



# Great Falls Discovery Center

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

## JULY 2021 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

### VISITOR CENTER

**OPEN 6 days a week:**

- Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays — Sundays, 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls. Come explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed in our dynamic exhibit hall. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail. Restrooms, drinking water, wheelchair accessible.

Ongoing  
June 25  
through  
July 28

### STORY WALK® *Agua, Agüita / Water, Little Water*

Enjoy a Story, Fresh Air and Exercise! Join us on the grounds of the Great Falls Discovery Center for a FREE self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the bilingual children’s book “**Agua, Agüita**” / “**Water, Little Water**” by Jorge Argueta. Follow the path on the lawn to laminated book pages along the route. A wonderful story celebrating water is waiting for you! StoryWalk® may not be available during lawn mowing.\*

Ongoing  
May 29  
through  
August 1

### GREAT HALL EXHIBIT: *FERTILE GROUND—CORN, CRANBERRIES, TOBACCO AND ARTISTS*

The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association’s traveling exhibit explores connections between the Connecticut River Valley’s agricultural landscape and three generations of artists in the Fuller family of Deerfield with imaginary art studios. Enjoy reproduction oil paintings, prints, and watercolors from Memorial Hall Museum’s Fuller Collection. Learn how farming influenced these artists’ work. Engaging for all ages, with activities inspired by our local landscape. English-Spanish translation available.

Saturday  
July 17

### EXHIBIT RECEPTION: *FERTILE GROUND—CORN, CRANBERRIES, TOBACCO AND ARTISTS* 1:00-3:00 p.m., Great Hall

Join the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association for a reception and art-making for all ages. Take inspiration from our fertile valley’s farmed landscape, as did generations of Deerfield’s Fuller family artists. Enjoy light refreshments! Make your own tiny painting to sit on a miniature easel, or take an Art-to-Go bag for creating art at home. Please follow COVID safety protocols.

### 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](https://www.greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org)

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### PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Saturday  
July 24

#### ART NATURALLY SERIES: DISCOVER NATURE THROUGH STORY AND ART

10:30 a.m.—12 p.m., Great Hall

Join us for a FREE program featuring stories and art, soaking up the natural world as we go. Come early and enjoy reading the bilingual Story Walk® *Agua, Agüita /Water, Little Water* by Jorge Argueta on the Great Falls Discovery Center lawn. Workshop begins at 10:30 a.m. Materials are provided free. Try your hand at wet felting. Be inspired by the colorful illustrations in Agüita's journey to create small art pieces from dyed fleece, pre-felt, and specialty fibers and suitable for framing! For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). **Registration recommended, call the park.**

Friday  
July 30

#### KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR: *Who Lives in a Tree?*

10:30-11:30 a.m., meet in the Great Hall courtyard

Join us as we kick-off a new season of story hours and come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Program is mostly outdoors. For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Siblings and friends welcome. No shared materials/items. Activities are socially distanced.

Ongoing  
July 30  
through  
August 18

#### STORY WALK® *The Busy Tree*

Enjoy a Story, Fresh Air and Exercise! Join us on the grounds of the Great Falls Discovery Center for a FREE self-guided StoryWalk.® This walk through the Great Falls Discovery Center lawn features the children's book "**The Busy Tree**" by Jennifer Ward. Just follow the path on the lawn to laminated book pages posted along the route. A wonderful story celebrating trees is waiting for you! The StoryWalk® may not be available during lawn mowing.\*

Saturday  
July 31

#### BIKE PATH B-I-N-G-O!

10:30-11:30 a.m., meet outside of the main entrance

Kids — grab your family and we'll go exploring outdoors! All ages welcome. Practice examining the natural world with field guides, binoculars, and a fun game. See just how much you can see. Meet at the Discovery Center entrance. Please bring water, bug spray, sunscreen and wear sturdy shoes.

\* The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

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