



July 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.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
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Coming events

Tuesdays

10:30–11:30am

July 7, 14, 21 &
28

Nature's Classroom

Come learn all about nature on a gentle walk in the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

July 7 & 21— Volcanic Granite

Hundreds of millions of years ago the Blue Hills was an erupting volcano. Take a geological hike on this extinct volcano and learn how people have used this marvelous stone for thousands of years. 1-mile walk, mostly flat.

July 14 & 28 — Fire in the Hills

Forest fires have impacted the lives of humans for as long as there have been humans in these hills. Discover the history of fires in the Blue Hills, what was done right and wrong to fight them, and what challenges climate change poses in the future. 2-mile walk, some small hills.

Tuesdays

2:00–3:30pm

July 7, 14, 21 &
28

Exploring the Blue Hills

Explore the hidden treasures of the Blue Hills! This series of hikes takes you on beautiful lesser-known trails. We hike between 2.5 and 5 miles over moderate terrain. For adults and children 8+. Bring water and dress for the weather

Wednesdays

2:00–3:00pm

July 1, 8, 15, 22
& 29

Wellness in the Woods

Enjoy 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 and 10+.

Thursday

2:00–3:00pm

July 2 & 30

History in the Hills

Learn the history of Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible lectures for adults and kids 12+. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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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Coming events

Thursdays
2:00–3:00 pm
July 2, 9, 23 & 30

Summer Strolls

Come experience summer in the Blue Hills!

July 2, 16 & 30 — Marsh Madness

The lovely Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds, reptiles, and rare plants. Discover the wonders of a freshwater marsh. All ages 1-mile walk.

July 9 & 23 — 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 walk.

Fridays
10:00–11:00 am
July 10, 17, 24 & 31

Kidleidoscope

Join us for a nature craft and nature facts! Each week features a different nature theme, story, and craft on that theme. Suitable for ages 2-5 with an adult.

Saturday
9:00–10:00 am
July 11 & 25

Nature's Classroom

Come learn all about nature on a gentle, 1-mile walk in the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

July 11 & 25 — 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!

Saturdays
1:00–2:30 pm
July 11 & 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 along the way!

SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday
1:00-3:00 pm
August 1

Southeastern Massachusetts Adult Walking Club: Bugbee Path Hike

A 3.5-mile hike on moderately graded Bugbee Path hike. Rocky but wide trails, finishing on a portion of Old 128 where we will see evidence of a beaver pond. Meet at the Houghton's Pond Visitor Center: 860 Hillside Street, Milton. (857) 208-8498.