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ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



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10 DAYS OF FREE EVENTS IN THE ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Celebrating 22 years of adventure!

Organized by Essex Heritage, Trails & Sails is an event series promoting heritage resources in the Essex National Heritage Area (Essex County, MA). We collaborate with exceptional partners to coordinate free events that showcase the importance of these assets. Join us to discover something new and form meaningful connections with this special region.



ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Designated by U.S. Congress in 1996, the Essex National Heritage Area is a place of remarkable natural beauty and historic value. Spanning 500 square miles north of Boston, this lived-in landscape is abundant with many historic, cultural, and natural resources just waiting for you to discover them. What will you find?

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CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES. New events, event cancellations, time changes, and other updates will be posted online regularly. Please check online before you head to your event(s), as the times and dates listed in this guidebook are subject to change.



SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES. Some events require advance reservations and are listed as “Reservations Required”. If an event specifies this, make sure you reserve your spot! RSVP instructions will be included in the event listing on our website. Please try to notify the event host if you need to cancel, certain events have waitlists.



BRING A FRIEND. Adventures are better with a buddy...and Trails & Sails gets better every year because you spread the word! Invite friends and family along for the adventure as you explore Essex County.



WATCH THE WEATHER. Some events depend on good weather. If you are uncertain if the weather will affect an event, please be sure to check the online listing for special weather instructions or updates.



WATCH THE CLOCK. While many events have a set start and end time, some say “Open Doors” which means you can stop in any time during the window of time they list. If an event says, “Reservations Required”, you need to RSVP before arriving. Information on how to RSVP will be made available on the Trails & Sails website: trailsandsails.org

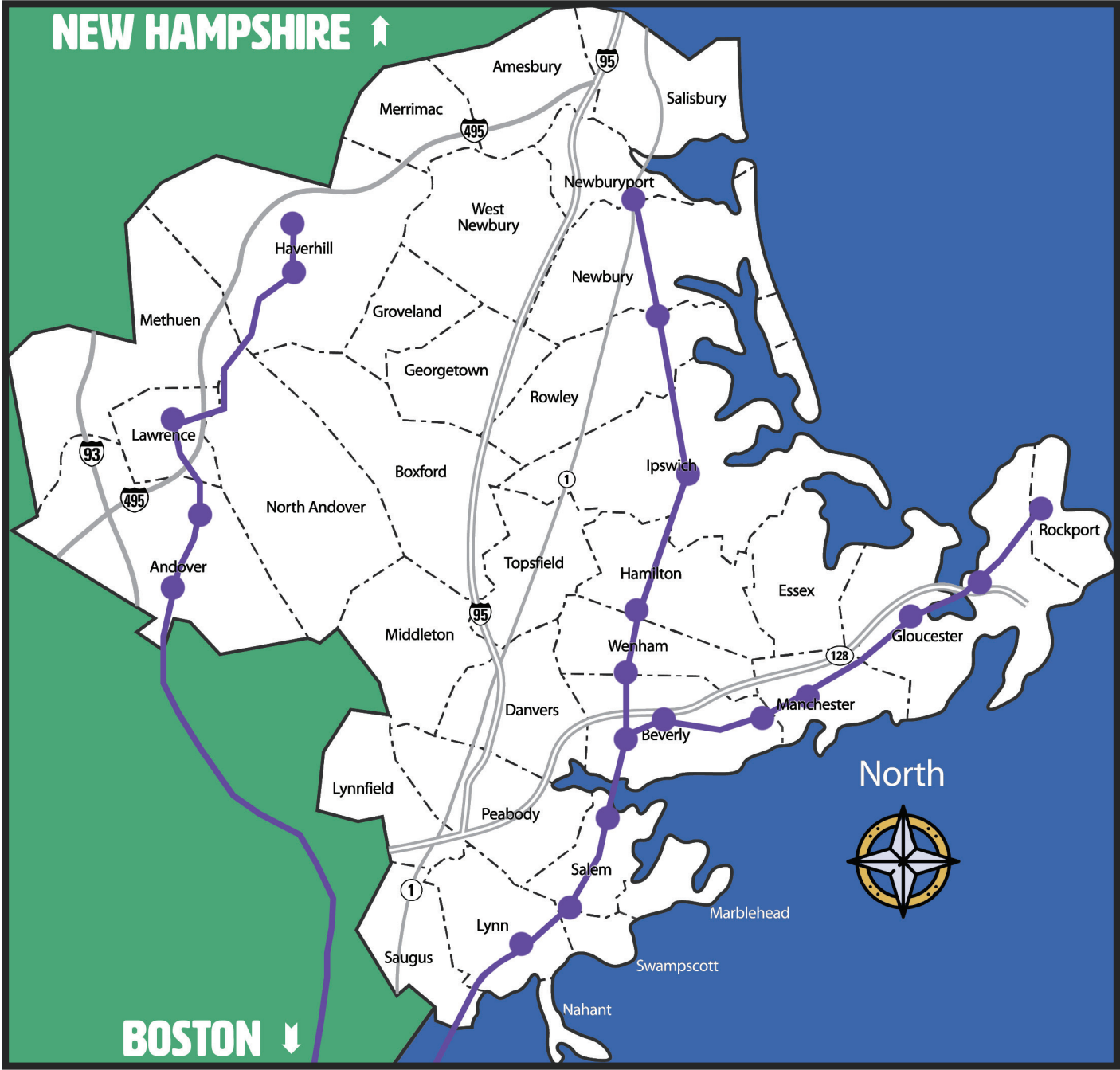


THANK YOUR HOST. Trails & Sails remains FREE to the public thanks to the hard work of participating event hosts—many organizations that are in full swing of their busiest season. We appreciate the time hosts offer to this series!



REACH OUT. Any questions about specific events should be directed to that event host. Not sure who to talk to? Just give Essex Heritage a shout and we’ll point you in the right direction: info@essexheritage.org

Welcome to the ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



Travel considerations

Some Trails & Sails events are accessible via the commuter rail and many are accessible via local bus lines! Incorporate the MBTA into your plans for a different way to travel.



Routes and information

Interstates 93
& 495

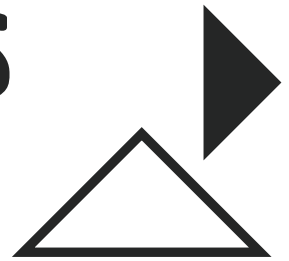
Interstate 95

U.S. Route 1, major
north-south route

City and town
boundaries

2023 FEATURED EVENTS

Programs that support our land and history!



Essex National Heritage Commission, or **Essex Heritage**, is a non-profit organization that has been federally authorized to manage and oversee the unique resources of the Essex National Heritage Area, located within the boundaries of Essex County, Massachusetts. **This year**, we're highlighting four themes of significant importance to the Heritage Area. These are: learning about where you live and taking care of it, the importance of our coastal resources and preserving them, recognizing the many influences and contributions of the Latino community within the Heritage Area, and new stories being uncovered in our local history. Be sure to check out these special events among the many other fantastic activities taking place during Trails & Sails.

PRESERVING COASTAL RESOURCES



EXPLORE SOME IMPORTANT YET
THREATENED RESOURCES.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE



HONOR THE MANY LATINO
INFLUENCES IN OUR AREA.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

LEARN THE IMPORTANCE
OF WHERE YOU LIVE
& HOW TO CARE FOR IT.



SHARING UNTOLD STORIES

UNCOVER HIDDEN STORIES,
REVEALING A DIVERSE
& SHARED HISTORY.



PRESERVING COASTAL RESOURCES

Enjoy these resources and learn about their significance!

