



MARCH-APRIL 2026 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All programs meet at the Notch Visitor Center, 1500 West Street, Amherst, MA, unless otherwise noted. To register for programs or get more information, call the Visitor Center (413) 253-2883 or email Holyoke.range@mass.gov.

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Coming Events

**Thursdays
through
Mondays
9:00 am-
4:00 pm.**

Visitor Center Open Hours.

The Notch Visitor Center at 1500 West Street in Amherst, features trail maps, park orientation and information, exhibits, restrooms, and drinking water. Take a walk or hike in the park. Accessible by PVTA public transit ([Amherst R38](#)). Wheelchair accessible. Lobby and restrooms are open daily; Info desk and exhibits may be closed periodically for programming.

**Fridays,
10:00-11:00 am.**
Except on 3/13.

Nature Storytime - Kiddleidoscope.

For ages 0-6+, accompanied by an adult. Enjoy nature themed storybooks paired with age-appropriate activity or craft. All materials are provided. No registration needed.

April 3 – Debuting titles from First People, First Stewards Library. See “Ongoing” page for description.

**Saturdays,
10:00 am-
12:30 pm.**
March 28 &
April 18.

Off the Beaten Path Hike.

For ages 12 and up. This guided hike exploring spring in the Holyoke range. A more strenuous 2-4-mile hike over uneven terrain. Dress for the weather, bring water, snacks and extra layers. Sturdy hiking shoes are required and hiking poles recommended. Free. **Registration required, call or email: 413-253-2883 or holyoke.range@mass.gov**

Meeting Location:

- **3/28:** Notch Visitor Center, 1500 West Street, Amherst, MA
- **4/18:** Batchelor Brook Trailhead, 81 Batchelor St, Granby, MA

**Sundays,
12:30-2:30 pm.**
March 8 &
March 22.

Maple Sugar Discoveries.

For all ages. From tree to table, experience the sweet process of maple sugaring. Learn small scale home techniques while digesting the natural history behind this delicious tradition. This program takes place indoors and outdoors, with a short walk-through uneven terrain. Please come prepared for the weather. **Registration required, call or email: 413-253-2883 or holyoke.range@mass.gov**

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Sunday,
April 5.
10:00-11:00 am.

Nice and Easy Hike.

Easy-paced, guided hike for seniors, but open to all ages. Join a park interpreter for an eye-opening walk. Discover the hidden themes of cultural history along the trail. Modest slope, 1-2 miles. Dress for the weather, bring water, and snack. Hiking poles and traction footwear recommended. No registration needed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday,
March 7.
12:30-1:30 pm.

Herstory: Dinosaur Discoverer, Mignon Talbot!

In celebration of Women's History Month, join us for an indoor presentation with Mount Holyoke College geology professor Mark McMenamin. Learn the story of Mignon Talbot and her discovery of Podokesaurus, now the Massachusetts State Dinosaur. Free and open to all ages. No registration needed.

Sunday,
March 15.
1:00-2:00 pm.

Snakes of Massachusetts.

Discover local Massachusetts snakes in an interactive talk accompanied by a slide show. Meet ambassador snakes - Naga, the corn snake, and Inky, the king snake up close! Explore snake life cycles, benefits to ecosystems and compare images of local snakes. Free. Open to all ages. No registration needed.

Friday,
April 10.
12:30-3:30 pm.

Intro to Fly Tying.

Learn the basic skills of tying your own fishing flies during this free, hands-on course offered by Mass Wildlife. This is a single session sampler for beginners, an intro to basic equipment, while tying simple but effective patterns. All tools and tying materials provided. Open to the public, for beginning fly tiers only, Ages 15 and up.

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Sunday,
April 19.
1:00-2:00 pm.

Volunteer Trail Stewardship.

Kick off National Volunteer Week with longtime Volunteer Trail Stewards Michael and Susan Zlogar. Join us for an indoor presentation to learn about trail stewardship, ways to get involved in volunteerism, and stories Michael and Susan have gathered along the trail. Free. Open to all ages. No registration needed.

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SPECIAL EVENT

Sunday,
April 26.

10:00 am-
2:00 pm.

Trails Day with a Challenge.

Get outside and engage in community science through nature exploration. Join Kestrel Land Trust and DCR for a Bio Blitz! Drop in, enjoy kid friendly activities, chat with educators, join a session or a guided hike. Stay for five minutes or a few hours. Free. Session and hike are open to all ages and great for families.

10:00 -
10:30 am.

Species Identification Session.

Learn the basics of the City Nature Challenge including use of iNaturalist 101 and plant identification for beginners. No registration needed.

11:00 am-
12:00 pm.

Naturalist Guided Hike.

1 to 2 mile guided hike on an easy-moderate trail. Test out your identification skills on the trail and engage in citizen science. **Registration required, call or email: 413-253-2883** or holyoke.range@mass.gov

ONGOING

March 15
through
April 26.

Storywalk®*:

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring by Kenard Pak.

For families with children. A children’s picture book story about welcoming back spring. Walk a short, easy route near the Visitor Center to read this story welcoming the Spring season.

*The **StoryWalk®** Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. A Story Walk® is a great non-personal tool for Pre-K and K-12 audiences. It is self-guided, allowing the interpreter to provide for an audience that may not be able to attend a program.

Debut on
Friday,
April 3.
10:00 -
11:00 am.

First People, First Stewards Children’s Library.

A curated collection of fiction and nonfiction children’s books, including firsthand accounts of Indigenous history and culture. Highlighting several tribes’ connection to land and water, told by an array of Indigenous authors such as Traci Sorell, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

The Library debuts on April 3rd at our regularly scheduled Nature Storytime.

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Mount Holyoke Range State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

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Ongoing,
April 20
Through
May 31.

Art Showing - Chasing Trails by Monica Aguilar.

Monica Aguilar brings together her passions of outdoors and art through her work. While on the trails, she creates paintings while hiking as well as collects reference photos to work on larger pieces in the studio. Finding inspiration in micro views as well as the larger sweeping vistas connecting back to the feeling of exploration on a trail.

Her pieces reflect her recent Thru Hike on the Continental Divide Trail, her time hiking along the New England Trail, and local trails.



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