



Holyoke Heritage State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

JUNE 2026 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. Inclement weather cancels outdoor programs. For more information call (413) 534-1723.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation:
Call (617) 645-0358, or email Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov.

**Open Daily,
12:00–4:00 pm.**

Visitor Center open hours.

Located at 221 Appleton Street in Holyoke. Accessible by PVRTA public transit. Free admission. Open daily. 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.

FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays,
June 16, 23 & 30
and

Fridays,
June 6, 13, 20 &
27,
10:00–11:00 am.

Saturday,
June 6,
**10:00 am–
12:30 pm.**

Saturdays,
June 13 & 27,
**10:00 am–
12:00 pm.**

Nice & Easy Walks.

A leisurely walk geared for older adults, but open to all. Join the park interpreter for some exercise along the streets of Holyoke with informal, on-the-go interpretation. Each roughly 1 to 2-mile walk features a topic such as Holyoke history, canals, plants, or wildlife. **Reservations requested**, call (413) 534-1723.

Holyoke Canal And Fishway Tour.

Two tours in one! Join this easy 1-mile walking tour of the first and second level canals to discover how they were built and how they work. The walk culminates at Holyoke Gas & Electric’s Robert Barrett Fishway, where we join a Fishway Guide to take a tour of the powerhouse, fish lift and viewing room. Afterward, walk back to the park visitor center. For all ages.

Tour limit 15 people. Registration required, call (413) 534-1723.

Holyoke’s Historic Canals and Dam Tour.

Join the park interpreter for a walk along Holyoke’s canal system. We explore history, engineering prowess, mill operation and the power of water as we walk along parts of the first and second level canals of this fascinating planned industrial city. Distance: 2.0 miles.

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FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Sundays,
June 14, 21, 28 and

Thursdays,
June 18, 25,
1:30–3:30 pm.

Mondays,
June 22, 29 and

Wednesdays,
June 10, 17, 24,
1:30–3:30 pm.

Daily,
8:30–4:00 pm.

Made in Holyoke.

Join us at a picnic table to make crafts reminiscent of yesteryear's Holyoke, like paper making, weaving, or journaling. A different craft each time. Most appropriate for children age 7 and older. Stay as long or briefly as you like.

Stop by Science.

Stop by the picnic table to participate in hands-on science investigations. Look through microscopes. Learn how a water turbine works. Examine birds, feathers and nests. Each week explore something new. Stay as long or briefly as you like.

StoryWalk

Combine a walk outdoors along the park sidewalks with reading a delightful children's book and you have a StoryWalk®. June features *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campboy and Theresa Howell.

IN THE GALLERY

Daily,
June 6 – July 31,
12:00–4:00 pm.

Saturday,
June 13,
1:00–3:00 pm.

Holyoke Held in Light Photography Show.

From hidden corners to familiar landmarks, *Holyoke – Held in Light* invites you to experience the city in unexpected ways. Each image of six talented photographers captures the character, beauty, and spirit of a community rich in history and alive with stories. Come see the works of: **Linda Drury, David Scher, Melissa Cooper, Joanne Holtje, Bob Benns, James Long.**

Special Event: Photographer Reception.

Come meet the photographers of *Holyoke – Held in Light* and enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. All are welcome in the Visitor Center. For all ages.

FOR GARDENERS AND KIDS

Saturday,
June 20,
**10:00 am–
12:00 pm.**

Growing Wild Day

Join the Growing Wild movement! Support pollinators and biological diversity in your own backyard. We'll show you planting and seeding techniques, how to make a pollinator watering station, play the pollinator & flower matching game, and more. Best of all, get a **FREE native pollinator garden starter kit** of two native plants, one packet of wildflower seeds, and Growing Wild sticker. For all ages.



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