



August 2026 — Program Calendar—Massasoit State Park

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10 am Dean Mill Tour 1 pm Nature's Colors
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All programs are free and open to public, unless otherwise noted.

Outdoors programs may be canceled or modified due to rain or inclement weather.

Come prepared for the weather. Bring water, sunscreen, bug spray, and a snack. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Program Descriptions

Beaver Tales Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy	Beavers are amazing! The largest American rodent, it helped jump-start the 19th-century American economy (via fur trapping). And they shape the environment more than any other species (except us). This is a hands-on program (but no live beavers!). Where: Amie's Playground, second right after the Contact Station, just over a mile down the Park Road.
Cranberry Bog Tour Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Moderate	Cranberries are a key part of our local culture and cuisine. They have shaped Native American life, the Massachusetts economy, our health, and the environment. Learn about cranberry growing and other living things in our very own cranberry bog. Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.
Dean Mill Tour Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Moderate	Our park is rich in nature, but the Industrial Revolution also left its mark. Explore the ruins of the Dean Cotton Mill. (Earlier it was a gristmill; later, a sawmill.) We'll focus on the story of the cotton mill (1812-37) and the people who worked there. Where: Big Bear Hole parking lot, a turn right off the main Park Road just before you reach Big Bear Hole Dam.
Earth Shapers Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy	The origin stories of New England and our park are told in earth and stone and fire and ice. Glaciers, volcanos, and vast tectonic movements have all shaped this land. Explore some of the lingering signs left by those earth shapers from so long ago. Where: Amie's Playground, second right after the Contact Station, just over a mile down the Park Road.
Geology Rocks! Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy	Ice Age glaciers brought rocks here from many distant places, so our park is a great place for geology. Drop by to learn about the three rock groups (igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic) as well as minerals and crystals, and how to recognize them. Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.
Kings' Furnace Duration: 45 min. Difficulty: Easy	For 120 years, an iron foundry operated on what would become our park. Learn about ironmaking technology, the ecology and resources involved, and a bit about the entrepreneurs and ironworkers who worked here some 200 years ago. Where: Big Bear Hole parking lot, a turn right off the main Park Road just before you reach Big Bear Hole Dam.
Nature's Colors Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Easy	New England is justly proud of its fall foliage. But as you can see at our park, there are plenty of other sources of colors — flowers, bugs, birds, and more. But where do those colors come from? What is the art and science behind nature's colors? Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.
Wildflowers & More Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Moderate	Discover nature's intricacy on this short walk. What we see varies from day to day, but there's always something interesting. The key to the stories here isn't just what you see but also larger ecological themes of how people and nature interact. Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.