



Holyoke Heritage State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY—AUGUST 2025 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. **All programs meet at the Visitor Center** unless otherwise noted. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather. Severe weather cancels outdoor programs. For more information, call (413) 534-1723.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodations
Contact: Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov , or call (617) 645-0358.

OPEN DAILY

VISITOR CENTER, 12:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Located at 221 Appleton Street in Holyoke. Accessible by [PVTA public transit](#). Free admission. Open year-round. Exhibits depict Holyoke's affluent industrial mill era. Park information, restrooms, drinking water, wheelchair accessible. Also visit the neighboring [Holyoke Merry-Go-Round](#), [Children's Museum at Holyoke](#), and [International Volleyball Hall of Fame](#).

DAILY, ONGOING

STORYWALK®, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

For young readers and their families. Combine a walk outdoors along the park sidewalks with reading a delightful children's book and you have a StoryWalk®. July features *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson. August features *Monarch and Milkweed* by Helen Frost and Leonid Gore.

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.

IN THE EXHIBITION HALL

JUNE 1 THROUGH JULY 30

TINY TREASURES: A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR VALUABLE NEIGHBORHOOD CREATURES

Come get an up-close and personal view of some of the little creatures that share our world. Renee Hill's macrophotography opens your eyes to the details of things you may have never seen - even in your own backyard. For all ages.

AUGUST 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29

FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS

Painter Sarah Marquesen's paintings portray the beauty and wonder of animals in intricate detail. Stare into the eyes of a raccoon or a bear. With every feather of the cardinal or hair of the fox, you'll create a bond with each animal you see. For all ages.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

SPECIAL ARTIST-LED WORKSHOP!

PAINT A FLYING MASTERPIECE, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Aspiring artists of **all ages** are encouraged to come to this free workshop to learn the basics of painting birds. Professional painter Sarah Marquesen guides you with an easy technique and, before you know it, you've painted a beautiful cardinal or chickadee. Supplies provided. No experience needed. Appropriate for ages 10 to 110. Spaces limited. Register by calling 413-534-1723.

MORE PROGRAM LISTINGS ON THE BACK

THE CITY OF HOLYOKE



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221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 Tel: (413) 534-1723

coming events



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PROGRAM LISTINGS CONTINUED

TOURS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

FRIDAYS, JULY 11, 18 & 25	HOLYOKE REVITALIZATION TOUR 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Discover how a city originally designed as an industrial mill town is being reimagined. Learn about some innovative businesses and visit some developers that have - and are continuing to - put new life into old mill buildings. Easy 1-mile walking tour ending at Choo Choo's take out. Registration requested by calling 413-534-1723.
SATURDAYS, JULY & AUGUST (EXCEPT JULY 12 & AUG. 30)	HOLYOKE'S HISTORIC CANALS AND DAM TOUR 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. A guided, easy, level, 2-mile walk along Holyoke's canal system. Explore the history of this fascinating planned industrial city, its engineering prowess, mill operation, and the power of water along the first and second level canals.
FRIDAYS AUGUST 1, 8, 15 & 22	TREES TO THE RESCUE, 10:00—11:00 a.m. Trees cool hot cityscapes, filter polluted air, provide relaxing views, slow runoff and more. Discover beneficial traits of urban trees in the park as you mark an identification chart during this short leisurely stroll. Free program is perfect for families, with children ages 8 and up. Come learn to love trees.
SUNDAYS & MONDAYS	NICE AND EASY WALKS, 9:00—10:00 a.m. A leisurely walk geared for seniors but open to all. Join the Park Interpreter for some exercise along the streets and canals of Holyoke with informal, on-the-go interpretation. Each roughly 1 to 2 mile walk features a topic such as local history, architecture, plants, and wildlife.

FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS	STOP BY SCIENCE, 2:00—4:00 p.m. Stop by for new hands-on science investigations each week. Explore a range of topics including turbines, birds, insects, animals, and more. Stay as long or briefly as you like. Find the Park Interpreter at a picnic table along the sidewalk.
SUNDAYS	CURIOSITY CART, 2:00—4:00 p.m. Visit the Cart for hands-on demonstrations, puzzles, and games related to Holyoke's cultural and industrial history. Discover something new each week. Find the Park Interpreter in the park near the Children's Museum.
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DAILY, ONGOING	INVESTIGATION TABLES, 12:00—4:00 p.m. Color a flower to post on the wildflower garden mural. Draw a bird that you've seen in the park. There is always something for youngsters to do in the Visitor Center while guided by adults.

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