PROGRAM SCHEDULE Willard Brook State Forest/Pearl Hill State Park

July–August 2025

Programs At a Glance

SUNDAY

- 9:30am—11am: On the Path to Conservation
- 4pm-4:30pm: Forces of Nature

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- 10am–11am: Super Senses Hike
- 4pm—4:30pm: Forces of Nature

Program Descriptions

THURSDAY

- 1pm—2:30pm: Mobile Nature Center
- 3pm-4:30pm: Mucking About

FRIDAY

- 3pm—4:30pm Nature Center Open House
- 7pm—8pm: Night Hike

SATURDAY

- 2pm—3pm: Mucking About
- 3:30pm—4:30pm: Kidleidoscope
- 7pm—8pm: Welcome Campfire

FORCES OF NATURE

Popular with nature enthusiasts, waterfalls are both powerful and mysterious. Take a walk with us to one of the original parts of the park and see how the forces of nature have changed it.

Meet at the Trap Falls Trailhead (RT 119, West Townsend, MA 01474). Appropriate for ages 8 and above. Walk is approximately ¹/₂ mile over easy terrain.

KIDLEIDOSCOPE 🕷

Join us each week for Kidleidoscope! We will read a short book, followed by an outdoor activity. Afterwards, enjoy a craft that relates to the story. Each week has a new theme, stop by often!

Meet at the Pearl Hill Picnic area. Designed for ages 3 to 6. Siblings are welcome.

MOBILE NATURE CENTER 1/14

We bring the nature center to you! Check out pelts, skulls, and other items related to the animals that live in the park. Stay for five minutes or an hour! Bring your questions.

Meet at the Pearl Hill Picnic Area. Suitable for all ages.

MUCKING ABOUT 🕷

Take a peek under the surface of Pearl Hill Pond! Explore the bugs, tadpoles, newts and other creatures that live here. We'll use nets and buckets to catch (and then release!) some cool critters. Stay for five minutes or the whole time.

Meet at the Pearl Hill waterfront. Appropriate for ages 6 and up.

NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Stop by the Nature Center to find out more about the plants and animals live here. Check out our wildlife display and learn a little (or a lot) about our local history. Games, books, and activities are available for the kids. Stay for five minutes or an hour!

Meet at the Willard Brook Nature Center. Appropriate for all ages.

NIGHT HIKE 🕅 🏦

Let's explore Pearl Hill State Park at night! With your sight limited, see how your other senses kick in. With luck we'll see or hear some of the park residents coming out for the evening.

Meet at the Pearl Hill community firepit. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About 1.5 miles over easy to moderate terrain.

ON THE PATH TO CONSERVATION 🕅

Take a hike with us and discover a legacy of conservation on a broader scale and its history here at Willard Brook State Forest. Be inspired to make a difference!

Meet at the Willard Brook camper check-in. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Approximately 1.5 miles long over moderate terrain.

SUPER SENSES HIKE 執 竹綿

Come join us on a hike where we will explore our 5 senses. See how our senses relate to the animals that call the woods home.

Meet at the Willard Brook camper check-in. Suitable for ages 8 and above. Approximately one mile over easy terrain.

WELCOME CAMPFIRE

Join us for a welcome campfire. Meet some of your fellow campers as we tell stories, and sing songs. We provide the fire, bring your s'mores supplies!

Meet at the fire pit by the main bathroom at the Pearl Hill Campground. Appropriate for all ages.



Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. **An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15**. Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear, and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions.



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