



J.A. Skinner State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2025 PROGRAMS

All programs are **free** and open to the public. **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, \$20 for out-of-state license plate. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For more information call the park at **(413) 586-0350**.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodations Contact:

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OPEN WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS

HISTORIC SUMMIT HOUSE, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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. Programs run through October 13.

MONDAYS

DISCOVERIES ON THE DECK, ALL DAY

Join a park interpreter for their choice of pop up programming selected from these three offerings:

Meet outside on the Summit House deck.

- **THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE,**
Be inspired by a 10-minute talk about artist Thomas Cole and his famous painting, [The Oxbow](#). Then create your own sketch and summit impression! Skill not necessary, only imagination.
- **MIGHTY MONARCH MIGRATION**
Learn about the extraordinary annual journey Monarch butterflies make across North America, and how you can help preserve their many diverse habitats along the way!
- **HAWK WATCH**
Keep your eyes on the sky! Look for raptors with a Park Interpreter. Discover more about hawks, their importance to the range, and the annual fall migration.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

SUMMIT HOUSE TOUR, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

For ages 12 and up. Join a 30 minute park interpreter-guided tour to enliven your summit House visit. 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.**

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