



# Myles Standish State Forest, August 2025 Program Calendar

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The Nature Center is open Wednesday-Sundays, 11:30 PM to 2 PM. Hours subject to change based on staff availability.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> <b>Nice and Easy Hike</b> 9:30 to 11:00 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Hike for Health</b> 9:30-11:00 am	<b>7</b> <b>Woodland Neighbors: Eastern Blue Bird</b> 9:30-10:30am  <b>Nice and Easy Hike, East Head Pond</b> 3:00-4:30pm	<b>8</b> <b>Hike for Health</b> 9:30-11:00 am	<b>9</b> <b>Turtle Spotting</b> 9:30-10:30am  <b>Cannonballs &amp; Cranberries</b> 3:00-4:30pm
<b>10</b> <b>Nice and Easy Hike, Frost Pocket Loop</b> 9:30 to 11:00 am  <b>Crafts in Nature</b> 2:00-3:00pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Hike for Health</b> 9:30-11:00am	<b>14</b> <b>A Murder Most Fowl: The American Crow</b> 9:30-10:30am  <b>Nice and Easy Hike</b> 3:00-4:30pm	<b>15</b> <b>Hike for Health</b> 9:30-11:00am  <b>Nature Games:</b> 2:00-3:30pm	<b>16</b> <b>Early Birding</b> 9:30-10:30am  <b>Talking Trees</b> 3-4:30pm
<b>17</b> <b>Nice and Easy Hike</b> 9:30 to 11:00am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Hike for Health</b> 9:30-11:00am	<b>21</b> <b>Woodland Neighbors: Turtle Power Hour</b> 9:30-10:30am  <b>Nice and Easy Hike, Frost Pocket Loop</b> 3:00-4:30pm	<b>22</b> <b>Hike for Health</b> 9:30-11:00am	<b>23</b> <b>Turtle Spotting</b> 9:30-10:30am  <b>Pine Barrens: A stroll of Ice &amp; Fire</b> 3:00-4:30pm
<b>24</b> <b>Nice and Easy Hike, East Head Pond</b> 9:30 – 11:00am  <b>Crafts in Nature</b> 2:00-3:00pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Hike for Health</b> 9:30-11:00am	<b>28</b> <b>Creature Feature</b> 9:30-10:30am  <b>Nice and Easy Hike, Frost Pocket Loop</b> 3:00-4:30pm	<b>29</b> <b>Hike for Health</b> 9:30-11am  <b>Nature Games:</b> 2:00-3:30pm	<b>30</b>

## Program Descriptions

<p><b>Things to Know Before You Go</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.</li> <li>• All children must be accompanied by an adult.</li> <li>• Dress for the weather; bring sunscreen, bug spray, water, and a snack.</li> <li>• Rain cancels most programs; call ahead to confirm (508) 866-2526.</li> <li>• No dogs at programs. Starting on April 1st to September 15th dogs and other pets are not authorized on the beach, with the exception of service animals, per DCR regulations.</li> <li>• A daily parking fee is required in some areas: \$8 MA Vehicle, \$30 non-MA. Vehicle fee is collected from 8AM to 4PM.</li> <li>• Park Trail Map: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/doc/myles-standish-trail-map/download">https://www.mass.gov/doc/myles-standish-trail-map/download</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Talking Trees</b>	The story of the forest is told by its trees. They are living beings that have strange and fascinating ways to communicate and help one another. Learn about the most common trees in the Massachusetts Pine Barrens ecosystem and what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen. <b>Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1).</b> Parking is free of charge. The program consists of a 2.6-mile hike around the East Head Reservoir that has some small inclines and declines. For adults and children over the age of 8.
<b>Creature Feature</b>	Join us for a fun, hands-on program about the animals of Myles Standish State Forest. Check out the pelts and skulls of the animals that make their home here. <b>Meet behind the bathhouse at the College Pond Day Use Area.</b> The program is free but there is a daily parking fee of \$8 per MA Vehicle, \$15 per non-MA per car to park at College Pond Day Use Area. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 5.
<b>Nature Games</b>	Come to the Interpretive Center for some fun nature-based games and activities. We'll have various games lined up like bat-based Marco Polo and nature-based Simon Says! <b>Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1).</b> Parking is free of charge. The program consists of 2-3 games over the span of the program's time frame. Feel free to come and go as you please. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
<b>Nice and Easy Hike, East Head Pond</b>	Join the park interpreter for a peaceful stroll along East Head Pond. It is a 2.6-mile hike over mostly flat terrain with minimal inclines and declines. On this walk we will see plenty of different plants and animal life. Please be sure to bring water and insect repellent for this walk. <b>Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1).</b> Parking is free of charge. Suitable for all ages.
<b>Nice and Easy Hike, Frost Pocket Loop</b>	Join the park interpreter for a peaceful stroll along one of our Frost Pocket Loop. It is a 1.6-mile hike that will have a few inclines and declines. On this walk we will see plenty of different plants and animal life. Please be sure to bring water and insect repellent for this walk. <b>Meet at the parking lot off Upper College Pond Road (P2).</b> Parking is free of charge. Suitable for all ages.

