



Purgatory Chasm State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

AUGUST 2026 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear appropriate footwear for all hikes. Programming is subject to change or cancellation. For the most up to date programming information, call (508) 234-9610.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
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Fridays

11 a.m. -
12 p.m.

Chasm Hike

Scramble around 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 call the chasm home. Meet at the pavilion at the mouth of the chasm. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About half a mile over moderate terrain.

Saturdays
and Sundays
2 - 3 p.m.

Chasm Primer

Find out the chasm’s history in this 15 minute talk. This is the perfect primer before your hike through the chasm. Meet at the mouth of the chasm. Appropriate for ages 8 and up.

Fridays,
Saturdays,
and Sundays
10:30 -
10:45 a.m.

Mondays
3 - 4:30 p.m.

Glacial Geology Hike

Discover our glacial past on this hike to Little Purgatory. Explore evidence of the ice that blanketed this park over 10,000 years ago! Meet at the Visitor Center. Suitable for ages 8 and above. About one and a half miles over moderate terrain.

Saturdays
11 a.m. -
12 p.m.

Rock Detectives

Have you ever wondered where rocks come from? See a bunch of different rocks at this and find out more about where they have been and where they are going. Stay for five minutes or an hour. Meet in the pavilion near the entrance to the chasm. Appropriate for ages 4 and above. The program will be held in the Visitor Center during inclement weather.

Sundays
11 a.m. -
12 p.m.

Secrets of the Skull

We can learn many things about how an animal lives by looking at its skull. Join us looking for clues about animals survive by examining their skulls. Stay for five minutes or an hour. Meet in the pavilion near the entrance to the chasm. Appropriate for ages 4 and above. The program will be held in the Visitor Center during inclement weather.



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Time Traveler Tour

Take a step back in time! Get an introduction to this unique park as we walk among the historic structures and geological features, jumping around the park’s history all the while. Meet at the Visitor Center. Suitable for ages 8 and above. Approximately half a mile over easy terrain.

Please see our Exploring the Blackstone River Valley Recreational Series flyer for details on our recreational hikes. We host weekly hikes at parks throughout the Blackstone Valley, including Upton State Forest, Douglas State Forest, and Purgatory Chasm State Reservation.

Coming events