

Fall River Heritage State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

FEBRUARY 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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Open Daily
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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday
February 13th
12:00PM-1:30PM
Visitor Center

Lunch and Learn: Telling the Stories of Runaways-And How the New Bedford and Fall River Communities Helped Them Thrive

Join Park Ranger Rufai Shardow from New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park for a powerful Lunch and Learn exploring the history of the local Underground Railroad. The Railroad a loosely connected network of people from diverse backgrounds who risked their lives to help enslaved individuals escape to freedom, right here in Fall River and New Bedford.

Presented by the Bristol Black Collective, the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, and DCR.

Wednesday
February 18th
12:00PM-3:00PM
Visitor Center

Community Kwanzaa Sewing Workshop

Join us for an interactive and festive experience as we celebrate the Kwanzaa principle of Ujima (collective work and responsibility). Learn sewing and embroidery techniques while creating a specially designed table runner. Supplies are limited.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), Mass Humanities in partnership with DCR and the Big Business Network.

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Thursday
February 19th
12:30PM-3:00PM
Visitor Center

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

Learn about our neighbors, the first people of Fall River through engaging storytelling and crafts. All materials will be provided. Drop in any time from 12:30PM to 3:00PM.

Saturday
February 21st
1:00PM-2:00PM
Visitor Center

The Brave and the Bold: The Story of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment

Celebrate local Black history through a family legacy. Learn more about the courage of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment; Black and Indigenous heroes of the American Revolutionary War. Jason Roomes – a proud descendant – will be presenting.

This program is presented by the Bristol Black Collective in collaboration with DCR. Meet in the Theater.

EXHIBITS AND FILMS

Daily, through March 18th
Visitor Center

Exhibit: Lewis Hayden and the Underground Railroad

Lewis Hayden was an abolitionist, businessperson, lecturer, and politician. A self-emancipated man, he stood at the center of a struggle for dignity and equal rights in nineteenth century Boston after living in nearby New Bedford. His story remains an inspiration.

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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Films: 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 also 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)

SELF-GUIDED EXPERIENCES

Daily
Visitor Center

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 through waterfront history. 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+. 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 and complete fun challenges. Passports are available in different languages. Just ask us, por favor!

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Visitor Center

Creation Station Activities

Explore a variety of American Revolution themed activities, or discover Fall River's historical transformation from cottage industry to the factory system.

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

Daily
12:00PM-3:00PM
Visitor Center

Mask Maker Mask Maker, Make Me A Mask!

Celebrate Mardi Gras/Carnival or just fight the winter blues and make your very own colorful mask. We will be making two styles of masks. All materials will be provided free. Drop in anytime from 12:00PM to 3:00PM in the Visitor Center.