



June 2026 Program Calendar—Massasoit State Park

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All programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. Outdoors programs may be canceled or modified due to rain or inclement weather. Come prepared. Bring water, sunscreen, bug spray, and a snack. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 1 pm Beaver Tales 4 pm Earth Shapers	4 10 am Nature Walk 1 pm Geology Rocks! 4 pm Cranberry Bog	5 10 am Beaver Tales 1 pm Geology Rocks!	6 10 am Nature's Colors 1 pm Dean Mill Tour
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Program Descriptions

<p>Beaver Tales Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: short walk</p>	<p>Beavers are the largest American rodent. They helped jump-start the 19th-century American economy (via fur trapping). And they shape the environment more than any other species (except us). This program includes an optional 1-mile walk to a beaver site.</p> <p>Where: Amie’s Playground, second right after the Contact Station, just over a mile down the Park Road.</p>
<p>Cranberry Bog Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Moderate Distance: 0.25 mile</p>	<p>Cranberries are an important part of our local culture and cuisine. They shape Native American life, the Massachusetts economy, our health, and the environment. Learn about cranberry growing and the other living things in our very own cranberry bog.</p> <p>Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.</p>
<p>Dean Mill Tour Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Moderate Distance: 0.5 miles</p>	<p>Our park is rich in nature, but the Industrial Revolution also left its mark here. Come 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.</p> <p>Where: Big Bear Hole parking lot, third right turn off the main Park Road, just before you reach Big Bear Hole Dam.</p>
<p>Earth Shapers Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: short walk</p>	<p>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 all shaped this land. We’ll focus on the signs left by glaciers and their lingering impact on the land today.</p> <p>Where: Amie’s Playground, second right after the Contact Station, just over a mile down the Park Road.</p>
<p>Geology Rocks! Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: short walk</p>	<p>Ice Age glaciers brought rocks here from many distant places, so this is a great place to do geology. Learn about the three major rock groups (igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic) and do some rock hunting of your own. Who knows what you might find!</p> <p>Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.</p>
<p>Kings’ Furnace Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Moderate Distance: short walk</p>	<p>For about 120 years, an iron foundry operated on what would become Massasoit State 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.</p> <p>Where: Big Bear Hole parking lot, third right turn off the main Park Road, just before you reach Big Bear Hole Dam.</p>
<p>Nature’s Colors Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: short walk</p>	<p>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?</p> <p>Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.</p>
<p>Nature Walk Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: 0.25 mile</p>	<p>Discover nature’s intricacy on this short walk. The plants and animals vary from day to day, but there’s always intriguing stuff to be seen. But the key to the stories here isn’t just what you might see but also larger themes of the interactions of people and nature.</p> <p>Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.</p>