

OCTOBER 2021 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public; no parking fees. An adult must accompany children. Bring drinking water; consider sunscreen and insect repellent. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines (visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID)). Events may be canceled due to inclement weather. For more information, call (508) 866-2526.

Fridays
October 1 & 8 **EASTHEAD RAMBLE, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Headquarters**
Join the park interpreter for a guided 2.6 mile-hike along the East Head Reservoir. Observe the wide range of wildlife that inhabits this wetland forest community. Meet at Parking Lot 1 next to the forest headquarters. For adults.

Fridays
October 1 & 8 **PINE BARRENS: A STROLL OF FIRE AND ICE, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Parking Lot 2**
Join us on this gentle 1.6-mile hike through the famous Pine Barrens ecosystem of MSSF to discuss the natural history of the forest. Meet at the parking lot off Upper College Pond Road and Three Corner Pond Road (P2). For adults.

Saturdays
October 2 & 9 **JUNIOR RANGERS, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Headquarters**
Join us for a Junior Ranger program! On October 2, learn how to set up a campsite, put up a tent, and cook and store safely food when camping. On October 9, learn how to identify some of the most common animals in the forest by their calls, songs, tracks, and scat. Meet at the Interpretive Center next to the parking lot at the forest headquarters (P1). For children between ages 7 and 12 years.

Saturdays
October 2 & 9 **CANNONBALLS & CRANBERRIES, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Parking Lot 7**
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. Meet at parking lot 7 near Rocky Pond. For adults and children 8+ years.

Sunday
October 3 **BENTLEY LOOP HIKE, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Parking Lot 2**
Are you up for a beautiful hike right in the heart of Myles Standish State Forest? Join us for a 3.6-mile hike around the Bentley Loop and enjoy the several pond and meadows along the trail. Meet at the parking lot off Upper College Pond Road and Three Corner Pond Road (P2). For adults and children 8+ years.

Sunday
October 10 **FRIENDS LOOP HIKE, 9:30—11 a.m., Parking Lot 4**
Join the park interpreter for a guided 2.7-mile hike in the northeast corner of the forest through the unique Pine Barrens landscape. Meet at Parking Lot 4 at the East Entrance on Long Pond Road and Alden Road. For adults and children 8+ years.

Sundays
October 3 & 10 **CCC Bike Tour, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Headquarters**
Take a guided bike tour along the paved bike trails of the forest and learn about all the important work the Civilian Conservation Corps did here. Meet at the parking lot next to the forest headquarters (P1). Program is for adults and children 10+ years; younger children in carriers with a helmet are welcome. All participants must have their own bike and wear a bike helmet (no exceptions!) and bring drinking water.

Thursday
October 7 **TALKING TREES, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Headquarters**
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. Program consists of a roughly 1.0-mile hike around the East Head Reservoir. For adults and children 8+ years.