pm

Meets at Trailside Museum Parking Lot.

Join us on a moderate hike to the highest point in MA south of Boston and enjoy the majestic views from the top of Great Blue Hill. Suitable for adults with hiking experience.

Thursday

April 11, 18,
& 25

History in the Hills, 9:30 am—11:00 am

On Thursday mornings, learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible lectures for adults and children over 12.

April 11 & 25 — First People of the Hills:

What was life like in these hills before Europeans arrived? How did the First Peoples here live? We will respectfully explore the lives, culture and practices of the Massachusetts People, before and after European contact, as well as there lives in the Commonwealth today.

April 18 — Charles Eliot’s Dream

Charles Eliot was a dreamer. He dreamed what public parks could be and worked to create the Emerald Necklace, the Trustees of the Reservation, and the Metropolitan Parks Commission (now the DCR), as well as the Blue Hills Reservation. Explore the remarkable and tragic life and lasting legacy of one of the founding fathers of Massachusetts conservation.

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coming events

APRIL 2024 PROGRAMS

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Thursday April 11, 18, & 25	<p>Vernal Adventures, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm Come experience the rebirth of Spring in the Blue Hills!</p> <p>April 11 & 25 —Wellness in the Wilderness: Join us for quiet and contemplative forest bathing 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.</p> <p>April 18 — Marsh Madness: Lovely Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds, amphibians, and reptiles and the return from migration or hibernation. Discover the wonderful world of a fresh water wetland. All ages.</p>
Friday April 12, 19, & 26	<p>Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am—11:00 am 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.</p>
Saturday April 13, 20, & 27	<p>Family Nature Exploration, 9:30 am—10:30 am On Saturday mornings, explore what nature has to offer in the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.</p> <p>April 13 & 27 —Talking Trees: The trees are talking! No kidding! Trees are living beings and have strange and fascinating ways to cooperate and communicate with one another. Learn what these silent giants can tell us if we learn how to listen</p> <p>April 20 — 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 many myths are supported by scientific research.</p>
Saturday April 13, 20, & 27	<p>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.</p>

SPECIAL HIKES

Sunday April 21	<p>SE MA ADULT WALKING CLUB HIKE, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm</p> <p>Moderate 3 mile walk with some hills. <i>Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot, 1880 Canton Ave. Milton MA</i></p>
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