



MAY 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

May 5, 12, 19 &
26

Nature's Classroom

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

May 5 & 19— Talking Trees

The trees are talking! Trees are living beings and have fascinating ways to cooperate with one another. Learn what these silent giants can tell us if we listen. 1.1-miles.

May 12 & 26 — Crows: A Murder Most Fowl

Crows are social and intelligent animals. These clever birds have long been a source of fascination and lore. Discover all the remarkable things crows do. 1.1-miles.

Tuesdays

2:00–3:30pm

May 5, 12, 19 &
26

Exploring the Blue Hills

This series goes through some beautiful but less-used trails. We hike between 2.5 and 5 miles over moderate trails. For adults, children 8+. Bring water and dress for the weather.

Wednesdays

2:00–3:00pm

May 6, 13, 20 &
27

Wellness in the Woods

Join us for a quiet and contemplative forest mindfulness 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

9:30–11:00am

May 7, 14, 21 &
28

History in the Hills

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

May 7 & 21- The Tree Army

During the Great Depression, President Roosevelt sent millions of young men out to build and improve the parks of America. Their legacy is alive today in the Blue Hills.

May 14 & 28 - Charles Eliot's Dream

Landscape Architect Charles Eliot had a dream to protect the beautiful natural resources of Massachusetts. The Blue Hills and the Emerald Necklace are the fruits of that dream. Explore the life and legacy of this remarkable individual.

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Thursdays
2:00–3:00pm
May 7, 14, 21 &
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Vernal Adventures
Come experience unfolding spring in the Blue Hills!

May 7 & 21 — 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.

May 14 & 28 — 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.

Fridays
10:00–11:00am
May 1, 8, 15, 22
& 29

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
9:00–10:00am
May 2, 9, 16, 23
& 30

Nature’s Classroom
Learn all about nature on a gentle, one-mile walks in the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

May 2, 16 & 30 — 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

May 9 & 23 — 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
1:00–2:30pm
May 2, 9, 23 &
30

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
1:00-3:30pm
May 16

Southeastern Adult Walking Club: Buck Hill
Join a challenging, moderately paced 4.5-mile hike to the summit of Buck Hill and back. See one of the prettiest views in Massachusetts. Meet at Houghton’s Pond Visitor Center, 840 Hillside St., Milton.