



# Great Falls Discovery Center

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## SEPTEMBER 2025 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. For more information call (413) 863-3221.



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### VISITOR CENTER

#### OPEN 6 days a week:

- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Open Monday, Sept. 1, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

ONGOING,  
AUGUST 1—  
SEPT. 30

#### GREAT HALL EXHIBIT:

##### ***THE TOWNS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY— BY THE SPRINGFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY***

Find out what makes our Franklin County communities so special through the eyes of avid photographers! This exhibit features a photograph of each of the communities in Franklin County by members of the Springfield Photographic Society. Founded in 1937, the club is made up of enthusiasts from the photographic novice to the professional who have in common a love of their craft. Among their recent field trips were stops in Franklin County, where members took photos together and learned from one another. To learn more visit: [www.springfield-ps.com](http://www.springfield-ps.com).

ONGOING

#### **DEEP ROOTS: A HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE IN THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY**

##### **Hallway Gallery Exhibit**

The PVMA exhibit in our hallway gallery explores agriculture in our fertile floodplain valley—from Indigenous land use before English settlement to today's Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA) movement. For youth and adults. Funded by PVMA and Mass Humanities through the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

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**ONGOING,  
SEPT. 2—  
OCT. 28**

#### **OUTDOOR STORYWALK® — MOLE MUSIC**

Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the Discovery Center's grounds for a free self-guided StoryWalk® featuring *Mole Music* by David McPhail. For ages 4 to 7 and anyone who appreciates moles and the power of music to help us connect! Follow the path to book pages posted along the route.

**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.

**THURSDAYS,  
SEPT. 11,  
18, & 25**

#### **NICE & EASY WALKS**

**10:00—11:00 a.m., Main Entrance**

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all. Enjoy natural and local history along the way. Dress for the weather with sturdy footwear and bring water. Inclement weather cancels.

**FRIDAYS,  
SEPT. 5, 12,  
19, & 26**

#### **KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR**

**9/5: Butterflies; 9/12: Skunks; 9/19: Snakes; 9/26: River Otters, 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall**

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and crafts. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome.

**FRIDAY,  
SEPT. 5**

#### **FIRST FRIDAY: INVESTIGATION STATION— FROM FIBER INTO YARN**

**3:00—5:30 p.m., Outside the Center**

Spinning fiber into yarn was once a skill that everyone needed to get by. Whether you spun for yourself or were among the one-in-five Bay Staters who spun fiber for work, everyone recognized a spindle. Stop by our table outside the center for five minutes or longer and learn about fiber arts along the Connecticut River. All ages.

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SATURDAY,  
SEPT. 6

#### PRESENTATION AND WALK: WILDLIFE OUT YOUR WINDOW

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Great Hall and Rail Trail

Join us on a leisurely, family-friendly combined wildlife presentation and walk by Brad Timm, wildlife ecologist and founder of the [Northeast Wildlife Team](#). This program is inspired by Brad's book [Wildlife Out Your Window: Fascinating Facts About 100 Animals Commonly Seen in the Northeastern U.S.](#), which is full of interesting facts about common wildlife all around us. We'll start inside with a short presentation that will open your eyes to wildlife in ways you never imagined! Then we'll take a leisurely stroll up the bike path along the Connecticut River and keep our eyes and ears peeled for all sorts of wildlife as we walk. All ages are welcome and encouraged to join.

FRIDAY,  
SEPT. 12

#### GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS: HARRY REMER

7:00—9:00 p.m., Great Hall

Join us for the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center's concert series featuring local talent. Harry Remer performs original songs with American roots. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations, all in support of educational programming at the Great Falls Discovery Center. For all ages.

SATURDAY,  
SEPT. 20

#### FIND US AT THE FARMERS MARKET!

10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Peskeompskut Park

Join DCR staff for family activities at the Great Falls Farmers Market, located between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets along Avenue A at Peskeompskut Park. In case of rain, you can find our activities inside the center instead. For all ages.

THURSDAY,  
SEPT. 25

#### CANAL DRAW DOWN HISTORY STROLL

3:30—5:00 p.m., Main Entrance

Check out the annual draining of the Turners Falls canal, take a stroll along the Canalside Rail Trail, and absorb local history with Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center staff and DCR staff. Meet at the entrance of the Center for this free two-mile walk on flat terrain.

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SATURDAY,  
SEPT. 27

#### SOURCE TO SEA CLEANUP

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Main Entrance

Hard work, real fun, true impact: the annual fall trash cleanup of the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Join DCR staff to clean-up the Canalside Rail Trail. To register, visit [SourcetoSeaCleanup.org/event/Canalside-rail-trail](https://SourcetoSeaCleanup.org/event/Canalside-rail-trail), or contact DCR staff at (413) 863-3221 for more information. Meet at the main entrance. For ages 8 and up.

SATURDAY,  
SEPT. 27

#### MONTAGUE COMMUNITY FAIR

2:00—5:00 p.m., Unity Park, 56 First Street

Discover us at Unity Park! Celebrate “Good Neighbor Day” with an afternoon of free family activities and learn about local community organizations. Join DCR staff at the fair to learn all about our mammal neighbors at our activity table with mammal pelts and crafting. The fair has light refreshments, music, and fun activities for all ages, in collaboration with Montague Public Libraries.

SUNDAY,  
SEPT. 28

#### A FRENCH/BRETON JAM SESSION

2:30—4:30 p.m., Great Hall

An informal group of musicians gathers to play the enchanting traditional dance music from France and Brittany, commonly known as bal folk. This is not a performance but rather a coming together of musically-minded friends. The event is free and open to the public to come and go at will. For all ages.

