



Lawrence Heritage State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY 2026 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All programs meet at the Visitor Center at 1 Jackson St unless otherwise noted. Limited free parking available near the Visitor Center on Mill Street. Accessible by MVRTA bus. For more information, call (978) 794-1655 or email rebecca.moses@mass.gov.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation.
Call (617) 645-0358, or email Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov.

coming events

Daily, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Visitor Center & Museum
Explore the story of Lawrence from its founding to the present! Permanent exhibits and films trace the threads of textiles, labor, and immigration in the city across time, and rotating displays and community spaces highlight the people and stories of the city today.

Community Gallery, Third Floor
Come by each month for new exhibits which feature Lawrence creators, curators, and stories!
Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with local historian Tom Spitalere’s collection of patriotic memorabilia from the 1976 bicentennial in the Gallery all month.

PROGRAMS AND TOURS

Sundays and Mondays, 10:00–11:00am
Or by request, as available

Guided Museum Tour
Join a member of our museum staff to discover how Lawrence residents have given a small city on the Merrimack a central role in the stories of American industry, labor, and identity for over a century. Best for ages 8 and up.
Drop-in museum tours are also available by request all week as staffing permits.

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am

Monuments & Martyrs Walking Tour
This 1.5-mile urban walking tour highlights the heroes memorialized on and around Campagnone Common. Path is flat and includes sidewalks and paved paths. Ages 8 and up.

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm, Except July 1

Bring Your Own Lunch Speaker Series
Pack a lunch and come up to the Community Room each Wednesday to hear talks from Park Interpreter Rich Padova and guest speakers on topics in Lawrence history! Call or stop by the Visitor Center to learn about upcoming subjects and speakers.



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**Thursdays,
10:00-11:30am**

Tour the Gateway District

What do you do with a planned industrial city when the industry leaves? Discover how community action and creativity have preserved, repurposed, and adapted a 19th century mill district to serve the Lawrence of today! Ages 8+

**Fridays,
10:00-11:30am,
Except July 3**

A Walk To The Great Stone Dam

History flows on this 1.5 mile walking tour to the Great Stone Dam! Discover how Lawrence's mills used the Merrimack to power a textile empire, and see how it powers the city today. Ages 8+.

SPECIAL EVENTS

**Friday, July 3rd
11:00am-1:00pm**

Meet Abigail Adams!

Come to the Visitor Center to be transported back in time and meet Abigail Adams for this special program in honor of 250 years of American independence! Presentation followed by light lunch and free raffles. Meets in the Community Room on the third floor.

**Saturday,
July 4th
11:00am-3:00pm**

20th Annual Old-Fashioned Fourth of July

Celebrate 250 years of independence and 20 years of this Lawrence Heritage State Park tradition with a live jazz performance, patriotic parade, reading of the Declaration of Independence, luncheon, free raffles, and more! Performance begins at 11 am, and celebration proceedings start at noon outside the Visitor Center.

**Saturdays,
starting July 11th
10:00am-12:00pm**

Merrimack River Boat Tours

Join our Park Interpreter for a narrated journey on the Merrimack River and see Lawrence's history from a new perspective! Advanced reservations required. Tours leave from the Bashara Boathouse at 1 Eaton St, Lawrence, MA 01843. Call (978) 794-1655 to reserve a seat or for more information.

These free boat tours are supported by a grant from the White Fund to the Friends of Lawrence Heritage State Park and offered in collaboration with the Greater Lawrence Community Boating Program.