

September 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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**Tuesday
September
2, 9, 16, 23, &
30**

Nature's Classroom, 10:30 am—11:30 am

On Tuesday mornings we will learn all about the natural side of the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults. A gentle one mile walk on flat dirt paths. Ages 7 & up.

September 2, 16 & 30 — I Spy Fungi

Discover the mysterious and hidden world of fungi! Ancient in the extreme, fungi are crucial for nearly all life on earth. Fungi are much more than just beautiful and sometimes deadly mushrooms. Come learn the surprising ways they touch our lives everyday.

September 9 & 23 — 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.

**Tuesday
September
2, 9, 16, 23, &
30**

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.

September 2, 16 & 30 — Houghton Pond and Beyond

Join us for a restful and rejuvenating heart healthy, 1.5-mile level hike around Houghton's Pond and Old 128..

September 9 & 23 — Burnt Hill Hike

Explore the hidden trails behind Houghton's Pond on a 3 mile walk over rocky and rolling terrain.

**Wednesday
September
3, 10, 17 & 24**

Wellness in the Wilderness, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Join us for quiet and contemplative relaxation program of nature-based wellness 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.

**Thursday
September
11, 18, & 25**

History in the Hills, 9:30 am—11:00 am

On Thursday mornings, learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible lectures for adults and children 12 and over.

September 11 & 25—The Tree Army

During the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt sent millions of young men to improve and expand the parks of America. Come learn their incredible story here in the Blue Hills.

September 18— Charles Eliot's Dream

Charles Eliot was a dreamer. He dreamed what public parks could be and worked to create the Emerald Necklace, the Trustees of Reservations, and the Metropolitan Parks Commission (now the DCR), as well as the Blue Hills Reservation. Explore the remarkable and tragic life and lasting legacy of one of the founding fathers of Massachusetts conservation.

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**Thursday
September
11, 18, & 25** **Autumnal Adventures, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm**
Come experience Autumn’s beauty in the Blue Hills! Suitable for adults and children 7 & up

September 11 & 25 — Fall Foliage Foray
See autumn’s red blaze (and yellow and orange too!) on a lovely, one-mile stroll around Houghton's pond and learn how plants and trees get ready for the cold.

September 18 — Marsh Madness
Marigold Marsh is a vital habitat and home to many species of birds and reptiles, as they begin their preparations for winter.

**Friday
September
12, 19, & 26** **Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am—11:00 am**
Join us for a nature story, nature craft, and nature walk! Each week we will feature a different nature theme, story, and craft on that theme. Suitable for ages 2-5 with an adult.

**Saturday
September 6,
13 & 20** **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.

September 6 & 20 — Raccoons: Thieves in the Night:
Raccoons are more than dumpster divers: they are survivors. They have long lived alongside humans. Because of some remarkable adaptations, they now thrive in the modern world.

September 13 — Fox Walk
The clever red and gray foxes of the Blue Hills adapt to the changing seasons and make their home here in unexpected ways. Learn about their behavior and signs of their coming and going.

**Saturday
September 6
& 20** **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 HIKES

**Saturday
September
13** **SE MA ADULT WALKING CLUB HIKE, 12:00 pm—3:30 pm**
Moderate-to-difficult 4.5-mile hike to the summit of beautiful Buck Hill. Bring appropriate footwear, clothing, and plenty of water. Meet at the Visitor Center at 840 Hillside Street, Milton. 857-208-8498.

