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Things to Know Before You Go!

- All programs are run by DCR Watershed Rangers and Education Staff.
- All programs are free and open to the public.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Reasonable accommodations are available upon advanced request.
- Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.
- In the case of inclement weather, outdoor programs may be modified or cancelled, please call 774-261-1809 for updates.
- It is recommended to bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.
- Dogs and domestic animals are prohibited on watershed lands. Service dogs are welcome.

April 2019

Interpretive Programs & Events

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Make Your Own Storybook Walk 10:30am-12:00pm Nature's First Green Is Gold Forest Hike 12:00-1:30pm |
| 14 Ranger Program: Vernal Pool Investigation 1:00pm | 15 | 16 Music of the Birds Storytime 10:30-11:30am Stillwater Farm Open to the Public 12:00-3:00pm | 17 Bark & Buds Spring Walk 11:00-11:45am Stillwater Farm Open to the Public 12:00-3:00pm | 18 All About Owls 10:00-11:00am Habitat Hunt 11:00-11:45am Stillwater Farm Open to the Public 12:00-3:00pm | 19 Rabbits and Raindrops Story Hour 10:30-11:30am Stillwater Farm Open to the Public 12:00-3:00pm | 20 One Acre Safari 10:30-11:30am Stillwater Farm Open to the Public 12:00-3:00pm |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Park Serve Day Volunteer Clean Up 9:00am-12:00pm |
| 28 Ranger Program: Stonewalls 9:00am-12:00pm | | | | | | |

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Make Your Own Storybook Walk

Explore the outdoors with this creative way to make your own nature story or journal. Look, listen, touch, feel, and take in the experience. Then partner with your child, grandchild, new friend or old to create a storybook about your experience. All ages and abilities welcome.

Nature's First Green Is Gold Forest Hike

Finding inspiration from Robert Frost's poem, enjoy a moderate 1 mile hike to take in the spring landscape before green leaves obstruct the views. We will hike uphill with some steep areas, but taking frequent breaks to enjoy the forest's hues of golden buds before leafing out green.

Ranger Program, Vernal Pool

Investigation Come and learn why vernal pools are a vital part of the ecosystems within the Wachusett Watershed. These pools that dry up later in the year are teaming with life in the spring. Participants will learn how to identify vernal pools and search within the pools for organisms that rely on them for habitat. Please dress to be outdoors in the woods for part of the program.

Music of the Birds Storytime

Meet inside Stillwater Farm for an interactive noisy bird storytime followed by an easy nature walk to hear common song-birds and listen to nature's music.

Bark & Buds Spring Walk

Can you identify a tree by the buds or bark? Get outdoors and take in the sights of springtime as we observe the early stages of leaf-out. Take a guided tree walk, scavenger hunt style, to match up buds and bark during this challenging and exciting time of year -before leaf buds fully open!

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All About Owls

Learn about the most common owls of the area and hear recordings of their calls. Discover what habitat favors the prey that owls need for food and characteristics that make owls successful hunters. Be prepared to dissect an owl pellet.

Habitat Hunt

Think like an animal as we explore around Stillwater Farm to discover what makes up different types of habitats and what animals live in the area. Easy family friendly walk.

Rabbits and Raindrops Story Hour

Ever wonder what rabbits and other wild animals do during April showers? Find out as we read stories followed by a nature walk to discover habitats and shelters, and where all the rain water goes. Wrap up the morning with a nature collage art activity.

One Acre Safari

Stillwater Farm's one acre meadow is waiting to be explored! Get your family outside and investigating nature. Discover how much space wildlife requires followed by some free exploration time, all within one square acre, while counting living things and identifying as many as we can.

Ranger Program, Stonewalls

Stonewalls in New England are as iconic as lobster and clam chowder. The Wachusett Watershed encompasses thousands of acres of forested lands and fields that contain these structures. Learn about New England geological characteristics and wall construction followed by a guided walk to one of the most impressive stonewalls in the watershed. This is a moderate hike.

Park Serve Day

Meet at 180 Beaman St, West Boylston to help clean up litter while enjoying the beauty of the reservoir.

Stillwater Farm Interpretive Center Open to the Public Tuesday- Saturday, April 16-20, 228 Redemption Rock Rd., Sterling MA 01564

This 1790s farm house features displays on the Wachusett Watershed, history of the farm site, and wildlife of the area. Accessible restrooms.



April vacation week features family friendly programming, all ages welcome. Drop in April 16-20, 12:00-3:00pm to participate in hands-on activities that will be available:

- Earth Day inspired STEM activities
- Use maps to find your watershed address
- Build your own watershed model
- Explore the dynamics of a watershed

All interpretive programs listed this month are at **Stillwater Farm** located at **228 Redemption Rock Road, Sterling, MA 01564**

Park Serve Day volunteers meet at **180 Beaman St., West Boylston MA 01583**

For more information, directions, or accessibility questions please contact the Education Staff at 774-261-1809.

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