



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

DCR is offering some wonderful programs to celebrate the Thanksgiving season! Be sure to visit the world-famous Plymouth Rock and hear the true history of Plymouth Rock and discover the meanings behind the rock. Several programs are being offered throughout this week and next. Visit the DCR event and [program calendar](#) for a complete list of programs around the state! Also, public skating at DCR rinks begins November 29! [Check out the schedule!](#)

Boston Region

Roxbury Heritage State Park

183 Roxbury Street, John Eliot Square, Roxbury

Sunday, November 24, 12 & 2pm

Dillaway-Thomas House Guided Tours - Who lived in this colonial-era house in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries? What role did the site play in the American Revolution? How have people, cultures, economics and boundaries of Roxbury changed over 270 years? Join us for this 45-minute tour and learn about the evolution of Roxbury, from pre-colonial past to the present. This program is free and open to the public. Accessible by public transportation; free parking. For more information, contact ena.fox@mass.gov

Central Region

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge

Saturday November 23, 2:45- 3:15pm

Winter Hiking Workshop- Want to get more comfortable hiking in the winter? Join us for a workshop about proper winter hiking safety, technique, attire, gear, and more. The program will take place in the River Bend Farm Visitor Center conference room. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 366 East Hartford Ave,
Uxbridge

Saturday, November 23, 3:30- 5:30 pm

Sunset Hike to Look Out Rock- Meet At 366 East Hartford Ave, Uxbridge, MA 01569 – Rice City Pond Parking Lot. This 2.5-mile round trip moderate hike along King Philip's Trail will break at a scenic lookout to view the sunset before

returning along the trail through dusk to dark by the time we reach the parking area. Be prepared for night hiking, flashlights or headlamps are suggested. Portions of the trail are hilly and steep and may be more strenuous if icy or snow-covered. This forest trail has roots and rocks along the path. Be prepared for cold weather, dress in layers and avoid cotton clothing.

North Region

Halibut Point State Park, Gott Ave, Rockport

Quarry Quest and Quarry History Self Guide Brochure

Saturday, November 23 -Sunday, December 1

A treasure hunt around the quarry at Halibut Point State Park with clues and word unscrambles to find the treasure box! Recommended for ages 8 and up. Clues available anytime at bulletin board. **Quarrying History Self-Guide** tour brochure available anytime for visitors of all ages. For more information please call, (978) 546-2997.

Halibut Point State Park, Gott Ave, Rockport

Saturday, November 23 – Sun, December 1

StoryWalk ! Self-guided reading, *It's Fall!* By Linda Glaser posted pages along a lovely Park trail at the edge of a field. Connect with the fall weather and each other while enjoying the magic of reading together in the outdoors! For Pre-K-7 with favorite adult. For more information please call, (978) 546-2997.

South Region

Pilgrim Memorial State Park, Water Street, Plymouth, MA

Friday, November 22, 9:45am to 3:45pm every half hour

All About That Rock – November is a great time to visit Plymouth! World-famous Plymouth Rock is said to be the site of the Pilgrims' landing in Plymouth in 1620. What is the rock's story? Why is it important? What does it represent? Find out the answers to these questions and more in this ten-minute program as we discuss the reasons Plymouth Rock remains important to us today. Meet in the Plymouth Rock Portico. This program is offered throughout the day. Check the A-frame signboard for the schedule or ask a member of the park staff when the next talk will be. Inclement weather cancels. This program is appropriate for all ages. Meet in the Plymouth Rock Portico on Water Street. This same program and schedule will be offered on Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17. Inclement weather may cancel. For more information, call (508) 208-0675.

Borderland State Park, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA

Friday, November 22, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Off the Beaten Path Hike - Join the park interpreter and explore some trails less traveled at Borderland State Park for this moderately paced 2-5-mile hike. Each Friday we will try to change the route and the distance to explore more and more of Borderland. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. Trails are rooty, rocky and hilly at times. For older children and adults. Meet at the Visitor Center. Hike is free; parking fees are \$5 per MA-plate vehicle and \$10 per out-of-state-plate vehicle. Heavy rain or wind, snow, or icy trails will cancel. For more information, call (508) 238-6566.

