



Fall River Heritage State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPTEMBER 2025

All 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 parking lot at 5 Water Street in Fall River. An adult must accompany children. For more information call (508) 675-5759. Ext 0.



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

September 6th 11:00am-12:30pm Visitor Center	DCR Southeastern MA Adult Walking Club Enjoy the view of the Taunton River and learn about Fall River’s rich history and culture on this easy 2-mile walk. This walk takes place on paved surfaces and wood boardwalks. For ages 16+. Rain cancels. Meet at Visitor Center Lobby.
September 6th 1:30pm-3:30pm Visitor Center	A Polly Johnson Homecoming The Pocasset Wampanoag Tribe welcomes abolitionist and confectioner Mary "Polly" Johnson home with a short documentary by filmmaker Alyssa Botelho and a program by Ms. Johnson's Native American descendants. Refreshments served.
September 10th 2:00pm-4:00pm Boardwalk and park grounds	Nature Play & Learn Series with the Trustees' Mobile Adventures Let's explore nature with the Trustees' Mobile Adventures! Kids and families can learn about nature through fun games. WIC and Trustees make it easy. In collaboration with the Trustees and Fall River WIC. Mobile Adventures is a Trustees Youth Initiative to increase access to nature for youth in urban areas.
September 12th 11:00am-12:30pm Visitor Center	“Little Walk to a Big Mill” Fall River is shaped by water, industry, and waves of immigrants whose built a legacy of innovation and resilience. People and place are forever linked, and that legacy shapes life today. Easy 1-mile walk on paved surfaces, rising sidewalks, and cobblestone. For ages 16+. Rain cancels. Meet at Visitor Center Lobby.
September 21st 12:30pm-3:00pm Boardwalk	Greater Fall River Arts Association: Plein Air Painting Join us in the David Almond Grove/Pollinator Garden to paint and make art. Let the park be your inspiration. Materials are provided free of charge. This is an event for the whole family. Presented by artists from the Greater Fall River Art Association.
September 28 12:00 pm-3:30 pm Visitor Center	Textiles & a Revolutionary History of Women’s Work Part three of our series with textile artist Rhonda Fazio. Enjoy storytelling through textiles. This session explores spinning. Learn the history of women’s work in cottage industries leading up to the American Revolution. Free, suitable for all ages.

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EXHIBITS	
Through October 1 Boardwalk	StoryWalk®: Hiking Day Walk the Boardwalk and explore outside with the book “Hiking Day” by Anne Rockwell; illustrated by Lizzy Rockwell. A <i>My First Experience</i> Book for the whole family to explore the hills and trails near home. 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
Through October 18th Visitor Center	Photographic Exhibit: Discover The Fall River Waterfront Cultural District Discover stunning images showcasing 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.
Through October 18th Visitor Center	Exhibit: Echoes of the Pocasset & the Falling River 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.
Through October 21 Visitor Center	Exhibit: Castle Island: A Storied History Castle Island is the oldest continuously fortified site in British North America. It has been an integral part of the Boston landscape since colonial times to the present day. This exhibit, on loan from the Commonwealth Museum in Boston, tells the colorful stories of the people and events that make this unique location such an important part of our local history.



FILMS & SELF-GUIDED ADVENTURES

Daily Theater	<p>Films: Fall River Film Festival</p> <p>We're playing some of our favorite films celebrating Fall River. Films will play continuously throughout the day, so drop in anytime.</p> <p>Each film highlights a specific theme. Appropriate for viewers age 8+. All films are also available by request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday: Industry - <i>Fabric of Fall River</i> (30 mins)Tuesday: Maritime - <i>The Fall River Line</i> (57 mins)Wednesday: Heroes - <i>Thomas Hudner Video</i> (30 mins)Thursday: Abolitionists - <i>Safe Houses: the Underground Railroad</i> (20 min)Friday: Fun - <i>Lincoln Park Remembered</i> (45 min)Saturday & Sunday: all films are available on demand.
Daily Visitor Center	<p>Water + Granite + Gravity = Fall River</p> <p>Fall River was once the third largest city in Massachusetts, with thriving factories and bustling piers on its waterfront.</p> <p>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 connecting the way finders. Info is available at the front desk.</p>
Daily, Visitor Center	<p>People, Ambition and Hard Work</p> <p>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. How did they inspire others through their vision, ambition, and hard work?</p> <p>This is a 20-minute self-guided walk through Fall River history. Information is available at the Front Desk. For ages 8+.</p>
Daily Visitor Center	<p>Creation Station</p> <p>Explore a variety of Revolution themed activities. Have fun and discover the historical transformation from the 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.</p>
Daily Visitor Center	<p>Dioramas created by the Lafayette – Durfee House Foundation:</p> <p>The Battle of Fall River of May 25, 1778.</p> <p>An 18th Century Pocasset Wampanoag Village.</p>
Daily Visitor Center	<p>Park Passport Challenge</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Collect stamps, complete fun challenges, and earn a prize! Passports are available in different languages. Just ask us, <i>por favor!</i></p>