



OCTOBER 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
Oct. 6, 13, 20

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

October 6 & 20 — Animal Detectives
Animal tracks tell the story of wildlife in the forest: where they go, what they eat, and who’s trying to eat them. Learn how to tell what these animals do when no one is around.

October 13 — 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.

Tuesdays
2:30–4:00pm
Oct. 6, 13, 20

Exploring the Blue Hills
Explore the hidden treasures of the Blue Hills! Join us on this revolving series of hikes through some of our beautiful but lesser-known trails. We hike between 2.5 and 5 miles over moderate trails. Suitable for adults and children 8 and up. Please bring water and dress for the weather.

Wednesdays
2:00–3:00pm
Oct. 7, 14, 21

Wellness in the Woods
Join us for quiet and contemplative forest relaxation 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
9:30–11:00am
Oct. 8, 15

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

October 8, 15 — 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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Thursdays
2:00–3:00 pm
Oct. 8, 15

Autumn Adventures
Come experience the beauty of the Blue Hills in the Fall!

October 8 — 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.

October 15— Marsh Madness
The lovely Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds and reptiles and rare plants. Discover the wonders of a freshwater marsh. All ages 1-mile.

Fridays
10:00–11:00 am
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23

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.

Saturdays
9:00–10:00 am
Oct. 3, 10, 17

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

October 3 & 17 — Raccoon Ramble Raccoons are more than dumpster divers: they are survivors. Because of some remarkable adaptations, they now thrive in the modern world.

October 10 — Fox Walk
The clever red and gray foxes of the Blue Hills adapt to the seasons and make their home here in unexpected ways. Learn the signs of their coming and going.

Saturdays
1:00–2:30 pm
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24

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!

SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday
10:00am-4:00pm
October 17

Blue Hills Fest
Join us in celebrating all things Blue Hills with an all-day event held throughout the Blue Hills Reservation. Please visit betterbluehills.org for site locations and event start times. Fun activities for the whole family!