

# SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER PROGRAMS

## Purgatory Chasm State Reservation

### Programs at a Glance

#### SUNDAY

- 10 am: Chasm Primer
- 11am–12pm: Skull Science
- 1pm–2pm: Chasm Hike
- 3:30pm–4pm: Time Traveler Tour

#### WEDNESDAY

- 10am–11am: A Walk in the Park

#### THURSDAY

- 11am–12pm: Kiddleidoscope
- 2pm–3:30pm: Glacial Geology Hike

#### FRIDAY

- 10am: Chasm Primer
- 1–2pm: Chasm Hike
- 3:30–4pm: Time Traveler Tour

#### SATURDAY

- 10 am: Chasm Primer
- 11am–12pm: Rock Detectives
- 1pm–2pm: Chasm Hike
- 3:30–4pm: Time Traveler Tour

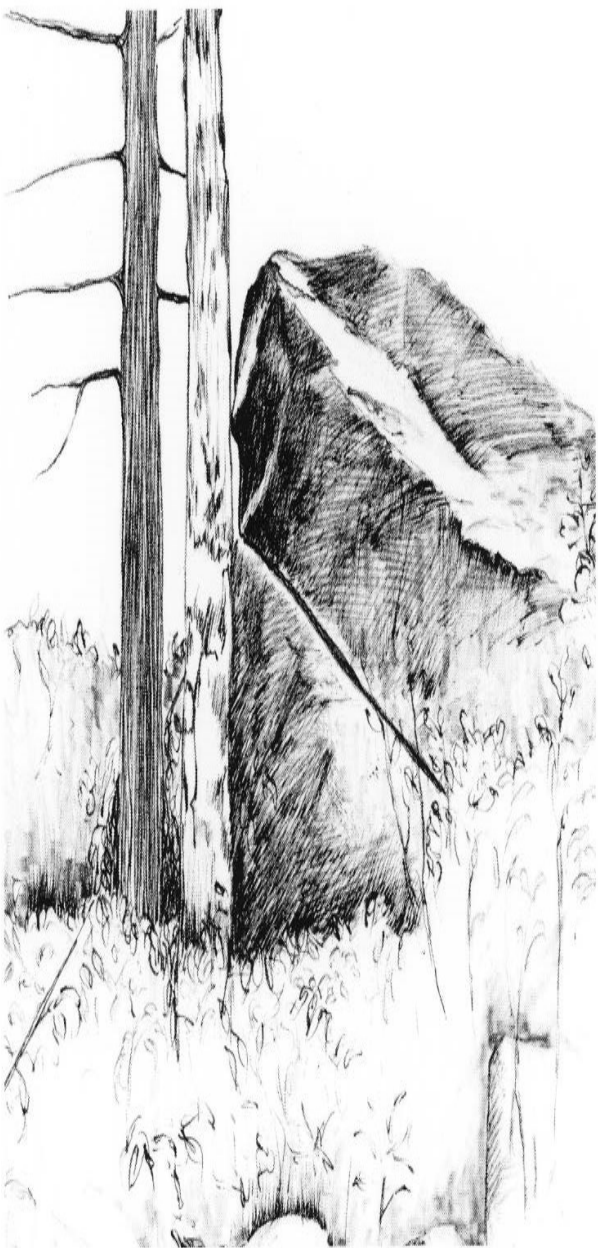


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### Program Descriptions

#### A WALK IN THE PARK

Hiking trails are the heart of our park system and getting outdoors is a great way to exercise! Join the park interpreter for a leisurely hike, and socialize along the way.

*Meet at the Visitor Center.* Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About one mile over moderate terrain.

#### CHASM HIKE

Get ready to scramble around huge boulders while taking in the mystery of Purgatory Chasm! Find out about the park's history and cultural influence, the chasm's rock formations, or the wildlife that calls the chasm home. The tour topic will vary, ask for details.

*Meet at the pavilion at the entrance to the chasm.* Appropriate for ages 8 and above. Wet conditions in the chasm will cancel. About 1/2 mile over moderate terrain.

#### GLACIAL GEOLOGY HIKE

Discover our glacial past with a one-mile hike along the topside of the chasm to Little Purgatory. Explore evidence of the ice that blanketed this park more than ten thousand years ago!

*Meet at the Visitor Center.* Suitable for ages 8 and above. Wet trail conditions will cancel. About one mile over moderate terrain.

#### KIDDLEIDOSCOPE

Nature before noon! Connect to the great outdoors with nature-themed stories, a fun outdoor activity, and a take-home craft that relates to the books we read. New books, activities and crafts each week.

*Meet at the Visitor Center.* Appropriate for children age 3 to 6. Older siblings are welcome.

#### ROCK DETECTIVES

Have you ever wondered where rocks come from, and where they may be going? Reveal the stories hidden in stones at this interactive display. Stay for five minutes or an hour.

*This program takes place in the pavilion near the entrance to the chasm.*

Appropriate for ages 4 and above. Severe weather will cancel.

#### SKULL SCIENCE

Every feature of an animal's skull has a job to do. Join us to look for clues about how different animals survive in the wild. How will your own bones compare to those of our park's residents? Stay for five minutes or an hour at this interactive display.

*This program takes place in the pavilion near the entrance to the chasm.*

Appropriate for ages 4 and above. Severe weather will cancel.

#### TIME TRAVELER TOUR

Take a step back in time! Gain a deeper understanding of this unique park as we walk among its historic structures and geological features, jumping around the park's timeline all the while.

*Meet at the Visitor Center.* Suitable for ages 10 and above. Approximately 1/2 mile over easy terrain.

#### CHASM PRIMER

Join the Park Interpreter for a 10 minute introduction to Purgatory Chasm. We will briefly explore two dramatic events that shaped how the park looks today. This is the perfect primer before your hike through the chasm.

*Meet at the pavilion near the entrance to the chasm.* Appropriate for ages 8 and above. *This event is cancelled when the chasm is closed due to wet trail conditions.*

Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

**An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15.**

Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear for hiking programs, and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) for more guidance.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions. **There will be no programs October 8 through October 12.**

 Wheelchair accessible

 Designed for kids

 Fun for the whole family

 Hiking



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