HIKE NELSON ISLAND

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Friday, September 15 | 9AM – 10:30AM
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IT'S A HARD DOCK LIFE: FINDING AND IDENTIFYING MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES

Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Partnership, Maritime Gloucester, and MVPC

Saturday, September 23 | 10AM-12PM & 1PM-3PM
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FROM ICE AGE TO CLIMATE CHANGE: A WALKING TOUR OF NEWBURYPORT'S WATERFRONT

Merrimack River Watershed Council

Friday, September 15 | 5PM – 6PM
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A SALT MARSH SUPERPOWER

Plum Island Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research Project

Thursday, September 21 | 11:30AM - 12:30PM
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STUDENT EXPLORATIONS: THE GREAT MARSH, AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Greenbelt, SQ&LB Collaboration, Marine Biological Laboratory Ecosystems Center & River Valley Charter School

September 21 - 24 | Times vary
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PADDLE THE GREAT MARSH

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, September 16 | 12PM – 2:30PM
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CLIMATE CHANGE COMES TO DERBY WHARF

Salem Sound Coastwatch and Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Saturday, September 16 | 11AM - 12PM
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MEET BEACH CREATURES & MORE!

Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats

Saturday, September 16 | 11AM - 3PM
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BEGINNER BIRD WALK IN THE GREAT MARSH

Artists for the Great Marsh

Saturday, September 23 | 10AM - 12PM
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CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE

Experience the influence and culture of the Latino community!

DOMINICAN FACELESS DOLLS EXHIBIT

Salem Maritime National Historic Site and North Shore CDC

Every day except Mon & Tues | 10AM – 4PM
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PUNTO URBAN ART MUSEUM GUIDED WALKING TOUR

North Shore Community Development Coalition

Saturday, September 16 | 11AM-12PM
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SALSA CLASS

The House of the Seven Gables

Sunday, September 17 | 2PM – 4PM
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VISITA AL CEMENTERIO DE PINE GROVE EN ESPAÑOL

Pine Grove Cemetery Commission

Saturday, September 23 | 11AM – 1PM
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PARTY ON THE PATIO: CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PUNTO URBAN ART MUSEUM

North Shore Community Development Coalition

Thursday, September 21 | 5:30PM – 7PM
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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Explore your community and why we need to take care of it!

NATURE ALONG THE SAUGUS RIVER

Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

Friday, September 15 & 22 | 1PM - 3PM
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WHAT HAVE THESE TREES SEEN?

City of Salem Sustainability & Resiliency Department

Saturday, September 16 | 10AM - 11:30AM
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FALL HIKE THROUGH DEN ROCK PARK

Groundwork Lawrence and the Lawrence Conservation Commission

Saturday, September 16 | 10AM - 12PM
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WHEN YOU KNOW BETTER, DO BETTER

City of Salem Sustainability & Resiliency Department

Saturday, September 16 | 3:30PM - 4:30PM
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RESTORING THE IPSWICH RIVER: IMAGINING THE RIVER'S FUTURE

Ipswich River Watershed Association

Saturday, September 16 & 23 | 10AM - 12PM
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POWOW HILL AND GREENSPACE FAMILY HIKE

Lake Gardner Association

Saturday, September 16 | 10AM - 11AM
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USEFUL PLANTS OF PIONEER VILLAGE - FOOD, MEDICINE, AND MORE

Pioneer Village

Sunday, September 17 | 1PM - 2PM
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IF THESE PLANTS COULD TALK-- GIFTS FROM THE PAST

Pioneer Village

Sunday, September 17 | 3PM - 4PM
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YOUR WILD NEIGHBORS

North Shore Nature Programs

Monday, September 18 | 10AM - 11:30AM
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FUNGI EXPLORATION OF NORWOOD POND

Essex Forays

Wednesday, September 20 | 4PM - 6PM
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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BEAVER PONDS POP UP?

Plum Island Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research Project

Friday, September 22 | 10AM - 12PM
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LEARN HOW TO START A COOPERATIVE GARDEN & VEGETABLE PRINT MAKING

Seaside Cooperative Garden of Swampscott

Friday, September 22 | 3PM - 5PM
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HIKE AND LEARN ABOUT THE SHAWSHEEN RIVER

AVIS

Saturday, September 23 | 2PM - 3:30PM
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EXPLORE THE KING PINE TRAIL

Middleton Stream Team

Available daily during daylight hours
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Ipswich



Saugus

SHARING UNTOLD STORIES

Experience rich and diverse stories of our great region!

THE WETU AND THE WHITE-ELLERY HOUSE

Cape Ann Museum

September 15 & 16 | 10AM
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DANVERS DYNAMIC DAMES

Danvers Historical Society

September 16 & 21 | 10AM - 11AM
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HISTORY LIVES HERE: THE FREEMANS OF WEST GLOUCESTER

Wellspring House

Saturday, September 16 | 10AM - 2PM
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BLACK NEWBURYPORTERS: 1700S TO 1900S

Ghlee E. Woodworth

Saturday, September 16 | 10AM - 11:30AM
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EMMERTON HOUSE & GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

The Woman's Friend Society

Sunday, September 17 | 1PM - 3PM
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PEEK INTO HAMILTON HALL HISTORY

Hamilton Hall

September 18, 19, & 20 | 10:30AM - 2PM
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THE MASSACHUSETT TRIBE IN SALEM: WEAVING INDIGENOUS HISTORY AND PRACTICE

City of Salem Pioneer Village, Salem Sound Coastwatch, Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Monday, September 18 | 6PM - 7PM
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THE MASSACHUSETT TRIBE IN SALEM: VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FOR FISH WEIR

City of Salem Pioneer Village, Salem Sound Coastwatch, Salem Maritime National Historic Site

September 19 & 20 | 6PM - 7PM
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THE WOMEN OF THE FELTON HOUSES

Peabody Historical Society and Museum

Thursday, September 21 | 11:00AM - 12:00PM
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INVESTIGATING SLAVERY & FREEDOM IN ESSEX COUNTY

Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Thursday, September 21 | 7PM - 8:30PM
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WASH DAY AT THE CUSHING HOUSE

Museum of Old Newbury

September 22 & 23 | 9AM - 11AM
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WALKING TOUR: SLAVERY & FREEDOM IN SALEM

Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Friday, September 22 | 10:30AM - 12PM & 1:30PM - 3:00PM
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TRAILBLAZING WOMEN IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Marblehead Museum

Saturday, September 23 | 10AM - 1PM
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AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING "LADY OF THE ARMY: THE LIFE OF MRS. GEORGE S. PATTON," BY STEFANIE VAN STEELANDT

Wenham Museum

Saturday, September 23 | 10:30AM - 11:30AM
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WALKING TOUR OF THE WEST ANDOVER CENTER NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

Andover Center for History and Culture

Sunday, September 24 | 12PM - 1:30PM
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TWO DOZEN WOMEN & CHILDREN OF THE COLONEL LEE & KING HOOPER MANSIONS

Marblehead Architecture Heritage Cultural History Tours

Saturday, September 23 | 1:30PM - 2:30PM
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DISCOVER EVENTS BY DATE & TIME

Refer to the full event listing sorted by community to learn more!

