



MAY 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 unless otherwise noted, 100 Davol Street, Fall River, MA.. 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.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
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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.

PROGRAMS

Thursday,
May 21st
10:00AM-11:30AM
Visitor Center

Guided Walk: The Taunton River in Spring

Join a guided walk with the Taunton River Watershed Alliance and volunteer naturalist Ellenor Simmons. Watch wildlife on the river and learn how the waterfront has changed in the past 40 years.

2.2 miles roundtrip, with benches and a viewing area along the Boardwalk from Heritage Park to Bicentennial Park.

Meet in the lobby of the Visitor Center. Registration is required; visit savethetaunton.org for more information.

Saturday,
May 23rd
2:00PM-6:00PM
Meadow

City of Fall River Seafood Festival

The City of Fall River presents its first ever Seafood Festival in collaboration with Heritage State Park and the Fall River Carousel.

Surrounded by the leading American fishing ports, Fall River is a major fish processing and distribution center for seafood. This festival offers free live entertainment onstage on the meadow. There will be food trucks with a variety of food for sale. Admission to Heritage Park and live music is free; access to vendors and the carousel requires a \$15 fee.

The nearby Carousel joins the fun with local vendors selling coastal-themed goods and a selection of local restaurants featuring tastings of their best-selling seafood.

For more information about schedules and fees contact the Fall River Carousel.

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**Wednesday,
May 27th**
6:00PM-7:30PM
Visitor Center
Theater

Film: "Triple Decker: A New England Love Story"

Triple decker's define many Fall River neighborhoods and are cherished throughout New England. The Preservation Society of Fall River presents Marc Levitt's 30-minute documentary on everybody's favorite multi-family dwelling in honor of National Preservation Month. This is a free screening followed by a brief Q&A, suitable for the entire family. Light refreshments will be served.

EXHIBITS AND FILMS

**Daily, through
May 15th**
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. The Stamp Act, created a firestorm of protest and sparked a debate about the principles of government, individual rights, and the identity of the colonists as "Americans." On loan from the Commonwealth Museum in Boston.

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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."

**Daily, May 16
Through June 15**
Visitor Center

Exhibit: The FRNB Artist Collaborative Presents "The City Of... Past, Present, Future Fall River"

This exhibit invites artists and the public to re-imagine the identity of Fall River, not by what has been, but what is and what could be. This multimedia art exhibit is a featured stop on the Fall River Arts & Culture Coalition's Spindle City Arts Tour. For further information contact frnb.artistcollaborative@gmail.com.

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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)

SELF-GUIDED EXPERIENCES

**Saturday,
May 16**

10:00AM-4:00PM

DCR Parking Lot

Spindle City Arts Trolley Loop: Destination Heritage Park

In celebration of ArtWeek SouthCoast, hop aboard the FREE Spindle City Arts Trolley Loop! Visit a variety of arts destinations featuring local artists, galleries, and food & drink spots. The trolley runs continuously from 10AM-4PM in a loop visiting locations about every 20 minutes.

Fall River Heritage State Park is the first trolley stop. Start your day of art and exploration with us.

This family-friendly event is free and open to the public and offers a fun and effortless way to experience the vibrant arts community of Fall River. For further information, visit "[Eventbrite: Spindle City Arts Trolley.](#)"

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 Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation & Interpretive Services.

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Creation Station Activities

Explore a variety of American Revolution themed activities. Get creative with one of our coloring sheets of moments in the 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 discover various exhibits in the galleries. For all ages.

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 is a short self-guided walking tour of the landmarks named for these pioneers. Information available at the Front Desk

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