



Mount Holyoke Range State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

MAY 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, 9:00am-4:00 pm.

Open Daily Starting 5/24.

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 May 22.

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.

Saturday, May 30. 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 natural and 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.

Sunday, May 17. 10:00-12:30 pm.

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:

5/31: 199 Harris Mountain Road, Granby, MA.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday,
May 1.
2:00–4:00 pm.

Meet the Author – Danielle R. Raad.
Above the Oxbow, Stories Entangled with a Mountain

Take a journey through the tangle of rich narratives surrounding Mount Holyoke, a locally cherished mountain in Western Massachusetts. Meet Danielle outside the Notch Visitor Center to explore and discuss her new book. Discover how cultural perspectives, community activism, and personal experiences shape our understanding of a place. For adults. Spend 5 minutes or an hour.

Saturday,
May 23.
10:00–
12:00 pm.

Pollinator-Palooza, Guided Walk.

Meet student bee biologist Sonia Szala-Krotkov and join her on a 1–2-mile walk on an easy trail. On the walk, search for bees, stop to talk about bee identification, behavior, and ecology, observe a bee catching demo and a pinned bee collection. Open to all ages and abilities. **Registration required, call or email: 413-253-2883 or holyoke.range@mass.gov.**

LIBRARY & EXHIBIT

New. Ongoing.

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.

Ongoing,
April 20
Through
June 7.

Community Open Gallery – 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.

Save the Date: Meet the Artist, June 7!

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