



SEPTEMBER 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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Tuesdays

10:30–11:30am

September 1, 8,
15, & 22

Nature’s Classroom

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

Sept. 1, 15 — Crows: A Murder Most Fowl

Crows are remarkably 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-mile

Sept. 8 & 22 — 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! 1.1-mile

Tuesdays

2:00–3:30pm

September 1,
8, 15, & 22

Exploring the Blue Hills

Explore the hidden treasures of the Blue Hills! Join 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

September 2,
23 & 30

Wellness in the Woods

Join us for 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 up.

Thursday

9:30–11:00am

September 17
& 24

History in the Hills

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

Charles Eliot’s Dream

Charles Eliot, landscape architect, had a dream to protect the beautiful natural resources of Massachusetts. The Blue Hills and the Emerald Necklace are the fruit of that dream. We explore the legacy of this remarkable individual.

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Coming events



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Thursdays
2:00–3:00 pm
September 17 &
24

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

September 17 — 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

September 24— Marsh Madness
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, one mile.

Fridays
10:00–11:00 am
September 11 &
18

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
9:00–10:00 am
September 12 &
19

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September 12— Volcanic Granite
Hundreds of millions of years ago the Blue Hills was an erupting volcano. Join us for a geological hike on this extinct volcano and learn about the granite the volcano left behind and how people have used this marvelous stone for thousands of years. 1-mile walk

September 19 — 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 for fires in Massachusetts in the future. 2-mile walk.

Saturdays
1:00–2:30 pm
September 12 &
19

Nice and Easy Hiking Series
Get outdoors on 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
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
September 26

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!