

# June 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 (860 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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Saturdays  
June 1, 8, 15  
& 29

**Family Nature Exploration, 9:30 am—10:30 am**  
On Saturday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

**June 1, 15—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 these myths are often supported by the latest scientific research.

**June 8 & 29— I Spy Fungi:** Come learn about the mysterious and hidden world of fungi. Ancient in the extreme, fungi are crucial to nearly all life on earth. Fungi are much more than just beautiful and sometimes deadly mushrooms.

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**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. All ages.

Tuesdays

**Nature’s Classroom, 10:30 am—11:30 am**  
On Tuesday mornings, explore the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

**June 4 & 18—Turtle Trek:** 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.

**June 11 & 25—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 left behind and how people have used that marvelous stone for thousands of years.

Tuesdays

**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.

**June 4 & 18—Burnt Hill and Beyond:** Explore the hidden trails behind Houghton’s Pond. *Meet at the Visitor Center.*

**June 11 & 25—Heart Healthy Hike** Come and join us for a restful and rejuvenating heart healthy, 1.1-mile hike around Houghton’s Pond. *Meet at the Visitor Center.*

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- Wednesdays  
June 12 & 26

**Wellness in the Woods, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm**  
Join us for this 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.
- Thursdays  
June 6, 20 & 27

**History in the Hills, 9:30 am—11:00 am**  
On Wednesday mornings, learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. For adults and children over 12.  
**June 6 & 27—First People of the Hills:** What was life like in these hills before Europeans? How did First Peoples live here? We will respectfully explore the lives, culture and practices of the Massachusett 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.  
**June 20—Colonial Farmers:** Farming in these rocky 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.
- Thursdays  
June 6, 20 & 27

**Summer Nature Strolls, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm**  
Summer is here, and the time is right to go hiking in the Hills!  
**June 6 & 27—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.  
**June 20—Marsh Madness:** Lovely Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds, amphibians, and reptiles, as they beat the heat and soak in the sun. Come discover the wonderful world of a fresh water wetland. All ages.
- Fridays

**Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am—11:00 am**  
Join us for nature crafts and nature facts! Each week we will feature a different nature theme, story, and a craft on that theme. Suitable for ages 2-6 with an adult.

