

SUMMER 2025 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Accessible by MVRTA bus routes 1, 3, 4, 9, and 12. Limited free parking available next to the Visitor Center on Mill Street. Accommodations available on request. For more information, call (978) 794-1655.



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Ongoing Daily

VISITOR CENTER & MUSEUM

9:00am - 4:00pm, 1 Jackson St, Lawrence, MA

Explore Lawrence's past and present with exhibits highlighting its inception as a planned industrial city, the textile mills it housed, and the immigrant communities whose work and lives form the core of the city itself.

THELMA TODD THEATER

Films by request, 9:00am - 3:30pm, Visitor Center

Films about the stories, cultures, and communities of Lawrence, including *Collective Voices: The Bread and Roses Strike*, *A Child on Strike*, and more!

COMMUNITY GALLERY, Visitor Center

Our third-floor gallery space displays new exhibits monthly. Stop by or call to learn about current and upcoming displays!

Mondays 11:00am—1:30pm or by appointment

GUIDED MUSEUM TOUR, Visitor Center

Stop by for a 45 minute guided tour of our permanent museum exhibits exploring the history of Lawrence! Discover the planned industrial city and explore how its diverse immigrant communities have made it a center of textile manufacturing, labor activism, and vibrant culture. All ages.

Tuesdays 10:00—11:30am

A WALK TO THE GREAT STONE DAM

History flows on this 1.5 mile walking tour to the Great Stone Dam, once the largest in the world! Discover how the Merrimack was harnessed to power a textile empire, and see how it powers the city today. Ages 8+, weather dependent.

Wednesdays 12:00-1:00pm

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH SPEAKER SERIES

Bring your own lunch every Wednesday to this one-hour program featuring a new speaker and topic each week. Call or stop by the Visitor Center for upcoming speakers and topics. Best for ages 16+.

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all walking tours meet at the Visitor Center, 1 Jackson St

Thursdays

10:00—11:30am

June: ROBERT FROST WALKING TOUR

Robert Frost may be known for poems about rural life, but he spent his teenage years and young adulthood here in Lawrence. Learn about his life and work in the city on this 1-mile walking tour! All ages.

July-August: TOUR THE GATEWAY DISTRICT

This 1.5 mile walking tour marries past and present, highlighting the ways that mill infrastructure from the city's textile heyday has been reimagined for today. Ages 8+

Fridays

10:00—11:30am

June-July: MONUMENTS & MARTYRS

This 1.5 mile walk will reveal the story of the people and events memorialized on Lawrence's Campagnone Common. Ages 8+

August: BREAD & ROSES STRIKE TOUR

Follow the footsteps and stories of workers during the Great Textile Strike of 1912, and discover why 27,000 workers walked out of the mills—and how their strike succeeded—on this one-mile walking tour. All ages.

Saturdays,

10:00-11:30am

June only

ARCHITECTURE AND ALLEYWAYS TOUR

Learn the hidden history of the buildings and alleys that make up downtown Lawrence on this half-mile walking tour! Ages 10+.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Sundays

June 29, July 27,
& August 31

MAKING TEXTILE HISTORY WORKSHOPS

11:00am-3:30pm, Visitor Center

Follow the threads of Lawrence's history of cloth manufacturing while creating unique fabric- and fiber-based crafts in this free workshop series! All materials supplied, no registration required. Call or visit the Visitor Center for information about the month's workshop.

Friday, July 4

19th ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

11:00am-3:00pm, Visitor Center

Join us for a day of old-fashioned festivities, including a parade, public reading, live performance, luncheon, and more!

Saturdays,

July 12 -

August 30

MERRIMACK RIVER BOAT TOURS,

10:00am - 12:00pm

Meet at Abe Bashara Boathouse, 1 Eaton St

Discover Lawrence's history through a guided tour on the Merrimack River. Seats limited, advanced registration required. Call (978) 794-1655 to reserve a seat.