



# Great Falls Discovery Center

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## SEPTEMBER 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  
month 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.

**September  
1-30**

### **ART EXHIBIT: SPEAKING FOR THE TREES**

Paintings by Cindi Oldham, sponsored by the Montague Cultural Council. She reflects: Collectively, we view trees as a commodity, as background noise. We depend on them. What if, in addition to sustaining us, trees were sentient? What if they had communities and wept for each other? What if they nursed and cared for their young? Would that change everything? Opening reception: Sept. 7, 1-2 p.m. tree walk 2-3 p.m.

**Fridays  
September  
6, 13, & 27**

### **KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Great Hall.**

**9/6: Butterflies; 9/13: River Otters; 9/27: Moose**  
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  
September 7**

### **ARTIST RECEPTION: SPEAKING FOR THE TREES AND A TREE WALK**

**Reception 1:00-2:00 p.m., Tree Walk, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Come meet the artist Cindi Oldham, then join us for a leisurely tree walk around downtown Turners Falls. Sponsored by the Montague Cultural Council.

**Wednesday  
September 11**

### **HALF DAY DISCOVERY DAY: SELF-GUIDED GAME DAY, 1-4 p.m., Welcome Desk**

Gill-Montague school students get a half day off. Why not discover something new? Join us in a self-guided game day! Meet at the Welcome Desk to grab an outdoor bike path B-I-N-G-O sheet or an indoor scavenger hunt for animals in the Watershed. Test your conservation habit forming powers with a memory game and more! For ages 6 and up, accompanied by an adult.

**Thursday  
September 12**

### **EDIBLE PERENNIAL GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING WITH NATURALIST JOHN ROOT 7:00-8:30 p.m., Great Hall**

In this presentation, find out how to establish and maintain a variety of perennials, including trees, shrubs, vines, canes, and herbaceous plants, for harvests of fruits, nuts, and vegetables. Participants learn how to establish and care for these plants using organic methods of cultivation. Nutritional and medicinal benefits of the plants are discussed as well. Sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center.

**Friday  
September 13**

### **GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS: BANJO BLUE, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Great Hall**

Blues, early country and traditional music with clogging! 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 open during intermission.

### **MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE**

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park  
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- Saturday  
September 14** **ALVAH CROCKER: FROM THE RUGGED HAND OF POVERTY TO VISIONARY LEADER**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m., Great Hall**  
Cliff Schexnayder, author of *Builders of the Hoosac Tunnel*, presents why Alvah Crocker is an example of what today is termed a “lifelong learner.” Because of his lonely travels on bad roads to sell his paper he understood the importance of transportation. But during those travels he was observant of nature and the opportunities it provided. From personal experience he learned the physics of water to provide energy for mills and to destroy mills. As a visionary for progress he sought out and associated with similar hard working individuals. These relationships of mutual support benefited all and resulted in – a railroad across northern Massachusetts to New York and the creation of Turners Falls Company. Find out more about these two examples and Crocker’s early life, with plenty of time for Q & A.
- Thursday  
September 19** **POWER TOWN HISTORY STROLL, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Main Entrance**  
Enjoy a walk back in time along the popular Canalside Rail Trail in Turners Falls. Join local historian Ed Gregory, Northfield Mountain’s Kim Noyes, and DCR’s Janel Nockleby to discover the rich and colorful industrial history along this scenic paved path. Historical maps and photographs will help bring the sights and sounds of our industrial heritage alive. Wear comfortable walking shoes and meet at the entrance to the Center. Total walking distance is about two miles on flat terrain. Wheelchair accessible. For ages 16 and up. Program is free. Pre-registration encouraged, but not required. Call 800-859-2960.
- Saturday  
September 21** **ART NATURALLY: DISCOVER NATURE THROUGH STORY AND ART, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Great Hall**  
This is the fourth in a series of water-themed programs featuring stories and art, soaking up the natural world as we go. The story book pages from *Water is Water* by Miranda Paul are on display in the Great Hall. Try your hand at gel printing. Water is everywhere. Did you know that an oak tree is about 75% water? Make exquisite mono-prints with oak (and other) leaves. Art Naturally programming continues on October 12. For ages 6 and up, accompanied by an adult. Teens and adults are welcome too!
- Saturday  
September 21  
and Sunday  
September 22** **FASHION PASSION FASHION WEEK**  
Sponsored by RiverCulture. Three days of fashion in Turners Falls, September 20-22, 2019, will likely include two fashion presentations here at the center. See [turnersfallsriverculture.org](http://turnersfallsriverculture.org) for details.
- Saturday  
September 28** **SOURCE TO SEA CLEAN-UP: HARD WORK, REAL FUN, TRUE IMPACT**  
The Source to Sea Cleanup is an annual trash cleanup of the Connecticut River system. Each fall, thousands of volunteers head out to places of their choice all along the four-state watershed to clean the Connecticut River and its tributaries on foot or by boat. Join DCR staff and others to clean up our Connecticut River and its tributaries. To sign up and learn more, visit: [www.ctriver.org/our-work/source-to-sea-cleanup](http://www.ctriver.org/our-work/source-to-sea-cleanup).

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