



Fall 2025 Programs

Harold Parker State Forest
Department of Conservation and Recreation
305 Middleton Road, North Andover, MA 01845
(978) 475-7972

All programs are free and open to the public. **An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15.** Water, sunscreen, and bug spray are recommended for all programs. Pouring rain cancels the event. For more information, stop by the Campground Office at 133 Jenkins Road, Andover, or call **978-475-7972**.



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Sundays 9:00–11:00 a.m.	Blue Soapstone Quarry Hike Meet at the Berry Pond Gate House. Discover the Blue Soapstone Quarry, a fascinating geological site that helped shape the region’s history. Mined in the mid-1800s—and used even earlier by Native Americans—this uniquely soft stone found its way into everything from window sashes and mantels to deep sinks and city facades. Parts of this 2-mile trail include rough, uneven terrain; sturdy footwear is recommended. For all ages. The Berry Pond bath house is closed for the season.
Wednesdays 10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	We Walk the Woods Location varies each week, Join the Friends of Harold Parker State Forest on a 2 - 4-mile walk in the park. We walk a different trail each week for a new adventure in the woods. Please visit www.friendsofharoldparker.org/wednesdaywalks for this week’s location. For all ages.
Thursdays 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Kidleidoscope Meet at the Pavilion Lot Kiosk — Middleton Road. This program is designed to help young children understand the natural world around them with a story, a short activity, and a walk in the woods. Strollers are welcome along the Stone Dust Trail. Best for families with children 4-7 years old.
Fridays 9:00–10:00 a.m.	Birding for Beginners Meet at the Headquarters Lot Kiosk — Middleton Road. Connect with nature on this short walk to Stearns Pond. Along the way we will watch and listen to the local (and migrating) song birds and water fowl. For all ages.
Saturdays 9:00–11:00 a.m.	Off the Beaten Path Hike Meet at the Jenkins Lot Kiosk — Jenkins Road. Hit the trail for a 2-mile guided hike through the woods and experience the sights and sounds of Harold Parker! Parts of this trail might include rugged, uneven terrain; sturdy footwear is recommended. This hike is designed to accommodate all abilities and all ages.