

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 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 PVTa 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,
Sept. 8, 15, 22, &
29.
Oct. 6 & 13.
10:00–11:00 am.**

Mural Walking Tour.

For anyone wanting a nice and easy walk, join the park interpreter for a tour of a small sampling of Holyoke’s 37 beautiful murals. The artists of Beyond Walls have colored the downtown urban landscape with murals that tell stories and celebrate culture. Learn the stories they tell and of the artists who created these vibrant works. Distance: 1-1.5 miles. **Reservations requested**, call (413) 534-1723, or email nancy.condon@mass.gov.

**Saturdays,
Sept. 5 & 19.
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24,
& 31.
10:00 am–
12:00 pm.**

Holyoke’s Historic Canals and Dam Tour.

Join the park interpreter for a walk along Holyoke’s canal system. Explore history, engineering prowess, mill operation and the power of water. Walk along parts of the first and second level canals of this fascinating planned industrial city. Distance: 2 miles on level terrain. **Tour limit 15 people. Registration required.** Call (413) 534-1723, or email nancy.condon@mass.gov.

IN THE GALLERY.

**Daily, except
Mondays.
October 3–
November 24.
12:00–4:00 pm.**

Celebrating America’s 250th.

Come enjoy multi-media artwork entered into Holyoke Preservation Trust’s annual art contest. This year, students and adults are celebrating our nation’s anniversary in art.

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FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES.

Sundays,
Sept. 6 & 13.
Oct. 4 & 11.
2:00–4:00 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 ages 7 and older. Stay as long or briefly as you like.

Mondays,
Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28.
Oct. 5 & 12.
2:00–4:00 pm.

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.

Daily,
8:30 am–4:00 pm.

StoryWalk.®
Combine a walk outdoors along the park sidewalks with reading a delightful children’s book and you have a StoryWalk®. Book titles change monthly.

Saturday,
Sept. 26.
12:00–3:00 pm.

Plein Air Painting.
Come sit outdoors and paint a masterpiece! Resilient Community Arts is back, with their paint, brushes, canvases and smocks to facilitate your outdoor creativity. All ages welcome. Stop by the canopy for instructions and supplies. No reservations needed. Funded by the Holyoke Cultural Council.

FOR GROUPS.

Thursdays,
Sept. 10, 17 & 24.
Oct. 1, 8 & 15.
2:00–4:00 pm.

Animal Behavior Studies.
Why does a squirrel flop down on its belly when it’s hot? What do ants like to eat? How do birds communicate? Be the scientist that studies the behavior of these park animals. Observe, document, report and think about how humans are the same or different. Open to groups of 3 to 20, ages 9 to 15. **Registration required.** Call (413) 534-1723, or email nancy.condon@mass.gov.

Friday,
Sept. 18.
10:00 am–12:00 pm.

Source to Sea Cleanup.
This annual cleanup, organized by the Connecticut River Conservancy, takes place all along the Connecticut River. Help DCR, the city of Holyoke, and Holyoke High School to do our part along the Connecticut River in Springdale Park. **Registration is required,** call (413) 534-1723, or email nancy.condon@mass.gov.

Coming events