Open Door Events marked with * | Reservation required events marked with (R)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM

Parson Capen House Opening*, Topsfield
Hike Nelson Island (R), Rowley

10:00 AM

Historic Bradford Center
Tour (R), Haverhill
The Wetu and the White-Ellery
House (R), Gloucester
Visit the Historic Narbonne
House*, Salem

Spinning Wheels & Cradles*, Danvers

10:30 AM

BP (Before Palmer): The Lamson
Farm 1680-Present, Topsfield

11:00 AM

Rocky Neck Art Colony Walking
Tour (R), Gloucester
Saugus Iron Works - Iron
House Tour (R), Saugus
Bella Building Tour (R), Haverhill

12:00 PM

Tours of Historic St. Peter's
Church*, Salem

1:00 PM

Nature Along the Saugus River*, Saugus
Tour the Derby House*, Salem

3:30 PM

Sail on the Schooner Fame, Salem

5:00 PM

From Ice Age to Climate Change: A
Walking Tour of Newburyport's
Waterfront (R), Newburyport

6:30 PM

A Spiritual Quest Weekend at
Hilldale Cemetery, Haverhill
Twilight Tour of Bellevue
Cemetery*, Lawrence

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM

Researching Your History*, Rowley
Greenwood Cemetery Tour (R), Haverhill

10:00 AM

Platts-Bradstreet House Tours*, Rowley
What Have These Trees Seen?, Salem
Danvers Dynamic Dames (R), Danvers
Fairy House Festival*, Groveland
Asbury Grove History Tour, Hamilton
Elmwood Cemetery Tour (R), Haverhill
Tiffany Stained Glass Windows*, Lynn
History Lives Here: The Freemans of
West Gloucester*, Gloucester
Ocean Views Walk from Ravenswood
to Rafe's Chasm (R), Gloucester
Black Newburyporters: 1700s
to 1900s*, Newburyport

Restoring the Ipswich River: Imagining
the River's Future (R), Ipswich

The Wetu and the White-Ellery
House (R), Gloucester

Powow Hill and Greenspace
Family Hike (R), Amesbury

Fall Hike through Den Rock
Park, Lawrence

Farmstead Cheese Tour, Topsfield
Board Game Extravaganza*, Ipswich
Boxford Apple Festival*, Boxford

10:15 AM

Swampscott History at The
Humphrey House, Swampscott

10:30 AM

Maritime History Walking Tour, Salem

11:00 AM

Salem Athenaeum Tour (R), Salem
Climate Change Comes to
Derby Wharf, Salem
Rocky Neck Art Colony Walking
Tour (R), Gloucester
1877 District 1 School House*, Newbury
Saugus Iron Works - Iron
House Tour (R), Saugus
Meet Beach Creatures &
More*, Newburyport
Punto Urban Art Museum Guided
Walking Tour (R), Salem



11:15 AM

Swampscott History at The
Humphrey House, Swampscott

12:00 PM

Open House at Salisbury Historical
Society*, Salisbury

Tours of Historic St. Peter's
Church*, Salem

Step Aboard the FRIENDSHIP
OF SALEM*, Salem

PlumFest 2023*, Newburyport

Paddle the Great Marsh (R), Newburyport

Farmstead Cheese Tour, Topsfield

12:15 PM

Swampscott History at The
Humphrey House, Swampscott

1:00 PM

It's All About the Arts*, Nahant

"Pub" Sing*, Rockport

Salem Athenaeum Tour (R), Salem

Walking Richard Fay's Estate, Lynn

Touring the Brocklebank Nelson Beecher
House and Grounds*, Georgetown

2:00 PM

Amesbury Automobile Landscape
Walking Tour (R), Amesbury

Watercolor Nature Immersion
with Nadine Mazzola at Ropes
Mansion Garden (R), Salem

Fish Flake Hill Walking Tour (R), Beverly

Industrial Site Tour at Saugus
Iron Works, Saugus

Book talk with Ben Shallop,
author of The Founding of
Salem: City of Peace, Salem

Farmstead Cheese Tour, Topsfield

2:30 PM

Historical Library Tours (R), Lynn

3:30 PM

When You Know Better, Do Better, Salem

6:30 PM

A Spiritual Quest Weekend at
Hilldale Cemetery, Haverhill

7:00 PM

Crime & Urban Legends of Lawrence
(Fact or Fiction?)(R), Lawrence

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00 AM

Fairy House Festival*, Groveland

Northern Strand Community
Path Ride, Lynn

10:15 AM

Baseball's Early Development
and Essex County's 1860's
Base Ball Boom*, Newbury

10:30 AM

From Country Estate to State Park:
Bradley Palmer's Gift, Topsfield

Maritime History Walking Tour, Salem

11:00 AM

Walk in Harold King Conservation
Area, Swampscott

Rocky Neck Art Colony Walking
Tour (R), Gloucester

Pine Grove History Part 1, Lynn

1877 District 1 School House*, Newbury

Saugus Iron Works - Iron
House Tour (R), Saugus

Judge Holten House Tour, Danvers

12:00 PM

Step Aboard the FRIENDSHIP
OF SALEM*, Salem

1:00 PM

It's All About the Arts*, Nahant

Useful Plants of Pioneer Village - Food,
Medicine, and More (R), Salem

Emmerton House & Garden
Open House*, Salem

Methuen's Civil War Veterans*, Methuen

1:30 PM

Urban Walk of Historic Landmarks
in Middleton, Middleton

2:00 PM

Asbury Grove History Tour, Hamilton

The Port of Ipswich: A Historical
Walking Tour, Ipswich

Industrial Site Tour at Saugus
Iron Works, Saugus

Salsa Class (R), Salem

2:30 PM

Tour of Broad St. Cemetery*, Salem

3:00 PM

If These Plants Could Talk--Gifts
from the Past (R), Salem

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:00 AM

Spinning Wheels & Cradles*, Danvers

Your Wild Neighbors (R), Georgetown

10:30 AM

Peek into Hamilton Hall History*, Salem

6:00 PM

The Massachusetts Tribe in Salem:
Weaving Indigenous History
and Practice, Salem

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 AM

Free Guided Tours of Hammond Castle Museum (R), Gloucester

Topsfield Town Hall Clock Tower Tour (R), Topsfield

10:30 AM

Peek into Hamilton Hall History*, Salem

11:00 AM

Open House Tours of Shalin Liu Performance Center*, Rockport

6:00 PM

The Massachusetts Tribe in Salem: Volunteer Support for Fish Weir (R), Salem

6:30 PM

Historical Library Tours (R), Lynn

7:00 PM

Treasures & Tales Tour, Peabody

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 AM

Spinning Wheels & Cradles*, Danvers

10:30 AM

Peek into Hamilton Hall History*, Salem

1:00 PM

It's All About the Arts*, Nahant

Harlan P. Kelsey: Landscape Architect of Essex County*, Boxford

4:00 PM

Fungi Exploration of Norwood Pond (R), Beverly

6:00 PM

The Massachusetts Tribe in Salem: Volunteer Support for Fish Weir (R), Salem

7:00 PM

V is the Valley: A Concert-Conversation*, Danvers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 AM

Danvers Dynamic Dames (R), Danvers

Make Rope and Earn a Junior Ranger Badge*, Salem

Visit the Historic Narbonne House*, Salem

11:00 AM

Open House Tours of Shalin Liu Performance Center*, Rockport

The Women of the Felton Houses (R), Peabody

Rocky Neck Art Colony Walking Tour (R), Gloucester

Saugus Iron Works - Iron House Tour (R), Saugus

11:30 AM

A Salt Marsh Superpower*, Rowley

1:00 PM

It's All About the Arts*, Nahant

Blacksmithing Demonstration*, Saugus
Tour the Derby House*, Salem

2:30 PM

Historical Library Tours (R), Lynn

5:30 PM

Party on the Patio: Conversations with the Punto Urban Art Museum (R)*, Salem

6:30 PM

Haunted Happenings in Essex County (R), Lawrence (Virtual)

