



# Holyoke Heritage State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

## MAY 2024 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

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### OPEN TUESDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS

#### VISITOR CENTER, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

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

### TUESDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS

#### 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®. May features: "We Planted a Tree" by Diane Muldrow.

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 GROUPS AND WALK-INS

WEDNESDAYS,  
MAY 8, 15, 22, 29  
JUNE 5, 12

FRIDAYS,  
MAY 10, 17, 24, 31  
JUNE 7

SATURDAYS  
MAY 4, 11, 25  
JUNE 1, 8, 15

#### CONNECTING WITH THE CONNECTICUT RIVER 12:00—4:00 p.m.

All ages. Explore river connections in a collaborative program led by DCR and Robert Barrett Fishway guides. Hear stories that connect the origins of Holyoke, water-power, fish migration and fish passage to the Connecticut River. Customizable group program could include turbine demonstration, short canal walk, fish counting, museum exhibits, fish migration game, and more.

**Pre-registration required for groups.** Time slots available in May and June. To request a visit go to <https://tinyurl.com/2hk4ar86>, or call (413) 534-1723.

**Families and Walk-ins** welcome during open hours 12:00—4:00 p.m. on given dates. No registration needed.

## MORE PROGRAM LISTINGS ON THE BACK

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

coming events



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### PROGRAM LISTINGS CONTINUED

#### FOR TEENS & ADULTS

**TUESDAYS,  
MAY 14, 21, 28**

**NICE & EASY CANAL WALK, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**  
Geared for seniors but open to all ages. Guided walk at an easy pace for some exercise along the Canal Trail of Holyoke. Discover how Holyoke was engineered for water-power. Dress for the weather. Severe weather cancels.

**THURSDAYS,  
MAY 16, 23, 30**

**HOLYOKE REVITALIZATION TOUR, 9:00—11:00 a.m.**  
Open to all ages. Join the park interpreter to learn about revitalization efforts of Holyoke. Visit some businesses that have put new life back into old mill buildings.

#### FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

**TUESDAYS,  
THROUGH  
SUNDAYS**

**HERE COME THE FISH! 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
Shad and other fish are coming upriver to spawn this month. In this self-guided activity, come pick a fish to color and post on our river mural in the Visitor Center.

**BABY ANIMAL NAMES, 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
A self-guided activity in honor of Mother's Day month. Match the baby animal name to the adult. What is a baby porcupine called? (*Answer: porcupette*)

**WEDNESDAYS,  
MAY 8, 15, 29**

**KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:00—11:00 a.m.**  
Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to this nature-based story, activity, and craft program. Call (413) 534-1723 to register a group.

#### IN THE EXHIBITION HALL

**MAY 7  
THROUGH  
JUNE 25**

**MASSACHUSETTS JUNIOR DUCK STAMP ART  
12:00—4:00 p.m.**  
The Exhibition Hall is ablaze with waterfowl paintings and drawings created by Massachusetts students grades K-12. Science and art combine, inspiring students to create beautiful artwork of birds in their natural environment. This is part of a program in which students learn about the importance of wetland conservation and wildlife habitat.