

Fall River Heritage State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation



AUGUST 2025 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. The Visitor Center is located at 100 Davol Street in the Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. Memorial Building. Free parking is available in the DCR lot at 5 Water Street. An adult must accompany children. For more info call (508) 675-5759. Ext o.



ADA/reasonable accommodation

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The Visitor Center and boardwalk are wheelchair accessible.

VISITOR CENTER, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM 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 every day.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

August 1, 8, 15th, & 17th

12:30pm-3:30pm

Visitor Center

Fiber Fridays & Dyeing to Wear It: A Revolutionary History of Women's Work

Enjoy a four-part series of storytelling through textiles. Artist Rhonda M. Fazio weaves, spins, dyes, and reenacts the process of making cloth. Explore the history of women's work in the cottage industries leading up to the American Revolution. Experience an interactive display of tools as Rhonda brings history to life.

This 4-part series is open to everyone with no age restrictions. Each session will feature a craft to make as a takeaway.

Fiber Fridays: August 1, 8, and 15th **Dyeing to Wear It:** August 17th

August 2nd 10:00am-11:00am

Meet in the Visitor Center

The Southeastern Massachusetts Adult Walking Club

Walk along the Taunton River and learn about Fall River's history on this easy 2-mile walk. Paved surfaces and boardwalks. Meet at the Visitor Center. Bring drinking water, a snack, and dress for the weather. Hat and sunscreen are recommended.

August 9th 12:30pm-3:30pm

Pollinator Garden

Plein Air: Create Your Own Art In The Park

Join us to draw and make art. Let the park be your inspiration and your muse. You are the artist. All materials are provided free of charge. This is an event for the whole family. Presented by artists from the Greater Fall River Art Association.

August 16th 4:30pm-6:00pm

The Meadow

St. Anne's Credit Union's 30th Annual Summer Concert - Featuring Joshua Tree (a U2 tribute band)

Joshua Tree covers all phases of U2's music catalog. A fun day of music, food trucks, and giveaways. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Giveaways begin at 4:30 pm.

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August 20th 5:30pm-7:30pm **Cultural Currents Public Forum: The Fall River Waterfront Cultural District**

Theater

Step into the soul of Fall River's waterfront with an immersive evening celebrating our vibrant culture, iconic architecture, and creative vision.

Hear from leading art, cultural, and preservation groups as they share their missions, initiatives, possible funding opportunities.

Learn about key landmarks featured on the Waterfront District's Significant Structures List, including their historical importance, architectural features, and role in community revitalization efforts.

A free event for every resident, artist, history lover, or advocate.

Sponsored by Creative Arts Network Inc., Fall River Waterfront Cultural District, and DCR Fall River Heritage State Park

August 22 12:30pm-2:00pm Lunch and Learn: Fall River Icons A-Z

Theater

26 letters, 26 Fall River notables A-Z. Do you know them all? Come hear the stories of the women and men who built Fall River and enriched a nation, both in culture and commerce. There are so many local notables that we may have to use some letters twice! Park interpreters will join you for a fun journey through local history. Accessible, seated talk. For ages 8+.

August 29th 2:00pm-4:00pm Nature Play & Learn Series with the Trustees' Mobile Adventures

Visitor Center

Let's explore nature! Kids and families can explore and learn about nature through fun games. Healthy kids, happy adventures. Join the fun! In collaboration with the Trustees and Fall River WIC. Mobile Adventures is a Trustees Youth Initiative aimed at increasing access to nature for youth in urban areas.

EXHIBITS

Through September 5th Road to Revolution - Boston Occupied

Visitor Center

On September 28, 1768 British warships anchored in Boston Harbor and began the occupation of an American city in rebellion. They taunted the citizens by playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy." This exhibit tells the story of one of the most iconic events in the nation's history. On loan from the Commonwealth Museum.

15th

Through August Exhibit: Echoes of the Pocasset & the Falling River

Visitor Center

Celebrate history with this exhibit created by the Pocasset Wampanoag Tribe and local artist Sheila Oliveira. Imagine life along the Quequechan River 400 years ago, before colonial settlement.

This is a trailways initiative created by the Fall River Arts and Cultural Coalition, the City of Fall River, and the Pocasset Wampanoag Tribe.

August 15-31

Cultural Currents Public Forum: Photographic Exhibit

Visitor Center

Discover stunning images showcasing Fall River through the eyes of local photographers.

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FILMS & SELF-GUIDED ADVENTURES

Daily

Theater

Films: Fall River Film Festival

We're playing some of our favorite films celebrating Fall River continuously throughout the day. Each film highlights a specific theme. Appropriate for viewers age 8+. All films are also available by request.

- Monday: Industry Fabric of Fall River (30 mins)
- Tuesday: Maritime The Fall River Line (57 mins)
- Wednesday: Heroes Thomas Hudner Video (30 mins)
- Thursday: Abolitionists *Safe Houses: the Underground Railroad* (20 min)
- Friday: Fun Lincoln Park Remembered (45 min)
- Saturday & Sunday: all films are available on demand.

August 1-August 31

StoryWalk®: Senorita Mariposa

Boardwalk

This is a captivating and child-friendly look at the extraordinary epic journey that monarch butterflies take at the end of each summer from Canada to Mexico; with rhyming text in both English and Spanish by Ben Gundersheimer (Mister G) and lively illustrations by Marcos Almada Rivero.

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.

Through August 31

Visitor Center

Dioramas created by the Lafayette – Durfee House Foundation:

- The Battle of Fall River of May 25, 1778.
- An 18th Century Pocasset Wampanoag Village.

Daily

Visitor Center

Water + Granite + Gravity = Fall River

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

We highlight this legacy with seven granite way finders that commemorate industry through time. This is a 30-minute self-guided walk through waterfront history connecting the way finders. Information is available at the front desk.

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People, Ambition, and Hard Work

Visitor Center

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 Park. This is a 20-minute self-guided walk through Fall River history. Info is available at the Front Desk. Best for ages 8+.

Daily

Creation Station

Visitor Center

Explore a variety of Revolution themed activities. Experience all things Fall River with coloring, stamps, puzzles, scavenger hunts, and activity sheets. Weave a row on our community loom! For all ages.

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