7:00 PM

Investigating Slavery & Freedom in Essex County, Salem

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM

Wash Day at the Cushing House*, Newburyport

10:00 AM

Open House Weekend at Whittier Birthplace*, Haverhill

Visit the Historic Narbonne House*, Salem

Phillips Library (Peabody Essex Museum) Open House: Recent Acquisitions*, Rowley

What Happens When Beaver Ponds Pop Up?, Newbury

Spinning Wheels & Cradles*, Danvers

10:30 AM

Walking Tour: Slavery & Freedom in Salem, Salem

11:00 AM

Open House Tours of Shalin Liu Performance Center*, Rockport

Rocky Neck Art Colony Walking Tour (R), Gloucester

Saugus Iron Works - Iron House Tour (R), Saugus

Historic Duston Garrison House Tour (R), Haverhill

12:00 PM

Tours of Historic St. Peter's Church*, Salem

1:00 PM

Nature Along The Saugus River*, Saugus
Tour the Derby House*, Salem

1:30 PM

Walking Tour: Slavery & Freedom in Salem, Salem

2:00 PM

It's All About the Arts - Literary Walking Tour (R), Nahant

Civil War Walk of Hilldale Cemetery (R), Haverhill

3:00 PM

Learn How to Start a Cooperative Garden*, Sampscott

6:30 PM

A Spiritual Quest Weekend at Hilldale Cemetery, Haverhill

7:30 PM

Star Party at Battis Farm (R)*, Amesbury

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM

Carriagetown Car Show*, Amesbury

Researching Your History*, Rowley

Guided Tour of the Patton Homestead, Hamilton

Atlant Day*, Danvers

For the Love of Trees V, History & Greenlawn*, Salem

Wash Day at the Cushing House*, Newburyport

Shoreline Tour around Marblehead's First Harbor, Marblehead

9:30 AM

The Reaper and the Milkmaid*, Danvers

Blacksmithing Saturday at the Essex Company Forge*, Lawrence

9:45 AM

Evander MacIver: A Living Autobiography Created Using DeepStory on MyHeritage (R), Georgetown (Virtual)

10:00 AM

Andover Day*, Andover

Open House Weekend at Whittier Birthplace*, Haverhill

Platts-Bradstreet House Tours*, Rowley

A Historical Hike with BTA/BOLT, Boxford

Beginner Bird Walk in the Great Marsh, Rowley

Restoring the Ipswich River: Imagining the River's Future (R), Ipswich

Trailblazing Women in the American Revolution, Marblehead

Phillips Library (Peabody Essex Museum) Open House: Recent Acquisitions*, Rowley

Elihu Thomson House Tour*, Swampscott

Olmsted Subdivision Historic District Tour, Swampscott

Digging for History: Archaeology Day at the Rebecca Nurse Homestead*, Danvers

Fish Printing at the Manchester Museum*, Manchester

When Granite Was King! Babson Farm Quarrying History Tour, Rockport

Salisbury Days*, Salisbury

It's a Hard Dock Life: Finding and Identifying Marine Invasive Species (R)*, Gloucester

10:30 AM

BP (Before Palmer): The Lamson Farm 1680-Present, Topsfield

Maritime History Walking Tour, Salem

Author Talk & Book Signing - "Lady of the Army: The Life of Mrs. George S. Patton," by Stefanie Van Steelandt, Hamilton

Pine Physick: Medicine in Early Massachusetts*, Salem

11:00 AM

Overlooking the Essex River: The Landscape of Cogswell's Grant (R), Essex

Walk in Harold King Conservation Area, Swampscott

Tour the Parson Barnard House and First Burial Ground*, North Andover

Rocky Neck Art Colony Walking Tour (R), Gloucester

Visita al Cementerio de Pine Grove en Español, Lynn

Historical Library Tours (R), Lynn

1877 District 1 School House*, Newbury

Saugus Iron Works - Iron House Tour (R), Saugus

West Parish Garden Cemetery Tour*, Andover

12:00 PM

Scaling the Heights of City Hall Tower*, Gloucester

Tours of historic St. Peter's Church*, Salem

Team Haverhill's River Ruckus*, Haverhill

Step Aboard the FRIENDSHIP OF SALEM*, Salem

1:00 PM

It's All About the Arts*, Nahant

Fall Festival and Apple Armada*, Essex

Walking the National Register of Historic Places in Lynn, Lynn

Olmsted Subdivision Historic District Tour, Swampscott

Pine Physick: Medicine in Early Massachusetts*, Salem

It's a Hard Dock Life: Finding and Identifying Marine Invasive Species (R)*, Gloucester

1:30 PM

Two Dozen Women & Children of the Colonel Lee & King Hooper Mansions, Marblehead

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2:00 PM

Hike and Learn about the
Shawsheen River, Andover

Washington Street Walking
Tour (R), Beverly

Industrial Site Tour at Saugus
Iron Works, Saugus

History Rises From Ruins
(R), Newburyport

3:30 PM

Tour of Fort Sewall over 175
Years, Marblehead

4:00 PM

Fo'c'sle Four Band*, Saugus

5:00 PM

Hayride Tour Through a 200+ Year
Old Working Farm*, Haverhill

6:30 PM

A Spiritual Quest Weekend at
Hilldale Cemetery, Haverhill

7:30 PM

Star Party at Battis Farm (R)*, Amesbury

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM

1683 Jackman Willett House*, Newbury
Atlatl Day*, Danvers

10:00 AM

Art and Music 75th Anniversary
Festival*, North Andover

Digging for History: Archaeology
Day at the Rebecca Nurse
Homestead*, Danvers

Border to Boston Trail, Topsfield

Salisbury Days*, Salisbury

10:30 AM

From Country Estate to State Park:
Bradley Palmer's Gift, Topsfield

Maritime History Walking Tour, Salem

11:00 AM

Rocky Neck Art Colony Walking
Tour (R), Gloucester

Pine Grove History Tour Part 2, Lynn
1877 District 1 School House*, Newbury

Saugus Iron Works - Iron
House Tour (R), Saugus

12:00 PM

Step Aboard the FRIENDSHIP
OF SALEM*, Salem

Walking Tour of the West Andover
Center National Register
Historic District (R), Andover

1:00 PM

Open House Weekend at Whittier
Birthplace*, Haverhill

It's All About the Arts*, Nahant

Historic Tours of the 'Whitefield
Church', Newburyport

Touring the Brocklebank Nelson Beecher
House and Grounds*, Georgetown

2:00 PM

Industrial Site Tour at Saugus
Iron Works, Saugus

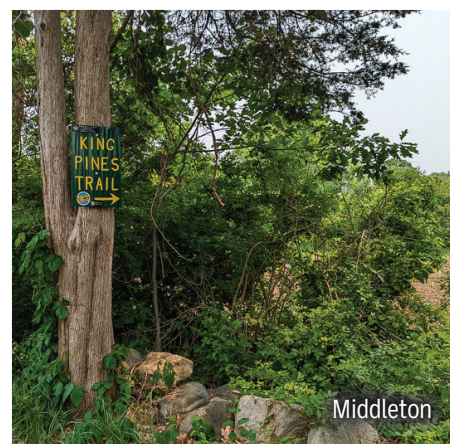
Historic Tours of the 'Whitefield
Church', Newburyport

7:00 PM

Haunted Tales from the Garrison
House, Haverhill (Virtual)

7:30 PM

Lake Gardner Moonlight
Paddle, Amesbury



DO ANY TIME ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE

The availability of certain activities may be subject to business hours, check full listing.

Driving Tour

Civil War & Abolitionism in Lynn -
Biking & Driving Tour, Lynn

Scavenger Hunts

Reading Our Neighborhoods: An
Architectural Scavenger Hunt, Salem

Explore Peabody Scavenger Hunt, Peabody

Lady of Salem Public Maritime Art Exhibition, Salem

Self-Guided Walking Tours

Freeman Memorial Trail, Haverhill

Historic Essex Walking Tour, Essex

Explore the King Pine Trail, Middleton

Self-Guided Exhibits

Student Explorations: the Great Marsh
and Climate Change, Essex

Visit the Saugus Iron Works Museum, Saugus

A Step Back in Time - Tour Lowell's
Boat Shop, Amesbury

Swampscott's Fishing and Boating
Industry, Swampscott

Dominican Faceless Dolls Exhibit, Salem



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 Looking to the Future  Celebrating Hispanic Heritage  Preserving Coastal Resources  Sharing Untold Stories

Event key



Fun
for kids



Wheelchair or stroller
accommodating



Dog
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Parking
available



Restrooms
available

AMESBURY

Powow Hill and Greenspace Family Hike

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Reservations Required

Host: Lake Gardner Association

This guided hike will take you from the beach at Lake Gardner to the summit of Powow Hill, sporting views of three states and the ocean. On the way, take the time to use your senses to soak in the nature around you as you explore the sights, smells, sounds, and textures of the forest.