<b>Hike For Health</b>	Join us for a briskly paced walk around our East Head Pond. It's a 2.6-mile hike around the pond with various interesting plants and animals. Please bring water, sturdy footwear and bug spray for this hike. This program does contain a few small inclines and declines <b>Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1)</b> . This event is suitable for adults and teens.
<b>Pine Barrens: A Stroll of Ice &amp; Fire</b>	This is a forest born of ice and fire. It has been shaped by both human hands and changing climates. Join us on this gentle 1.6-mile hike through the famous Pine Barrens ecosystem of Myles Standish State Forest. We'll explore the natural history of the forest from Native American hunters to today's visitors. This walks involves a few brief inclines and declines. <b>Meet at the parking lot off Upper College Pond Road (P2)</b> . Parking is free of charge. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
<b>A Murder Most Fowl: The American Crow</b>	Crows are much more intriguing than you might guess. Remarkably social and intelligent, these clever birds have long been a source of fascination and lore. We will also discuss how different cultures have viewed crows throughout history and how these myths closely relate to the actual behavior of crows. This program will consist of a ½ mile walk up one of our paved biking paths that does have some inclines and declines. <b>Meet at the Interpretative Center next to the parking lot at forest headquarters (P1)</b> . Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
<b>Turtle Power Hour</b>	Turtles rock! Many species make their home throughout MSSF, including one you will likely only see here in this forest. On this all-ages program we will learn about turtles, their behavior, how to identify different species of local turtles, and hopefully see some ourselves! This program will consist of a short 5 to 10-minute walk over mostly smooth terrain with minimal roots. <b>Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1)</b> . Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.
<b>Crafts in Nature</b>	Join us for some nature-based crafts. We'll try out different crafts that can help us learn about nature and possibly help it too! <b>Meet at the Interpretative Center next to the parking lot at forest headquarters (P1)</b> . Event may move indoors due to inclement weather. Suitable for children and young teens.
<b>Eastern Blue Bird</b>	Join us for morning bird watching as we talk about the Eastern Blue Bird, a feisty little bird with a story of its own. This program will consist of a ½ walk up one of our paved biking paths with some inclines and declines. <b>Meet at the Interpretative Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters(P1)</b> . Suitable for teens and adults. No bird watching experience required.
<b>Early Birding</b>	Morning bird songs are a beautiful thing. Join us for some early morning bird watching and let's see what songs we hear. We'll be going out to one of the paths to see what birds we can find. This program will consist of a ½ walk up one of our paved biking paths that has some inclines and declines. <b>Meet at the Interpretative Center next to the parking lot at forest headquarters (P1)</b> .

<b>Turtle Spotting</b>	You know what's cooler than a turtle? A dole of turtles! Let's see if we can see a few sunning themselves in the morning light in various spots around the East Head Reservoir. This program will consist of a short 5-minute walk on flat terrain. <b>Meet at the Interpretative Center next to the parking lot at forest headquarters (P1).</b>
<b>Cannonballs &amp; Cranberries</b>	Join the park interpreter for a guided tour around a working cranberry bog and discover the fascinating history of the bog, from iron production to cranberry agriculture. Learn about how this land was formed thousands of years ago and what the bogs have meant to the inhabitants of the region over time. See these bogs as they ripen on this gentle and informative walk. This program consists of a 1.6 mile walk around two cranberry bogs. The beginning and end of the program do have an incline/decline to get to the cranberry bogs. <b>Meet at the Rocky Pond Cranberry Parking Lot (P7).</b> Parking is free of charge. Suitable for adults and children over the age of 8.