



Holyoke Heritage State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY-AUGUST 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

Tuesday,
July 21, 28 and
August 4, 11, 18,
& 25.
10:00–11:00 am.

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.

Friday,
July 10 and
August 28.
**10:00 am–
12:30 pm.**

Holyoke Revitalization Tour.

Discover how a city originally designed as an industrial mill town is being reimagined. Visit some innovative businesses and developers that have, and are continuing to, put life back into old mill buildings. Up to a 2-mile walk. Dress for the weather. Severe weather cancels. **Tour limit 15 people. Registration required.** Call (413) 534-1723, or email nancy.condon@mass.gov.

Saturday,
July 4, 11, 18 and
August 22, 29.
**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. 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-miles. **Tour limit 15 people. Registration required.** Call (413) 534-1723, or email nancy.condon@mass.gov

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Coming events



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FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Sunday,
July 12, 19, 26 and
all of August.

Thursday,
July 30 and
all of August.
2:00–4:00 pm.

Monday,
July 13, 20, 27 and
all of August.
2:00–4:00 pm.

Daily,
8:30 am–4:00 pm.

Saturday,
July 25,
12:00–2:00 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.

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®. Book titles change monthly.

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.

IN THE GALLERY

Daily,
June 6–July 31,
12:00–4:00 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 Bennis, James Long.**

Daily,
August 9–Sept. 30,
12:00–4:00 pm.

Homemade Paper from the Paper City

Participants in Girls Inc. of the Valley display creative uses of paper they have made themselves. Boxes, cards, planters and more are on exhibit in the gallery. Come get inspired with new ideas to do at home.

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