

Shawme-Crowell State Forest

Department of Conservation and Recreation



AUGUST 2025 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Inclement weather may cancel programs. For questions, call (508) 888-0351.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation

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Tuesdays Wednesdays

Nature Center Activities, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Explore nature through hands on crafts, activities, and games. Join a friendly park educator to learn about the plants, animals, and habitats you can find right behind your campsite. Ages 5-15, with an adult.

Meet at the Pavilion next to the playground in loop 2.

Tuesdays

Nice and Easy Walk, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Enjoy a gentle, guided hike (1-2 miles) in nature. Packed dirt trails, with some sections of gravel. For anyone who enjoys an easier experience.

Meet at the Pavilion next to the playground in loop 2.

Wednesdays

Value of a Tree, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Experience the history of Shawme-Crowell State Forest. Consider: what is the value of a tree—as wood, as habitat, and as a place to play? 1.5 mile hike on dirt trails with slight inclines. Ages 5+ with an adult.

Meet on Bayview Road; from the park entrance, drive past the contact station. Bear left onto Road A. After a quarter mile, turn right onto Bayview Road. Drive 500 ft. to the gravel parking area. Restrooms not available.

Thursdays Saturdays

I Spy Fungi, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Swing by the nature center to learn all about fungi's role in the forest! Join a park educator on a 1.5 mile hike to see what mushrooms are around this time of year. Ages 10+, with an adult.

Meet at the Pavilion next to the playground in loop 2.

Thursdays Fridays Saturdays

Showcase Table at Check-in, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Get hands-on with pelts, skulls, and bug specimens. Learn about the forest where you'll be camping. Grab flyers for upcoming events.

Meet at the Contact Station. This is a drop-in experience; feel free to visit for as long as you'd like. Restrooms are not available.

Fridays

Evening Campfire, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Join a park educator for a campfire Q&A. Ask about Shawme-Crowell history, or about a plant/animal you've seen. Bring your own smores to share. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

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