



## J.A. Skinner State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

# JULY—AUGUST 2024 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to all. **Meet at the indicated location** on the summit of Mount Holyoke. A parking fee applies at the summit lot. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call (413) 586-0350.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodations

Contact: [Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov](mailto:Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov), or call (617) 645-0358.

### MONDAYS

#### THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE

10:00 a.m.—noon & 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Ages 15 and up. Discover the story of Hudson River School artist Thomas Cole and his famous 1836 painting, *The Oxbow*, inspired by the view from here. Compare that same iconic view then and now. **Meet on the Summit House deck.**

### WEDNESDAYS

#### SUMMIT HOUSE HISTORY

10:00 a.m.—noon & 1:00—3:00 p.m.

All ages. Meet a park interpreter and learn the fascinating story of the Summit House and its legendary tram! See pictures of what the illustrious hotel looked like at various points in time! **Meet on the Summit House deck.**

### SATURDAYS

#### WHERE'S THE WARBLER?, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Ages 5 and up. Learn the best place in the park to spot a vibrant Cerulean Warbler or Indigo Bunting, among other birds. A Park Interpreter points you in the right direction; and, if you spot one, come back and tell us! Ideal for families and casual bird watchers. **Meet at the kiosk in the summit picnic area.**

### SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

#### SUMMIT HOUSE TOURS

11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Ages 12 and up. A park interpreter-guided tour enlivens the story and vision of John and Fanny French. In the 1800s they offered a popular mountain-top vacation spot—the Prospect House. Discover how it evolved, then later became a state park. 1-hour tour. **Meet inside the Summit House.**

### SUNDAYS

#### THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Ages 15 and up. Discover the story of Hudson River School artist Thomas Cole and his famous 1836 painting, *The Oxbow*, inspired by the view from here. Compare that same iconic view then and now. **Meet on the Summit House deck.**