

Mount Greylock State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

MAY 2024 PROGRAMS

All programs are **free** and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All programs meet at the Mount Greylock Visitor Center, unless otherwise noted. For additional information and weather updates, call the Visitor Center at (413) 499-4262.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodations Contact: Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov, or call (617) 645-0358.



Interpretive exhibits explore the park story through artifacts and displays. Trail maps, hike guidance, 13-minute orientation film, bathrooms, drinking water available. Wheelchair accessible.

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Free for all ages. Suitable for children and families. Selfguided adventurous quests invite you to search for natural treasures along park trails. Several "seek and find" scavenger hunts for different age and skill levels. Scavenger Hunts are available at the Visitor Center.

SENSING SPRING TRIP-TIP, Dawn-Dusk Free for all ages. Self-guided activity explores in and around Mount Greylock State Reservation. Spring awakens our senses, enticing us to get out and explore nature's long-awaited revival! A great time to explore the outdoors at these Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) properties in the northern Berkshires. Start your adventure by clicking here - <u>https://www.mass.gov/doc/</u> sensing-spring-mt-greylock-trip-tip/download

ONGOING,	MOUNTAIN MINDFULNESS PROGRAM SERIES:
PROGRAM,	Programs include Mindful Walks, Forest Bathing, Yoga, or Qi
DATES VARY	Gong and Tai Chi. Designed to help you de-stress and re-
	connect with and nature. No experience necessary. Dress for
	the weather. Trails may be muddy. Inclement weather cancels.
	Space is limited, pre-register at (413) 499-4262.

- MINDFUL OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE, 1:00-3:00 p.m. For all ages. Co-sponsored by Suzy from Terra Trek NY.
- YOGA & MEDITATION, 10:30-11:45 a.m. For all ages. Co-sponsored by Jacqui from Libra Star Wellness.
- AUTO ROADS TO SUMMIT REOPEN The automobile parkway to the summit of Mount Greylock reopens for the 2024 season, weather permitting. Please Note: Public restrooms on summit open on May 25.
- WAR MEMORIAL TOWER & BASCOM LODGE REOPEN For Bascom Lodge information visit: <u>BascomLodge.net</u>.

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SATURDAY,
MAY 11MT. GREYLOCK PHOTO GROUP MEET-UP:
WATERSHED MOMENTS, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Free for all ages. For everyone who loves nature and
opportunities to photograph beautiful landscapes! Bring along
your camera, tablet or your cellphone. All skill levels welcome.
Meet at Farnham's Road causeway, off Route 8 in
Cheshire. A short, easy walk beside Cheshire Reservoir on the
Ashuwillticook Rail Trail. Dress for variable weather, bring
water and a snack. For more info, visit the https://www.facebook.com/groups/427752957932877.

FRIDAYS, MAY 17 & 31

DISCOVER GREYLOCK HIKES, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 For ages 8 and up. Hike with a Park Interpreter to explore exciting, hidden features of Mount Greylock. Hike may include exploring waterfalls, flora and fauna, and historic sites. Be prepared for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, a snack, bug spray and sunscreen. Meeting locations may vary. Call (413) 499-4262 for meeting locations, to register, and check weather updates.

PRESERVATION MONTH PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY,

MAY 19

MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH

Every May, nationwide, preservation groups, historical societies, business and civic organizations celebrate **Preservation Month**, through events that promote historic places and heritage tourism. These programs demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation and provide opportunities to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our nation.

FAMILY HISTORY WALK IN THE PARK, 1:00—2:30 p.m.
For ages 12 and older. Step back in time. An easy-going guided walk reveals one family's connection to Mount Greylock. Hear about Lanesborough pioneers William and Ephraim Bradley. During the 1700s and early 1800s they transformed forests into farmland. Tale and legend relate eight generations of Bradleys on the land. A brief introduction, followed by a 1-hour walk on mowed paths along gently sloping scenic meadows. Meet at Visitor Center. Dress for the weather; wear sturdy shoes, bring water and a snack. Rain cancels. Call (413) 499-4262 for more info and register.

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SATURDAY,PARKITECTURE - BUILDING INTO THE LANDSCAPE,MAY 251:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

All ages. Discover the planned "Parkitecture" of historic Bascom Lodge. This rustic structure, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, was designed to fit into the landscape on the highest point in Massachusetts. Today, the lodge is a demonstration of preservation success through DCR's Historic Curatorship Program, enabling future generations to enjoy mountain-top amenities. Estimated tour duration 30 minutes. **Meet at the bronze relief map on the summit.** Tour route is wheelchair accessible. Parking fee may apply.

SUNDAY, A TOWER OF REMEMBRANCE

1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 27

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Free for all ages. This Memorial Day Weekend explore and honor the story of Mount Greylock's historic Massachusetts Veterans War Memorial Tower. This 93-foot tall monument, crowned with a beacon light, is the Commonwealth's tribute to those who gave their lives in the service of their country. The tour also highlights \$2 million restoration efforts, upgrades, energy conservation and new visitor amenities. Tour duration is 30 minutes. **Meet on the summit beside the War Memorial Tower entrance.** Tour route is wheelchair accessible. Parking fee may apply.

ATTENTION HIKERS:

Be prepared for variable spring weather; dress in layers and wear sturdy boots. Hiking poles may be advisable. Spring trails may be muddy. Bring bug repellant, drinking water and a snack. Most guided hikes cancel in inclement weather. For additional information on programs and weather updates, call the Visitor Center at (413) 499-4262.

