



Holyoke Heritage State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

March 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,
Except Mondays,
12:00 – 4:00 pm.**

Visitor Center open hours.

Located at 221 Appleton Street in Holyoke. Accessible by PVRTA public transit. Free admission. Open Tuesdays through Sundays. Closed Mondays. 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 KIDS AND FAMILIES.

**Ongoing Daily,
Except Mondays,
12:00 – 4:00 pm.**

Starting in April
Tuesdays -
Saturdays
8:30 – 4:00 pm.

Investigation Tables.

Test your skill at working in a mill with the spindle game. Color a leaf and put it on the correct tree. Go for a virtual hike on the interactive board game. There is always something for youngsters to do in the Visitor Center while guided by adults.

StoryWalk®.

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®. April features *The Earth and I* by Frank Asch.

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.

FOR TEENS AND ADULTS.

**Fridays,
10:00–
11:30 am.
March 6, 13, 20
& 27.**

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. Weather and surface conditions may cause cancellation. Reservations requested but not required. Call: (413) 534-1723.

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Coming events



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FOR ADULTS.

**Saturdays,
10:00 am –
11:00 am.**
March 7, 14.

Holyoke, the Water City.

Topography and the Connecticut River gave rise to this prosperous city in the 1800's. This indoor presentation of exhibits and visuals illustrates the origins of our planned industrial city and how water continues to power Holyoke. **Reservations requested.** Call (413) 534-1723.

GROUP PROGRAMS BY APPOINTMENT.

Free!
**Schedule your
Group Today.**
Call:
(413) 534-1723.

Hello Holyoke – Canals, People and Mills.

In this experiential learning program centered on immigration, millwork and canals, students gain an understanding of, and reflect upon, how people lived in Holyoke's early years. Students engage with exhibits, conduct hands-on activities, hear immigrant stories, tour the canal, weave on a loom, and more. Teachers/adults co-lead with the park interpreter. Appropriate for 4th grade through middle school. 4-hour program duration.

Made in Holyoke – Papermaking.

Here in The Paper City, we like to make our own paper! In this hands-on program learn about Holyoke's papermaking industry while making your own paper and embossing it with a design from an actual dandy roll. Appropriate for 4th grade and up. 1½ to 2-hour program duration.

IN THE COMMUNITY.

**Tuesdays,
9:30 am –
12:00 pm.**
March 3, 10, 17,
24, 31.

Holyoke Farmer's Market.

Come to the DCR booth at the Holyoke Senior Center Farmer's Market. The DCR booth features an historical or natural history display, or a hands-on activity, as well as park program information. Market location is at the Holyoke Senior Center; 291 Pine Street, Holyoke, MA.

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