

# July 2025 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 (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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<b>Tuesday</b> <b>July 1, 8, 15,</b> <b>22 &amp; 29</b>	<b>Nature’s Classroom, 10:30 am—11:30 am</b> On Tuesday mornings we will learn all about nature in the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.  <b>July 1, 15 &amp; 29 — A Murder Most Fowl</b> Crows are remarkably social and intelligent animals. These clever birds have long been a source of fascination and lore. Learn how different cultures have viewed crows throughout history and how these myths are often supported by the latest scientific research. All ages 1.1-mile, gentle walk.  <b>July 8 &amp; 22 — Turtle Trek</b> Turtles are truly 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 on this gentle 1-mile walk.
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>July 1, 8, 15,</b> <b>22 &amp; 29</b>	<b>Exploring the Blue Hills, 2:30 pm—4:00 pm</b> On Tuesday afternoons, explore the lesser seen parts of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.  <b>July 1, 15 &amp; 29 — Houghton Pond and Beyond</b> Join us for a restful and rejuvenating heart healthy, 1.5-mile hike around Houghton’s Pond and Old 128.  <b>July 8 &amp; 22— Burnt Hill Path Hike</b> Explore the hidden trails behind Houghton’s Pond. About a 2.5-mile easy to moderate hike. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather.
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>July 2 &amp; 16</b>	<b>Wellness in the Wilderness, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm</b> 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.
<b>Thursday</b> <b>July 3, 10, &amp;</b> <b>24</b>	<b>History in the Hills, 9:30 am—11:00 am</b> On Thursday mornings, learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible lectures for adults and children over 12.  <b>July 3 &amp; 24 — First People of the Hills</b> How did First Peoples live here? We will 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. Accessible seated lecture at Visitor Center.  <b>July 10 — Colonial Farmers</b> Farming in these rocky Blue Hills has never been easy. Learn how colonial farmers dealt with the challenges and changed the landscape in their quest to make a new home among the hills. Accessible seated lecture at Visitor Center.

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coming events

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- Thursday  
July 3, 17, &  
24

**Summer Strolls, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm**  
Come experience the beauty of high summer sin the Blue Hills!

**July 3 & 17— Bird Song for Beginners:**  
Who’s making all that beautiful music in the woods? Find out who these mini-maestros are and how to tell them apart when you hear their symphony. All ages 1.1-mile, gentle walk.

**July 24 — Marsh Madness**  
The lovely Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds and reptiles, learn how they are making their preparations for winter. All ages 1.1-mile, gentle walk.
- Friday  
July 4, 11, 18,  
& 25

**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.
- Saturday  
July 5, 12, 19  
& 26

**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.

**July 5 & 19 — Fire in the Hills**  
Forest fires have impacted these hills for as long as humans have lived here. Discover the history of fires in the Blue Hills, what was done right and wrong to fight them, and what impact climate change has for fighting fires in Massachusetts in the future. A gentle, all-ages 2-mile walk.

**July 12 & 26 — Volcanic Granite**  
Hundreds of millions of years ago the Blue Hills was a raging volcano. Join us for a geological hike on this extinct volcano and learn about the granite that volcano eft behind and how people have used that marvelous stone for thousands of years. A gentle, all-ages 2-mile walk.
- Saturday  
July 5, 19 &  
26

**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.

## SPECIAL EVENT

- Saturday,  
July 12

**Southeastern Walking Club: Ponkapoag Pond  
1:00 pm—3:30 pm**  
Moderate 5-mile hike around beautiful Ponkapoag Pond over gentle, rolling terrain. Meet at Ponkapoag Public Golf Course; 2167 Washington Street, Canton. For more information please call 857-208-8498

