



October 2026 — Program Calendar—Massasoit State Park

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10 am Wildflowers & More 2 pm Beaver Tales 4 pm Earth Shapers	2 10 am Beaver Tales 1 pm Geology Rocks!	3 10 am Dean Mill Tour 2 pm In Living Color
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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! They're the largest North American rodent. They helped jump-start the 19th-century American economy (a fur trapping). And they shape the environment in impressive ways. This program is 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've shaped Native American life, the Massachusetts economy, our health, and the environment. Learn about cranberry growing and other living things found in our very own cranberry bog. Where: Contact Station, the 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 (1812-37). (Earlier it was a gristmill; later, a sawmill.) Learn about cotton-mill technology and the lives of the people who worked there. Where: Big Bear Hole parking lot, a right turn off the main Park Road just before you reach Big Bear Hole Dam.
Earth Shapers Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy	The story of our park is written in soil and stone, fire and ice. Glaciers, volcanos, and vast tectonic movements all shaped it. Find signs of glaciers. Imagine the world of Ice Age megafauna. And hold part of a 300,000,000-year-old forest in your hand. Where: Amie's Playground, the 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 great for geology. Learn about the three big rock groups (igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic) as well as minerals and crystals and fossils — and how to recognize them. Where: Contact Station, the first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.
In Living Color Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Easy	New England is justifiably proud of its fall foliage. And in spring and summer we are ablaze in blossoms. There are still more colors in the bugs, birds, and rocks. Where do all these colors come from? What explains the art and science of nature's colors? Where: Contact Station, the 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 here at what would become our park. Learn about ironmaking technology, the ecology and resources involved, and the entrepreneurs and ironworkers who manned the furnace some 200 years ago. Where: Big Bear Hole parking lot, a right turn off the main Park Road just before you reach Big Bear Hole Dam.
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, the first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.