

## Lawrence Heritage State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

# WINTER 2026 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. The Visitor Center is accessible by MVRTA bus routes #1, #3, #4, #9, and #12.

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**Daily**  
**9:00 a.m.-**  
**4:00 p.m.**

### Visitor Center

Come explore the history and development of Lawrence, MA, one of the nation's first planned industrial cities. The Visitor Center is located in a former boardinghouse (1848) of the Bay State Mills, the first textile mill to produce cloth in Lawrence, MA. Find a model of the original interior in the exhibit on the first floor. All ages and abilities are welcome!

### Thelma Todd Theater

Named after Thelma Alice Todd (1906—1935), a Hollywood Actress born in Lawrence, MA, who appeared in over 100 feature films and movie shorts from 1926-1935.

View one or more of our documentaries and film clips about the stories, culture, and immigrants of Lawrence, including: Collective Voices, The Bread & Roses Strike, A Child on Strike, Downstream on the Merrimack River, and more. Films are shown on request and are best for ages 10 years and up. Last viewing at 3:30pm.

### Community Gallery

Join us each month for a new and exciting exhibition of art and historical collections by local residents.

- **January:** Francis Perkins Exhibit: sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Central Labor Council
- **February:** Boston Sports Memorabilia Exhibit: Curated by Tom Spitalere
- **March:** Irish Heritage Month Exhibit: Sponsored by the Lawrence Ancient Order of Hibernians

For more information, please call (978) 794-1655.

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**Friday -  
Mondays  
1:00-2:30pm  
&  
Tuesday -  
Thursdays  
10:00-  
11:30am**

**Wednesdays  
1:30-3:30pm**

**Tuesdays &  
Thursdays  
1:00-3:00pm**

**Fridays  
10:00-11:30  
am**

### **Guided Museum Tour**

Join us for a 45-minute guided tour of our permanent exhibits, Lawrence: A Planned Industrial City, City of Workers, and The People and Places That Shaped Lawrence, and discover the important role Lawrence and its immigrant population played in the Industrial Revolution and Labor Movement. Best for ages 10 years and up.

(Free tours can also be made by appointment, please call (978) 794-1655)

### **Wednesday Workshops**

Get hands-on with history! Stop by the Visitor Center each week for a new craft and discover new connections between the past and the present in this free drop-in series highlighting fiber and textile arts. All ages welcome; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Riverfront State Park Hikes**

Join us for a guided wintertime hike along the Merrimack River, led by DCR staff. The hiking route is approximately 1.5 miles over uneven terrain. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. **Groups will meet at the Abe Bashara Boathouse parking lot, located at 1 Eaton Street, Lawrence.** The hike may be canceled in the event of inclement weather or icy trail conditions. Suitable for ages 8 and up.

### **Kidleidoscope**

This preschool-aged program includes a story, craft, and exploration. Children may spend time both indoors and outdoors, depending on the topic. Please dress for the weather. For ages 3-5.