



September 2025 Program Calendar—Massasoit State Park

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10 am Cranberry Bog 1 pm Walk in the Wild 4 pm Geology Rocks!	2 No Programs	3 No Programs	4 No Programs	5 10 am Nature's Colors 1 pm Geology Rocks! 4 pm Dean Mill Tour	6 10 am Dean Mill Tour 1 pm Nature's Colors 4 pm Cranberry Bog
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All programs are free and open to public, unless otherwise noted. Programs may be canceled or modified due train or inclement weather.
 Come prepared: Bring water, sunscreen, bug spray, and a snack. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Program Descriptions

Beaver Tales Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: short walk	<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>
Cranberry Bog Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Moderate Distance: 0.25 mile	<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>
Dean Cotton Mill Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Moderate Distance: 0.5 miles	<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, a turn right off the main Park Road just before you reach Big Bear Hole Dam.</p>
Geology Rocks Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: short walk	<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>
King's Furnace Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Moderate Distance: .25 miles	<p>For 120 years, an iron foundry operated on what is today's Massasoit State Park. The foundry site itself is inaccessible, but this program visits Foundry Brook and a bog-iron site and discusses iron-forging technology and the lives of 19th-century ironworkers.</p> <p>Where: Big Bear Hole parking lot, a turn right off the main Park Road just before you reach Big Bear Hole Dam.</p>
Nature's Colors Duration: 45 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: short walk	<p>A new program this season: Learn about the many colors of our park — flowers, bugs, birds, and more. But where do those colors come from? What's the art and science behind nature's colors? In this program, you'll also get to make your own colors!</p> <p>Where: Contact Station, first building on the Park Road, not quite a quarter mile from the Park Entrance.</p>
Walk in the Wild Duration: 30 min Difficulty: Easy Distance: 0.25 mile	<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>