



J.A. Skinner State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

JUNE 2026 PROGRAMS

All programs are **free**, open to the public, and **meet at the Summit House** unless otherwise noted. The Summit House is located atop Mount Holyoke, off Skinner State Park Road. Parking fee: \$5 for in-state license plate and \$20 for out-of-state license plate. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call the park at **(413) 586-0350**.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation,
Call: 617-645-0358, or email: Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov.

Coming Events

**Open,
Weekends &
Holidays,
9:00 am–
4:00 pm.**

Historic Summit House.

The Summit House was an 1800s hotel. Travelers once came here to relax and enjoy the view. You can do the same today! Features: Exhibits, park information, restrooms and drinking water. Picnicking available on the grounds outside. Open late-May through mid-October.

**Saturdays &
Sundays,
11:00 am &
2:00 pm.**

Starting 6/13.

Summit House Tour.

For ages 12 and up. Enliven your Summit House visit with a 30-minute park interpreter-guided tour. Hear the story and vision of John and Fanny French. In the 1800s they offered a novel mountain-top vacation here at the Prospect House. Discover how it changed and later became a State Park.

Meet inside the Summit House.

**Mondays,
10:00 am–
12:00 pm &
1:00–3:00 pm.**

Starting 6/22.

Discoveries on the Deck.

For all ages and family friendly. Join a park interpreter for their choice of stationary pop-up programming on the natural and cultural history of Skinner State Park and the Mount Holyoke Range. Stay for 5 minutes or an hour. Severe weather cancels. **Meet outside on the Summit House deck.**

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SPECIAL EVENTS



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**Saturday,
June 6,**
2:00–3:00 pm.

“The River, The Mountain, and Thomas Cole”, with Jonathon Moldover.

Join author and local historian, Jonathon Moldover, for a seated, illustrated lecture on *The Oxbow*. Enjoy stories of renowned painter Thomas Cole and his work shaped by the landscape, community, and change on the Connecticut River. This lecture highlights Jonathon’s newest work, *The Oxbow Since Thomas Cole: The Story of a Landscape, a Painting and a Community*. Free. No registration required. For ages 12 and up. **Meet inside the Summit House.**

**Saturday,
June 13,**
9:30–10:30am.

Birding with a Biologist.

Join DCR Wildlife Biologist, Halie Larkin, on an hour-long birding excursion, up to 1-mile around the Summit House grounds on easy trails. Visit birding locations, spot migrating species like warblers. Hear from researchers how and why they study bird behavior. Binoculars are recommended. Limited binoculars are available to borrow. Severe weather cancels. Open to all, but best for ages 12 and up. **Meet on the Summit House Deck.**