Quincy Quarries Historic Site, Ricciuti Drive, Quincy, MA

Saturday, November 23, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Quincy Quarries: History Happened Here - Quincy is known as the Granite City for its rich quarry history. Join local experts and enthusiasts from the DCR, the Quincy Quarry Workers Museum, and a registered geologist to learn about the amazing geology and industrial history of the Quarries. Sturdy footwear is recommended and the ability to walk on uneven ground. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Meet at the DCR Quincy Quarries Historic Site parking lot on Ricciuti Drive in Quincy. From Rt. 93, exit 8, follow signs toward Quarry Hills. Park at the lot on the right at the crest of the first hill. Rain, strong winds, snow, icy trails will cancel. Call (617) 727-4573, ex. 4 for weather updates or for more information.

Borderland State Park, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA

Saturday, November 23, 1:00pm-1:30pm

Ames Mansion Tour: Oakes & Orchids - Did you know that Oakes Ames is still considered one of the foremost orchidologists? Where did Oakes get his passion for botany? On this tour we will uncover the contributions Oakes made to the botanical community, and what his lasting legacy is. Join us for a 30-minute first floor mansion tour and learn about Oakes and his botanical work while we explore the fully furnished Ames Mansion. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion, which is about a 5-minute walk from the main parking lot. Tour is free; parking fees are \$5 per MA-plate vehicle and \$10 per out-of-state-plate vehicle. Rain or shine. For more information, call (508) 238-6566.

Blue Hills Reservation

Saturday, November 23, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Southeastern MA Adult Walking Club - Join the Southeastern MA Adult Walking Club at Blue Hills Reservation for a moderate walk, with some hills, 2.5-miles. Walk around Tucker Hill on the green dot trail. Wear sturdy footgear and

carry drinking water. Well-behaved dogs are allowed on a 10-foot leash and pet waste must be removed from the park. Hike is free; no parking fee. For ages 16+. We will hike unless the weather creates unsafe conditions. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot at 840 Hillside St. in Milton. For more info or if weather conditions are questionable, call (617) 727-4573.

Pilgrim Memorial State Park, 79 Water Street, Plymouth, MA
Saturday, November 23, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Trade Discovery Table - Come see, touch and even smell some of the items that were traded by the early peoples of present-day Plymouth, Furs, metal items, food, roots and shells all were exchanged between Europeans and Indigenous peoples. Stop by any time between 2:30pm and 4:30pm to discover what some of those things were and learn how trade affected the histories of these two groups. The table is located near the bathrooms in the park. The table will also be set up on Sunday, November 24th from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Inclement weather may cancel. For more information, call (508) 208-0675.

Borderland State Park, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA
Sunday, November 24, 11:00am-12:00pm

Stonewall Secrets - Have you ever wondered why there are stone walls criss-crossing the forests of Borderland and the rest of New England? On this hour long walk with frequent stops, you will learn why we find stone walls everywhere and how the New England landscape has changed over the centuries. Meet at the visitor center. Dress for the weather and bring drinking water. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Program is free; parking fees are \$5 per MA-plate vehicle and \$10 per out-of-state-plate vehicle. Rain or wind, snow, or icy trails will cancel. For more information, please call Borderland State Park at (508) 238-6566.

Borderland State Park, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA
Sunday, November 24, 1:00pm-1:30pm

Ames Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work - Oakes and Blanche Ames were partners in every aspect of their lives. They worked together raising a family, building a home, in Blanches' work in the suffrage movement and in Oakes' botany work. No matter the task at hand, Blanche and Oakes passions were blurred together creating this true partnership. Learn about how they complimented each other in love and in their work on this 30-minute first floor tour. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion, which is about a 5-minute walk from the main parking lot. Tour is

free; parking fees are \$5 per MA-plate vehicle and \$10 per out-of-state-plate vehicle. Rain or shine. For more information, call (508) 238-6566.

Wachusett Reservoir

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Gate 35, intersection of Route 110 and Chace Hill Rd, Sterling.

November Hiking Series 3

Saturday, November 23, 9:00-11:00am

Bundle up and get outside! These November Saturday morning hikes will meet at new locations each week around the Wachusett Reservoir. Hikes will be along easy woodland roads to rewarding shoreline views of the water supply that provides clean drinking water to over three million people. About 2-3 miles round trip family friendly hike, all ages welcome. Dress for the weather. Sturdy shoes and water recommended. Dogs and domestic animals are prohibited on watershed lands. Service dogs are welcome. In the case of inclement weather, hike may be cancelled or modified. To check on hike status please call 774-261-1809.