79 High Street, Amesbury



Amesbury Automobile Landscape Walking Tour

Sat. 9/16 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: The Industrial History Center
of Amesbury Carriage Museum

Join us on a walking tour of downtown Amesbury as we explore and discover our industrial past. Tour participants will learn about the early history of the automotive industry, revolutionary developments, how auto bodies were produced here for Rolls Royce, Cadillac, and much more!

Mill 2 - Upper Millyard, Amesbury



A Step Back in Time - Tour Lowell's Boat Shop

Wed. 9/20 & Thurs. 9/21 | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Lowell's Boat Shop

Take a self-guided tour of this National Landmark and working museum. Experience the sights, smells, and sounds that bring to life centuries of boatbuilding as you watch skilled craftsmen build the dories and skiffs that were once the mainstay of the fishing industry in New England.

459 Main Street, Amesbury



Star Party at Battis Farm

Fri. 9/22 & Sat. 9/23 | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Reservations Required

Host: North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club

We'll have several volunteers with telescopes set up to look through. In addition to the moon and Saturn we'll be showing off an assortment of binary and double stars, nebula, clusters, and the Andromeda galaxy. Co-hosted with the Lake Gardner Improvement Association.

76 S Hampton Road, Amesbury



Carriagetown Car Show

Sat. 9/23 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Host: Carriagetown Car Show

This annual car show features hundreds of collector cars including Hot Rods, muscle cars, and antique vehicles, all on display in historic downtown Amesbury. All are welcome, families encouraged.

Main Street, Amesbury



Lake Gardner Moonlight Paddle

Sun. 9/24 | 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Host: Lake Gardner Association

Paddle the quiet waters of the Powow River and enjoy the late summer evening air! Starting at the recently refurbished Lake Gardner Beach, we will leisurely paddle from the placid waters of the lake into the quiet canopy of the Powow and back. This is a BYOB, bring your own boat, event. A life jacket for every paddler is required. If clouds obscure the moon, event will move to 5:30pm, please check trailsandsails.org for updates.

79 High Street, Amesbury



ANDOVER

Andover Day

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Host: Town of Andover & Andover Chamber of Commerce

The best town street fair in the Merrimack Valley. Attendees will enjoy this free event featuring entertainment from local groups as well as from the region, food trucks/vendors, 200 vendor booths, a Farmer's Market, beer tent and much more!

20 Main Street, Andover



West Parish Garden Cemetery Tour

Sat. 9/23 | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Host: West Parish Garden Cemetery and Chapel

West Parish Garden Cemetery offers a tour of our historic and beautifully landscaped grounds. Included is a visit to our renowned 1909 Romanesque style chapel with original Tiffany-stained glass windows.

129 Reservation Road, Andover



Hike and Learn about the Shawsheen River

Sat. 9/23 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Host: AVIS

Observe wildlife and water plants at close range as you walk along the river. Enjoy open fields, cool wooded trails and impressive boardwalks that offer a close up look at wetland plants. Learn about the history, preservation and ongoing care of this river.

Abbot Bridge Drive, Andover



Walking Tour of the West Andover Center National Register Historic District

Sun. 9/24 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

[Reservations Required](#)

Host: Andover Center for History and Culture

Explore the West Parish Center National Register Historic District! Tour the colonial highway connecting Andover to Tewksbury with 200 years of varied architectural home styles, the oldest standing house of worship, and the oldest headstone. Hear about the inception of the West Parish Anti-Slavery Society of the 1830s and the possible location of a stop or two on the Underground Railroad.

129 Reservation Road, Andover



BEVERLY

Fish Flake Hill Walking Tour

Sat. 9/16 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[Reservations Required](#)

Host: Historic Beverly

Journey through Beverly to visit the historic structures of the oldest area of the city, Fish Flake Hill—site of Beverly's revolutionary and early maritime industries, and home to many merchants and sea captains. This area was also Beverly's primary business district into the mid-19th century.

117 Cabot Street, Beverly

Fungi Exploration of Norwood Pond

Wed. 9/20 | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

[Reservations Required](#)

Host: Essex Forays

Join this guided mushroom walk with Essex Forays' Jana Harris, member of Boston Mycological Club who is certified in Wild Mushroom Food Safety. We'll get a closeup look at various mushroom species and learn safe foraging practices.

Intersection of Elnew Avenue & Norge Road, Beverly



Washington Street Walking Tour

Sat. 9/23 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[Reservations Required](#)

Host: Historic Beverly

Join us for a stroll down Washington Street where we'll learn a little about the early days of Beverly and talk about the lives of several of the occupants of houses found on this street and their styles of architecture.

117 Cabot Street, Beverly

BOXFORD

Boxford Apple Festival

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Boxford Historical Society

Boxford's Apple Festival - Essex County's classic village fair. Walk down our main street and shop arts, crafts and specialty food vendors along with kids' activities, burgers, dogs, popcorn and a craft beer booth. And, of course, apple pie and ice cream. Tour the 1760 Holyoke-French house. Live music starts at noon.

Elm Street, Boxford



Harlan P. Kelsey: Landscape Architect of Essex County

Wed. 9/20 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: The Horticultural Society of Boxford

Tour the show garden of Harlan P. Kelsey's Highlands Nursery from which many North Shore estates sourced their plantings from 1912–1964. Many unique specimens are on display. Guides will be available to walk you through and answer questions. The Arboretum is part of the Boxford Rail Trail & Border to Boston Trail—bikers, dogs, and children welcome.

18 Kelsey Road, Boxford



Historical Hike with BTA/BOLT

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: BTA/BOLT, Inc. and Boxford's Recreation Committee

Come join us for a guided hike to explore Boxford State Forest and learn about the history of some Boxford homesteads.

Boxford State Forest, Middleton Road, Boxford



DANVERS

Spinning Wheels & Cradles

9/15, 9/18, 9/20, & 9/22 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Danvers Historical Society

Visit the 1754 Jeremiah Page House & 1930 Tapley Memorial Hall to learn about new exhibits featuring artifacts that tell stories of Danvers/Salem Village. An in-depth look at our collection of spinning wheels and cradles.

13 Page Street, Danvers



Danvers Dynamic Dames

Sat. 9/16 & Thurs. 9/21 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Reservations Required

Host: Danvers Historical Society

Discover 4 women of Danvers who accomplished amazing things in their lives. A poet/baker, an author/historian, an educator/suffragist, and an entrepreneur/businesswoman. 1-1/2 mile walking tour to explore the lives of these 4 dynamic women in Danvers history, 1760–1960s. To begin and end at Tapley Memorial Hall in Danvers Square. Time subject to change, check trailsandsails.org for updates.

13 Page Street, Danvers



Judge Holten House Tour

Sun. 9/17 | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Gen. Israel Putnam Chapter, DAR

Visit the most important, truly unique house in Danvers with surviving sections from 1683–1921. Home of Sarah Holten, Rebecca Nurse's accuser, and Judge Samuel Holten, Danvers doctor and the greatest Revolutionary patriot to come out of Danvers. Since 1921 it's been restored by and is headquarters of the Danvers Chapter of the Daughters & Children of the American Revolution. Come hear its history and see how a house has evolved over 340 years.

171 Holten Street, Danvers



V is the Valley: A Concert-Conversation

Wed. 9/20 | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Host: Danvers Historical Society

The Danvers Historical Society hosts a wide range of topics during its monthly speaker series. Come enjoy this vibrant tour through the landscape and roots of traditional New England folk songs. Jack DesBois brings his extensive research and scholarship into conversation with the audience, while his rich baritone voice breathes new life into these old songs. Experience these musical gems in all their delight, horror, humor, and gravity, and join a conversation about the history of folk music and its value in our lives today.

