



APRIL 2026 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. Free parking at 1 Central Street, Fall River, MA. Programs meet in the Visitor Center at the Captain Thomas J. Hudner Memorial Building (100 Davol Street, Fall River, MA) unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodation available upon request. Inclement weather may cancel programs. To confirm or for more information call 508-675-5759 Ext 0.



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Coming events

**Open Daily,
beginning
April 5
8:30am-3:30pm**

VISITOR CENTER: EXHIBITS, SCAVENGER HUNTS, COMMUNITY GALLERY

Permanent and temporary exhibits, self-guided brochures, tours, and activities highlighting Fall River can all be found in our Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center will re-open on April 5th.

PROGRAMS

**Sunday
April 19th
12:30PM-3:00PM
Visitor Center**

Lunch and Learn: Native American Storytelling & Crafts with the Pocasset Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Learn about your neighbors, the first people of Fall River, through engaging storytelling and crafts. Make your own corn husk doll or dreamcatcher! All materials will be provided. Drop in anytime from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM.

**Tuesday
April 21st
12:00PM-2:00PM
Visitor Center**

Colonial Medicine with Dr. Dave of the Lafayette-Durfee House Foundation

Learn about early American medical and dental practices and see the tools that were used. It may look and sound like a horror movie, but this was medicine! Fun for the whole family. Drop in anytime from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

**Thursday
April 23rd
12:30PM-3:00PM
The Boardwalk.**

Create Revolutionary Art in the Park with the Griffin, a Mobile Art Studio

The Greater Fall River Art Association brings arts programming to Heritage State Park with the Griffin, a fully equipped mobile art studio! Be creative! Draw, paint, and so much more. Pursue your muse. Suitable for the entire family. All materials will be provided free of charge

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Saturday
April 25th
12:3PM-3:00PM
Visitor Center

Sew What! A Sewing and Mending Workshop presented by the Bristol Black Collective

Join us for a hands-on workshop. Participants can explore the techniques of stitching and visible mending while learning how to replace buttons, repair zippers, and more! Participants are encouraged to bring an item to repair.

EXHIBITS AND FILMS

Daily Through
May 31
Visitor Center

Exhibit: Road to Revolution: The Stamp Tax Crisis of 1765

In debt after the French and Indian War, King George III of England proposed measures to raise revenue that were deeply unpopular in the colonies. One such measure, the Stamp Act, was destined to create a firestorm of protest and create a complex debate about the principles of government, of individual rights, and the identity of the colonists as "Americans." This exhibit is on loan from the Commonwealth Museum in Boston.

Daily
Visitor Center

Photographic Exhibit: Discover The Fall River Waterfront Cultural District

Discover stunning images highlighting this region through the eyes of local photographers. Step into the soul of Fall River's waterfront and celebrate its vibrant culture, iconic architecture, and creative vision. Presented in collaboration with the Fall River Waterfront Cultural District and the Creative Arts Network (CAN).

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Fall River Films

We are playing some of our favorite films celebrating Fall River. Each film highlights a specific theme. Appropriate for viewers age 8+. All films are available on request.

- Industry - Fabric of Fall River (30 mins)
- Heroes - Thomas Hudner Videos (30 mins)
- Abolitionists - Safe Houses: the Underground Railroad (20 min)
- Maritime - The Fall River Line (57 mins)
- Play - Lincoln Park Remembered (45 min)

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Dioramas of Colonial America

Colonial Massachusetts comes to life in these two tabletop dioramas created by the Lafayette-Durfee House Foundation.

Imagine life in a Pre-revolutionary coastal town. See its streets, corn fields and houses. Visit their neighbors in an 18th Century Pocasset Wampanoag Village along the Quequechan River in what is now “Fall River.”

SELF-GUIDED EXPERIENCES

Daily

The Boardwalk

StoryWalk®: “Because of An Acorn”

Walk the Boardwalk and explore the book “Because of An Acorn” by Lola M. Schaefer and Adam Schaefer; illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon. This enchanting book expresses the connectivity of our ecosystem in a simple inviting way. Great reading for the whole family.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by MA Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

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Creation Station Activities

Explore a variety of American Revolution themed activities as you explore the road to revolution. Stop by the Visitor Center and grab one of our coloring sheets of moments in American Revolutionary War and Fall River History. Weave a row on our community loom. Try one of our fun family scavenger hits that lead you to rediscover the various exhibits in the galleries:

- Find that flag!
- Find that flag: World Cup Edition
- Native American place names in Fall River

This is a drop-in program. Stay for the duration or drop in for a few moments. Fun for all ages.

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Self-Guided tours

Pick up a brochure at the front desk and discover the park at your own pace.

Water + Granite + Gravity = Fall River

Fall River was once the third largest city in Massachusetts, with thriving factories and bustling piers on its waterfront.

Fall River Heritage State Park highlights this legacy with seven granite way finders that commemorate industry through time. This is a 30-minute self-guided walk along the waterfront. Information is available at the front desk.

People, Ambition and Hard Work

A Portuguese American poet, a beloved local entrepreneur, a decorated military hero, and a visionary state legislator all have their names enshrined in Fall River Heritage State Park. How did they inspire others through their vision, ambition, and hard work?

This is a 20-minute self-guided walk through Fall River history. For ages 8+. This tour brings you to the landmarks named for these pioneers. Information available at the front desk.

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Park Passport Challenge

DCR invites adventurers of all ages to discover the beauty and history of Massachusetts state parks, forests, and watersheds. This program encourages outdoor exploration, environmental awareness, and fosters a deeper connection to nature and history.

Collect stamps, complete fun challenges, and earn a prize! Passports are available in different languages. Just ask us, *por favor!*