



Holyoke Heritage State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 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

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OPEN DAILY

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. 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®. September features *We Planted a Tree* by Diane Muldrow. October features *One Earth* by Eileen Spinelli.

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

AUGUST 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25

FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

These marvelous paintings by Sarah Marquesen portray the beauty and wonder of animals in intricate detail. As you stare into the eyes of a bear or behold every feather of a cardinal, you'll create a bond with each amazing creature. Come make a connection.

SEPTEMBER 28 THROUGH NOVEMBER 28

VISIONS OF THE VALLEY, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

The natural beauty of the Connecticut Valley, as portrayed by artists of all ages and abilities, is on display. Resilient Community Arts, an affordable and inclusive arts organization, selected pieces from public plein air events held here at Holyoke Heritage State Park and other valley locations. Is your work on display?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

VISIONS OF THE VALLEY RECEPTION 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Be a part of the show grand opening and learn more about Resilient Community Arts. Enjoy an artistic activity, nibble snacks, and peruse the gallery and exhibits. Sponsored by Resilient Community Arts.

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TOURS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

SUNDAYS, MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 15 (EXCEPT OCT. 6)	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 1.5-mile walk features a topic such as local history, art, architecture, plants, and wildlife.
FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5,12,19	TREES TO THE RESCUE, 10:00—11:00 a.m. Come learn to love trees. 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. Perfect for families with children ages 8 and up.
SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 6,13, 20 & OCTOBER 4, 18, 25	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, OCTOBER 17 & 24	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. Visit some developers that have - and are continuing to - put new life into old mill buildings. Easy 1 to 2 mile guided walking tour ending at Choo Choo’s restaurant. Registration requested by calling (413) 534-1723.

FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 15	STOP BY SCIENCE Sundays, 2:00—4:00 p.m; Wednesdays, 3:00—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. All ages. Find the Park Interpreter at a picnic table along the sidewalk in the park.
MONDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 13	ART IN THE PARK, 3:00—4:00 p.m. Join us after school for fun arts and crafts, including papermaking, journaling, weaving, stamp-making, beading and more. Activities are most appropriate for children age 7 and older.
DAILY, ONGOING	INVESTIGATION TABLES, 12:00—4:00 p.m. Color a flower to post on the wildflower garden mural. Play the “Meet Our Neighbors” park wildlife game. There is always something for youngsters to do in the Visitor Center while guided by adults. All ages.