



Great Falls Discovery Center

Department of Conservation and Recreation

AUGUST 2019 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

**Open 7 days
a week all
summer long**

OPEN HOURS, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Great Falls Discovery Center exhibits explore the natural, cultural, and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed. Free admission. Wheelchair accessible.

**July 30 -
August 28**

ART EXHIBIT: CANTOS FROM THE WOODS

Sculpture by David Flood and paintings by Maggie Hodges. David Flood's work leads him into forests to encounter how the forces of nature act on the figure of wood. Lightning strikes a tree, wind or rain batter it, frost heaves its roots. Ice breaks limbs from trunks, legions of ants leave their calligraphic prints on the soft wood beneath the bark, man and machine wade through...all are alike leaving behind dead wood. This is the vineyard of creative destruction where, to begin, the act of seeing is a type of making. David has produced natural art from wood for over 25 years and maintains a studio in Ipswich, MA. Maggie Hodges recently discovered a passion for oil painting. She loves the ability to layer the paint and to create texture and depth while capturing the beauty of the world around her, especially the Hampshire Valley where she lives. Artist reception is Sunday, August 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Fridays
August 9, 16,
& 30**

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Great Hall. 8/9: Owls; 8/16: Snakes; 8/30: Rabbits

Come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, interactive games, and a craft to introduce young children to wildlife along the river. For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Siblings and friends welcome.

**Saturday
August 3,
Unity Park**

POCUMTUCK HOMELANDS FESTIVAL: A CELEBRATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN ART, MUSIC, AND CULTURES, Unity Park on 1st St, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This free two day celebration at Unity Park in Turners Falls is sponsored by the Nolumbeka Project and RiverCulture. On Saturday August 3, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., families will enjoy visiting the Northfield Mountain and Discovery Center tent at Unity Park while creating a fun make and take nature-themed craft. People have gathered at the Great Falls for thousands of years, and this event is the perfect combination of live music, drumming, dancing, storytelling, native crafts and food. Rain location is at the Discovery Center. For more information on the entire event, please visit nolumbekaproject.org.

**Friday
August 9**

THE OWLS OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

In the Great Hall, the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum presents a live animal program featuring owls. For all ages, in the Great Hall. This birds of prey program focuses on the raptor night shift. Learn about the adaptations that make owls the supreme hunters of the night. In an exploration into the various species that call the Northeast home, you will see live owls, touchable artifacts and interactive demonstrations to make this an unforgettable presentation.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376 (413) 863-3221, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org

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| Friday
August 9 | GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS: ANNIE PATTERSON & CHARLIE KING, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Great Hall
Rise Up Singing! Each month the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center host an evening coffeehouse with local talent. Refreshments available. Suggested donations to support educational programming at the Center. Museum and museum store open during intermission. |
| Saturday
August 10 | BAT NIGHT! 7:30-9:30 p.m., Great Hall
Amanda Melinchuk, Bat Research Monitor with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation will share her expertise and talk about the myths and misconceptions surrounding bats, why bats are important, the bats in Massachusetts, threats to bats such as White-nose Syndrome, what you can do to help bats, and information on bat houses. Followed by Q & A. After the presentation visitors can join Amanda outside with a bat detector and look for bats right here by the Center. |
| Sunday
August 11 | ARTIST RECEPTION: CANTOS FROM THE WOODS, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Great Hall
Come meet the artists! Visit with sculptor David Flood and painter Maggie Hodges. See art exhibit description above. |
| Saturday
August 17,
Spinner Park | FAIRY HOUSE DAY ON AVENUE A: MAKE A WINGED FRIEND, 12:00-1:00 pm Spinner Park
Just down the street from the center, we are joining in the fun for Fairy House Day on Avenue A, at Spinner Park, located at Avenue A and 4th Streets. You can make a fairy house and then meet with a DCR Park Interpreter at our craft table where you can make a winged friend for the fairies—perhaps a butterfly, dragonfly, or a bat. For a full description of events, look for Fairy House Day on Avenue A on Facebook. |
| Saturday
August 24 | ART NATURALLY: DISCOVER NATURE THROUGH STORY AND ART, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall
This is the third in a series of water-themed summer programs featuring stories and art, soaking up the natural world as we go. The story book pages from <i>Water Dance</i> by Thomas Locker are on display in the Great Hall. Try your hand at watercolor resist, and follow water through its journey between earth and sky. Join us for one session, more, or the full series. Art Naturally programs are also on September 21, and October 12. For ages 6 and up, accompanied by an adult. Teens and adults are welcome too! |
| Saturday
August 31 | MONARCH BUTTERFLY STORY WALK: <i>Gotta Go! Gotta Go!</i> 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us for a migratory journey on the grounds of the Discovery Center, as we read together the story of “a teeny-tiny creepy-crawly bug” (a Monarch butterfly caterpillar), who learns to eat milkweed, take a rest in a chrysalis, meet new friends, and fly with new butterfly wings, all the way to Mexico. Everyone is welcome for the StoryWalk®. Sponsored by CFCE playgroup and Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center. If it rains, the story walk and butterfly making will be inside the center. |

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