13 Page Street, Danvers



Atlatl Day

Sat. 9/23 & Sun. 9/24 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Mass Archaeological Society & Danvers Historical Society

Try your hand at ancient hunting practices! The technique of using an atlatl or spear throwing stick is an ancient global technology. Join the Eugene Winter Chapter of Mass Archaeological Society, as they teach you the finer points about hunting in the ancient world! Stop by and hunt a wooly mammoth or wooly rhinoceros. Fun and educational for adults and kids of all ages. Wooly mammoth tooth and mastodon tooth and tusk will be on display along with samples of Native American artifacts found in Danvers. Donations welcome.

149 Pine Street, Danvers



The Reaper and the Milkmaid

Sat. 9/23 | 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Danvers Historical Society

Join experts sharing their knowledge of the history of the iconic statues on the National Historic Landmark Derby Summer House. This garden folly will be open for visitors to 'take the air' and look out over the historic gardens. Thanks to a matching grant from Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Society restored the statues. Stroll the historic garden rooms and learn about this preservation project.

29 Ingersoll Street, off Centre Street, Danvers



Digging for History: Archaeology Day at the Rebecca Nurse Homestead

Sat. 9/23 & Sun. 9/24 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Rebecca Nurse Homestead, University of Southern Maine, Danvers Alarm List Company

Come get dirty with us, as you become an archaeologist for the day! Join archaeologist Dr. Nathan Hamilton as he leads you through an actual dig and how to process and interpret the findings. What will you uncover?

149 Pine Street, Danvers



ESSEX

Historic Essex Self-Guided Walking Tour

Available daily

Host: Town of Essex

Step back in time to 16 historic sites on a self-guided tour with a brochure and map to guide you. Each interpretive sign highlights the town's history. Learn how one New England village built close to 4,000 wooden vessels, find a 1797 Paul Revere bell, discover the birthplace of the fried clam, learn about the grave robberies of 1818, and other stories. Enjoy this leisurely stroll with shops and restaurants along the way!

55 Main Street, Essex



Student Explorations: The Great Marsh, and Climate Change

9/21 | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Open House Reception

9/22 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

9/23 | 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

9/24 | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Greenbelt, SQ&LB Collaboration, Marine Biological Laboratory Ecosystems Center and the River Valley Charter School

Art, science, and the Great Marsh come together in a collaborative exhibit hosted by Greenbelt at Cox Reservation in Essex. The exhibit, on display at the studio barn on the Essex Marsh, features art focused on the marsh and the impacts of our changing climate, created by students at the River Valley Charter School and by Susan Quateman and Les Bartlett's artist collaboration, with science advisory provided by the Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biological Laboratory.

82 Eastern Avenue, Essex

Overlooking the Essex River: The Landscape of Cogswell's Grant

Sat. 9/23 | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Historic New England - Cogswell's Grant

On this walking tour, explore Cogswell's Grant's landscape history, from the presence of Indigenous People through the colonial period to the present. Walk through hayfields down to the salt marsh and the Essex River, discover the rich history of the people and families who lived and farmed here, and learn how coastal farming has evolved over the centuries.

60 Spring Street, Essex



Fall Festival and Apple Armada

Sat. 9/23 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: The Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum

Fun for all ages! This family friendly event is a great introduction to Essex culture. Join us in the Historic Shipyard for food, drinks, games, craft stations, and the Apple Armada, apple boat race!

66 Main Street, Essex



GEORGETOWN

Touring the Brocklebank Nelson Beecher House and Grounds

Sat. 9/16 & Sun. 9/24 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: Georgetown Historical Society

Come experience the lifestyle and the occupations of those living in Essex County from the early 1600's through the early 1900's. Step back in time with the Georgetown Historical Society at our open house of the Brocklebank, Nelson, Beecher House and Grounds. Tour our historic home, kitchen door gardens and historic fruit tree varieties. Step into Georgetown's last remaining one room schoolhouse, the Hill Schoolhouse No.3, in use from 1828-1925, and the Merrill 10' shoe shop, the beginning of an industry that would thrive across Essex County.

108 East Main Street, Georgetown



Your Wild Neighbors

Mon. 9/18 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

[Reservations Required](#)

Host: North Shore Nature Programs

Are you aware that our local woods and wetlands are home to hundreds of unique and fascinating animals like salamanders that drop their tails in defense, frogs that freeze solid in winter, and weasels/foxes that climb trees? Join us for a walk through the woods of Camp Denison where we learn more about these unusual animals. We'll overturn logs, search for tracks, use nets to catch and observe our native neighbors, and discuss why it's important to protect the habitats they call home.

84 Nelson Street, Georgetown



Evander MacIver: A Living Autobiography Created Using DeepStory on MyHeritage

Sat. 9/23 | 9:45 am - 12:00 pm

[Reservations Required](#)

Host: Merrimack Valley Chapter of MSOG

Presented by Linda MacIver, who will be explaining "My Heritage's" Deep Story's; groundbreaking new AI-based tool, which enables your family history to come alive. My Heritage has added very realistic animation and audio, allowing your ancestors to tell their own personalized stories. If you have struggled with attempts to provide a fun and easy way to reach out to family members, Deep Story's simple template creates an exciting and unique product to document, preserve, and share your most treasured family memories. Visit trailsandsails.org for details.

Virtual Event

GLOUCESTER

The Wetu and the White-Ellery House

Fri. 9/15 & Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am

[Reservations Required](#)

Host: Cape Ann Museum

Visit the Cape Ann Museum Green, the Museum's second campus off Grant Circle and Route 128, for a tour of the historic White-Ellery House (1710) and the newly constructed Native wetu. These two structures provide an important opportunity to explore the early colonization of Gloucester and the impact on the Native people of the area.

13 Poplar Street, Gloucester



Rocky Neck Art Colony Walking Tour

9/15 - 9/17 & 9/21 - 9/24 | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Reservations Required](#)

Host: Rocky Neck Art Colony

Explore Rocky Neck with a guided tour of the neighborhood focusing on earliest residents, Native Americans, fishermen, inventors, tourists, artists and more! In appreciation of the unique continuum that is Rocky Neck today, this walking tour showcases both the rich history of Rocky Neck as well as the contributions and achievements of the present community. Rocky Neck Art Colony offers these tours as a partner in the city-wide effort to mark the 400+ anniversary of Gloucester.

6 Wonson Street, Gloucester



Ocean Views Walk from Ravenswood to Rafe's Chasm

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Cape Ann Trail Stewards

Join Cape Ann Trail Stewards for a hike across Magnolia Woods to the spectacular views of the ocean from the cliffs of Rafe's Chasm! Dave Marro (CATS board member & Chair of the Magnolia Woods Advisory Committee) leads the hike along the trail linking the southern edge of the Trustees of Reservations' Ravenswood Park with the City of Gloucester's Rafe's Chasm Park. Be prepared for 3-miles roundtrip of uneven trail.

474 Western Avenue, Gloucester



History Lives Here: The Freemans of West Gloucester

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Host: Wellspring House

In History Lives Here, learn about the Freeman family of Gloucester who for one 100 years owned the home where Wellspring is headquartered today. Walk through the historic Davis-Freeman House, a first period home located in West Gloucester and see the exhibit panels displayed throughout. The family is descended from Robin Freeman, formerly enslaved and self-emancipated from Capt. Charles Byles in 1789. Robin's son, Robert, purchased the property on Essex Avenue in 1826 and made it his family home.

302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester



Free Guided Tours of Hammond Castle Museum

Tues. 9/19 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Hammond Castle Museum

Guests may explore the breathtaking building and grounds of Hammond Castle Museum and take a self-guided tour offering new insight into the inventor that was one of the North Shore's most dynamic residents. Guests should plan 60 minutes to explore the Museum. We look forward to your visit! Please note that Hammond Castle Museum is not handicapped accessible for assistive devices due to the number of stairs.