Wachusett Reservoir

Gate 36 North Dike, Rt 110 Sterling.

November Hiking Series 4

Saturday, November 30, 9:00-11:00am

Bundle up and get outside! These November Saturday morning hikes will meet at new locations each week around the Wachusett Reservoir. Hikes will be along easy woodland roads to rewarding shoreline views of the water supply that provides clean drinking water to over three million people. About 2-3 miles round trip family friendly hike, all ages welcome. Dress for the weather. Sturdy shoes and water recommended. Dogs and domestic animals are prohibited on watershed lands. Service dogs are welcome. In the case of inclement weather, hike may be cancelled or modified. To check on hike status please call 774-261-1809.

Stillwater Farm

228 Redemption Rock Road, Sterling.

Stillwater Farm Open House

Saturday, November 30 12:00-2:00pm

This 1790's farmhouse features displays on the Wachusett Watershed, history of the farm site, and wildlife of the area. Open additionally by appointment for guided group tours. Contact 774-261-1809.

West Region

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls

November 7-January 3

Art Exhibit: Junior Duck Stamps—Connecting Youth with Nature Through

Science and Art - Young students from Kindergarten to High School submit artwork for a statewide art contest. In the process, they gain awareness of the importance of preserving wetland habitats and the delights of wildlife. Come see the top Massachusetts youth entries for the 2019 Junior Duck Stamp competition!

Mount Greylock State Reservation , 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough

Thursdays, Ongoing, 10:00am-12:30pm

Nice and Easy Hike - Easy-paced, one to 3-mile hikes geared toward seniors, but open to all ages. May be guided or self-guided. Please dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring hiking poles if you have them. Please NOTE: **Rain cancels** ~ however, feel free to bring your snowshoes if we get snow! Meet at the Visitor Center. Call (413) 499-4262 for more information.

Mount Greylock State Reservation , 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough

November, Ongoing starting November 10, 10:00am-3:00pm

Hibernation, Migration and Adaptation Stations! - Learn about our native animals and birds that hibernate, migrate or change their appearance in ways to adapt to the changing seasons! Chose a storybook, video or craft activity! Take home projects also available. Designed as a self-guided activity with intermittent sessions led by a Park Interpreter. This program is FREE for all ages. Meet at the Visitor Center. Call (413) 499-4262 for more information.

Mount Greylock State Reservation , 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough

Saturday, November 23, 10:00am-11:00am

Hunter ~ Gatherer Hike on the Bradley Farm Trail - Calling all our junior hunter gatherers to come join us for an opportunity to learn about how our native animals survive in winter, what they eat and how they find their food. **Come help us forage and gather ingredients along the Bradley Farm trail to use for our holiday nature crafts program following at noon!** This program is FREE for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Visitor Center. Call (413) 499-4262 for more information.

Mount Greylock State Reservation , 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough

Saturday, November 23, 12:00am-1:30pm

Holiday Nature Crafts - Come join the fun! Get your creative juices flowing and prepare your own **holiday pinecone turkeys** for the family Thanksgiving dinner table! We will use ingredients found in nature (**gathered earlier in the day on our**

Hunter ~ Gatherer Hike at 10:00am!) along with colorful art supplies to create your nature craft masterpieces! All craft supplies will be provided, but may be limited. This program is FREE for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Visitor Center. Call (413) 499-4262 for more information.

Mount Greylock State Reservation , 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough
Saturday, December 14, 10:00am-12:00pm

Greylock Photography Group Meet-Up: White Birches in Winter - Welcome nature lovers and photo friends to the SECOND gathering of our newly formed **Mt Greylock Photography Group** ! This group is for everyone who loves nature and Mount Greylock AND would love more opportunities to photograph the natural beauty of our majestic mountain! On this outing, we will **Meet at the GOULD TRAILHEAD parking lot on West Mountain Road in Adams** and walk along the trails through extensive, picturesque white (paper) birch tree groves on the East side of the mountain, with stunning views up to the Summit! **NOTE:** Trails may be snow-covered or icy. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring along your **camera or your cellphone** . **All interest and skill levels are welcome! This program is FREE and open to all ages.** Children must be accompanied by an adult. **For more information and directions, call (413) 499-4262 or visit**