Great Falls Discovery Center
Department of Conservation and Recreation

JANUARY 2020 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 HOURS
• OPEN 5 days a week, Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
• Open Monday, 1/20 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

Come explore the natural, cultural, and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed.

November 7-January 3

ART EXHIBIT: JUNIOR DUCK STAMPS, Great Hall
Last chance to see the 2019 Junior Duck stamps!

Wednesday January 1

FIRST DAY HIKE, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Enjoy a leisurely three-mile stroll down the Canalside Rail Trail and get the New Year started off on a Great Falls note. This family friendly hike follows a gentle route and provides an opportunity to discover the abundant natural, historical, and cultural features that make the Center and rail trail such an amazing State Park! Be prepared for cold weather: dress in layers and wear winter boots. Dogs are welcome on leash. Afterward, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate in the Discovery Center’s Great Hall. Meet at 1 p.m. in Great Hall. Hike begins at 1:15 p.m.

4 Fridays in January 3, 10, 24, & 31

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Great Hall, 1/3: Winter Bugs; 1/10: Eagles; 1/24: Moose; 1/31: Groundhogs
Come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft to introduce young children to wildlife along the river. For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Siblings and friends welcome.

January 5 through February 29

YOU ARE HERE: A JURIED COMMUNITY ART EXHIBIT, Great Hall
Work by regional artists in multiple media exploring maps, the significance of place, and movement across boundaries, curated by Exploded View. Where do you live? Where are you from? Where do you dream? How do you find your way? Where are your borders? Do maps lie? During these two months, you may also come upon members of Exploded View working in various corners of the building. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Montague Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Friday January 10

GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS: WINDBORNE SINGERS, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Great Hall
Harmony singing that spans many continents and cultures yet remains deeply rooted in American folk. 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

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January 12

ARTIST RECEPTION: EXPLODED VIEW PRESENTS: YOU ARE HERE, Great Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Artists’ Reception 1–2 p.m.; Exploded View Performance 2–3 p.m. A chance to meet the artists in the juried community art exhibit, followed by new work from Exploded View that touches on migration, climate change, strange bedfellows, and collective disquiet. Snow date: January 19 (see below). This program is supported in part by a grant from the Montague Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Saturday
January 18

WHO’S BEEN HERE? A TRACKING ADVENTURE, Great Hall, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Join DCR staff for a tracking adventure to find out who has been outside in the snow at the Discovery Center. We will investigate the mysterious signs that wildlife leave behind through stories, crafts, and exploring outside. Bundle up! For ages 3 – 6 with a parent or guardian. Siblings and friends welcome.

Sunday
January 19

EXPLODED VIEW PRESENTS: PUT YOUR STORY ON THE MAP, Great Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Join the curators of the You Are Here art exhibit in a community mapping project focusing on Turners Falls that combines personal history with visions for the future. Additionally, this project will be available as a self-directed activity in the Great Hall January 19 through February 29. Perhaps you’ll consider weighing in with your thoughts about downtown Turners Falls Livability too. The Montague Planning Department is sponsoring a conversation, “Where do we grow from here?” on February 1st in the Great Hall, to review the award winning 2013 Livability Report (see montague-ma.gov for details), and update the public on upcoming building projects in Turners Falls. In the event of a snowstorm on January 12, the Artists’ Reception and Exploded View performance will be changed to January 19, 1-3 p.m.

Sunday
January 26

EXPLODED VIEW PRESENTS: NAPPING
Great Hall, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
These are overwhelming times and sometimes we just need to go to bed. So come do it! Sleep is necessary, and Americans are sleep deprived. People around the world often don’t have a safe place to rest. Let’s recharge. Meet in the Great Hall. Ambient live music provided. BYOB—Bring your own blanket!

Thursday
January 30

EXPLODED VIEW PRESENTS: WRITE HERE!
Great Hall, 12:00-1:30 p.m.
Brown bag generative writing workshop using the Discovery Center as a prompt. Bring your lunch and stay for part or all of the workshop.