80 Hesperus Avenue, Gloucester



It's a Hard Dock Life: Finding and Identifying Marine Invasive Species

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Massachusetts Bays National Estuary Partnership, Maritime Gloucester, and Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

Join us on the pier to pull up dock lines and see what marine creatures we can find! Using magnifying glasses, microscopes, and identification cards, we'll discover as many marine invasive critters as we can. After investigating the dock, we encourage families to explore the Maritime Gloucester Campus, including the Seapocket Aquarium, the Marine Science & Education Center, and Gorton's Seafood Gallery of Maritime Heritage, all free of charge.

Harriet Webster Wharf, Maritime Gloucester,

23 Harbor Loop, Gloucester



Scaling the Heights of City Hall Tower

Sat. 9/23 | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: City Hall Restoration Commission

Get a bird's eye view of Gloucester and Cape Ann! Climb the interior of City Hall's clock and bell tower to experience the wow factor of looking over our beloved community, while learning about the history of Gloucester's most significant architectural building that has defined our skyline for over 150 years. And be sure to see the magnificent collection of WPA murals in the building.

9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester



GROVELAND

Fairy House Festival

Sat. 9/16 & Sun. 9/17 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Host: Tree Top Summer Camp & Friends of Veasey Park

Walk the trails to see the handcrafted houses at this year's enchanted festival. Cast your People's Choice Award vote for your favorite Fairy House. Stay awhile for magical fun, arts and crafts, food, raffles, live music, and more. Rain or shine. Anyone is welcome to submit a house. Donations collected at the Festival are reinvested back into the Park.

201 Washington Street, Groveland



HAMILTON

Asbury Grove History Tour

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sun. 9/17 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: Asbury Grove Historical Society

Join a guided walking tour of the grounds/buildings of 19th century campground, (National Register of Historic Places). Tour includes chapel, tabernacle, library, hotel/dining hall, vespers circle, church society buildings, and the historic cottages as a museum to depict life during height of the Camp Meeting period. Some residential cottages open for viewing.

27 Pleasant Avenue, South Hamilton



Guided Tour of the Patton Homestead

Sat. 9/23 | 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Host: Friends of the Patton Homestead in collaboration with the Town of Hamilton and the Wenham Museum

The tour will include facts about the property & how it was used from the 1920's through 2012 when the Pattons donated it to the Town of Hamilton. Marc Johnson, president of the board, will lead the tour through the stables, past named family trees, and enjoy a walk down to the overlook of the Ipswich River, built with Essex County Greenbelt. The tour will end on the upper patio of the home in time for an author discussion (details in event listing below), and a glimpse of the famed "When and If" artifacts hosted by the Wenham Museum at the Patton Family Archive.

650 Asbury Street, Hamilton



Author Talk & Book Signing - "Lady of the Army: The Life of Mrs. George S. Patton," by Stefanie Van Steelandt

Sat. 9/23 | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Host: Wenham Museum

Join us as we learn about the life of Beatrice Ayer Patton, the wife of the famous WWII General George S. Patton, Jr. in this new biography. General George Patton once remarked that World War II undoubtedly would have lasted a lot longer were it not for his soldiers and his wife. Those who knew the Pattons were aware of the vital role Beatrice played in his reaching his destiny, but few others understood the singular impact of this remarkable woman whom people described as having "a personality which radiates like a brilliant gem."

650 Asbury Street, Hamilton



HAVERHILL

Freeman Memorial Trail

Available daily during daylight hours

Host: Whittier Birthplace

Hike the Freeman Memorial Trail at the Whittier Birthplace.

The approximately half mile loop sweeps around the historic house, up into the woods, and back down the fields. Each of the 13 stops along the way includes a piece of John Greenleaf Whittier's poetry describing the landscape or a selection from one of his early biographers. Pick up a brochure from the box just inside the stone wall when you arrive.

305 Whittier Road, Haverhill



Historic Bradford Center Tour

Fri. 9/15 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Reservations Required

Host: Buttonwoods Museum

Join us for a tour of the historic Bradford Center. Highlights will include Kimball and Haseltine homes, Kimball Tavern, Bradford Academy, and First Church of Christ.

Address provided with RSVP, visit trailsandsails.org for details.

Bella Building Tour

Fri. 9/15 | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Local Historian Thomas Spitalere

Stroll the streets of historic downtown Haverhill. Explore our rich Italian District, including the culture and architectural history of River Street, Washington Street, and the lower part of Mt Washington Hill. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Moulton Way at Washington Street, Haverhill



A Spiritual Quest Weekend at Hilldale Cemetery

9/15-9/16 & 9/22-9/23 | 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Host: Essex County Ghost Project & Witches Wonder

Believe in Ghosts? Join the Essex County Ghost Project & Witches Wonder for a spooktacular evening of fun haunts. Gates open at 6:30pm, hunt starts at 7pm. Explore one of New England's most Haunted historical sites, home to reports of full/partial-body apparitions, voices, shadow figures, and more. So pack up your cameras, pendulums, digital recorders, and other paranormal equipment for a night of historical intrigue.

363 Hilldale Avenue, Haverhill



Greenwood Cemetery Tour

Sat. 9/16 | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Reservations Required

Host: Buttonwoods Museum

Greenwood Cemetery Tour in East Haverhill is the resting place of several literary figures and/or the subjects of their poetry and prose. Registration is required as space is limited.

Address provided with RSVP, visit trailsandsails.org for details.

Elmwood Cemetery Tour

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Reservations Required

Host: Buttonwoods Museum

Please join us for a tour of the historic Elmwood Cemetery, please wear comfortable shoes as the ground is uneven.

Address provided with RSVP, visit trailsandsails.org for details.

Open House Weekend at Whittier Birthplace

Fri. 9/22 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sun. 9/24 | 1:00 pm - 4pm

Host: Whittier Birthplace

Join our open house weekend during Trails & Sails! Start your visit in the blacksmith shed for a welcome video. Then, take a guided tour of the c.1688 Whittier Homestead, walk the self-guided Freeman Memorial Trail, meet farm animals, and more.
305 Whittier Road, Haverhill



Historic Duston Garrison House Tour

Fri. 9/22 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Duston Garrison House Association

Have you ever seen a Garrison House? Do you know what a Garrison House is? Either way, come on down for a tour of the historic Duston Garrison House. While you learn about the Garrison House, you will also learn about a legendary local heroine named Hannah Duston who once lived there.

655 Hilldale Avenue, Haverhill



Civil War Walk of Hilldale Cemetery

Fri. 9/22 | 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Hilldale Cemetery Association & Local Historians Joe Bella and Thomas Spitalere

If you love Civil War History, you will love this walk. Join local Civil War Historians Joe Bella and Thomas Spitalere for a historic walk through Hilldale Cemetery, commemorating Haverhill's Civil War History. This walking tour will focus on some of the 419 local Civil War soldiers and their stories. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

331 Hilldale Avenue, Haverhill



Team Haverhill's River Ruckus

Sat. 9/23 | 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Host: Team Haverhill

Team Haverhill's River Ruckus is an annual festival featuring live music, Classic Cars, Kids Zone, great local foods, and spectacular fireworks over the Merrimack River.

RiverFront Park, Washington Street, Haverhill



Hayride Tour Through a 200+ Year Old Working Farm

Sat. 9/23 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Host: Chris' Farmstand

Hop onboard a real hay wagon suitable for all ages to explore our 142-acre farm on the banks of the Merrimack River. Experience how we harvest some of our 36 different types of crops that are grown naturally with the help of the wildlife that surrounds us. We'll talk turkey and visit their barn and explain how they support our "no waste" philosophy. There are also farm animals on display and a playground for the littles, plus an option to shop for fruit, veggies, meats and flowers at our farmstand.

436 Salem Street, Haverhill



Haunted Tales from the Garrison

Sun. 9/24 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Host: Thomas Spitalere and the Essex County Ghost Project

Are you into Poe, Whittier, or Lovecraft? Then tune in for this live from the Garrison. Listen to local paranormal expert and founder of the Essex County Ghost Project as he tells local horror tales and New England Folklore. These tales take us back in time. This will be live on the Essex County Ghost Project Facebook page.

Virtual Event

IPSWICH

Restoring the Ipswich River: Imagining the River's Future

Sat. 9/16 & Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Ipswich River Watershed Association

Did you know that in 2021 the Ipswich River was named one of America's Most Endangered Rivers®? Learn about the work we do to get our river off of that list and paddle to downtown Ipswich and back. Through restoration projects like dam removal and invasive species management, to advocacy work around water conservation - we have the solutions to ensure a bright future for our river. Join us on this paddle to witness this precious resource first-hand and learn more about what it takes to get our river off the endangered list.

143 Country Road, Ipswich

Board Game Extravaganza

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Host: Ipswich Public Library

Join us for a fun day of gaming! All ages are welcome to join us for this drop-in event. Come with your friends and family or come alone and make new friends. We will have many different board games of all ages and type to play throughout the day. Learn a new one or play your favorite! You can come at 10 and stay all day or drop in anytime between 10 and 2 to start playing! Many of the board games are ones from our Library of Things collection so if you find one you love, you can check it out anytime in the future!

25 North Main Street, Ipswich



The Port of Ipswich: A Historical Walking Tour

Sun. 9/17 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Ipswich Museum

Join local history buff, Scott Jewell, on a walk around the town of Ipswich and learn about the fascinating history of its former bustling port. Once a hub of maritime trade and commerce, the fate of the port was intricately tied to the rise and fall of the town's 18th century economy, and the fortunes (and misfortunes) of many of its residents.

54 South Main Street, Ipswich



LAWRENCE

Twilight Tour of Bellevue Cemetery

Fri. 9/15 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Host: Lawrence Civil War Memorial Guard

Bellevue Cemetery boasts panoramic views of Lawrence & beyond. Twilight is a unique opportunity to see the sunset from the historic landscaped hills. Visitors will tour the scenic national register garden cemetery with its memorials to City founders, philanthropists, Civil War veterans, & Pemberton Mill disaster victims. Tour starts at 6:30—stragglers are welcome!

100 Reservoir Street, Lawrence



Fall Hike Through Den Rock Park

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Groundwork Lawrence

& Lawrence Conservation Commission

Come explore Lawrence's urban wild! This hike will explore the trails and unique features of the Den Rock Conservation Area, including Den Rock Park and adjoining conservation land managed by Essex County Greenbelt in Andover. Participants will walk trails created by the WPA in 1935 and visit the Den Rock, vernal pools, beaver ponds, and the floodplain forest along the Shawsheen River. Along the route, learn about the park's rich history and its role in providing a climate resilient refuge for people and wildlife.

Winthrop Avenue (Rt. 114), South Lawrence.

Directly across from the North Andover Mall.



Crime & Urban Legends of Lawrence (Fact or Fiction?)

Sat. 9/16 | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Lawrence Civil War Memorial Guard

Like adventure? Join us on a thrill seeking candlelight tour of Lawrence. You'll be escorted by the Civil War Color Guard hosting the tour while listening to the legends of an early curse, a Druid sacrifice, whispers of Confederate spies, 99 ghosts at City Hall, secret passages & tunnels, an attempt on a City Official's life, the moving rock of the Knights Templar, and anarchists in this city. What happened to and in the bathrooms under the Common? Did the commander of the notorious Andersonville prison reside in this city? You decide!

200 Common Street, Lawrence



Haunted Happenings in Essex County

Thurs. 9/21 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Lawrence Community Access Television

Do you know why we're the most haunted county in MA? If you ever wondered, come down to Lawrence Community Access Television, or tune in to our station on channel 8 in Lawrence, 98 in Methuen, Verizon Channel 40 or live on Lawrence CTV.com. Thomas Spitalere discusses haunted happenings in Essex County. Following the talk, guests will hear the history of LCAT and have the opportunity to network with the LCAT team.

468 Essex Street, Lawrence



Blacksmithing Saturday at the Essex Company Forge

Sat. 9/23 | 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Lawrence History Center

Step back in time with us for a day of blacksmithing at the Essex Company forge, the company that built the city of Lawrence! Blacksmith Richard Wright will be demonstrating the craft of traditional blacksmithing methods, forging both iron and mild steel to create items for practical use in our historic courtyard. The forge was first in use in the early 1880's when the Essex Company complex at 6 Essex Street in Lawrence was constructed.

6 Essex Street, Lawrence



LYNN

Civil War & Abolitionism in Lynn Self-Guided Biking & Driving Tour

Available daily

Host: Lynn Historical Commission

The events of the Civil War and the abolitionist movement in the 1860's brought tremendous transformations to the US. Lynn was home to many Union soldiers & abolitionists. This self-guided tour passes many sites tied to these histories of Lynn. Over 150 years later, some of these places resemble how they appeared in the nineteenth century, while others are unrecognizable. The tour is roughly 7 miles.

Visit trailsandsails.org for details.



Tiffany Stained Glass Windows

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Host: St. Stephen's Memorial Church

See and learn about more than 41 Tiffany stained glass windows in this beautiful 1880 church. They are perhaps the oldest ecclesiastical Tiffany windows in the world. The church was built in memory of Lt. Colonel Charles Redington Mudge who died at Gettysburg at age 23 (July 3, 1863) and his sister Fannie Olive. Their graves along with those of their parents are in the garth in the center of the church. Their father Enoch Redington Mudge of Boston & Swampscott built the church.

74 South Common Street, Lynn



Northern Strand Community Path Ride

Sun. 9/17 | 10:00 am

Host: Bike to the Sea

We'll start in Lynn, go over the Saugus River and past the Rumney Marsh in Revere. Meet next to the trail at the Market Basket in Lynn. There will be two options: one to Malden line (12 miles RT) and a bit longer to the Everett line (16 miles RT).

Market Basket, 40 Federal Street, Lynn



Walking Richard Fay's Estate

Sat. 9/16 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Host: Lynn Historical Commission

The Fay's Estate (original spelling) area of Lynn, also known as Lynnmere, was the site of the Mineral Spring Hotel from 1803 until it was torn down in 1916. It was, as has been quoted in Lynn History books, "a mecca for Bacchus and Venus." It was a playground for the wealthy of that era. Several buildings still stand today as owner-occupied residences. We will view these buildings and sites and hear stories that abound in the area.

Corner Western Avenue and Fay's Avenue, Lynn



Historical Library Tours

Reservations Required

Sat. 9/16 | 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Tues. 9/19 | 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Thurs. 9/21 | 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Sat. 9/23 | 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Host: Lynn Public Library

Join us for one of our Historic Library Tours. Learn all about the beautiful and historic Lynn Public Library through a guided tour of our building, artwork, and more.

5 N. Common Street, Lynn

Pine Grove History Part 1

Sun. 9/17 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Host: Pine Grove Cemetery Commission

Join us for an historical tour of Lynn's 152 acre garden style cemetery designed by Henry A.S. Dearborn. A National Register Historic District, it boasts a Who's Who of 19th Century architects, sculptors, and movers and shakers. Part 1 covers the oldest part of the cemetery including the sunken gardens, Rhodes Chapel, WW1 Burial Grounds, a sweeping view of the Lynn Coastline and so much more.

155 Boston Street, Lynn



Visita al Cementerio de Pine Grove en Español

Sat. 9/23 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Host: Pine Grove Cemetery Commission

Join this historical tour of Pine Grove Cemetery — en Español. Aprende sobre los famosos arquitectos que diseñaron el cementerio y los industriales, abolicionistas, héroes de guerra y los fundadores de la ciudad de Lynn que están enterrados allí.

155 Boston Street, Lynn



Walking the National Register of Historic Places in Lynn

Sat. 9/23 | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Host: Lynn Historical Commission

Lynn has over 20 sites included in the National Register of Historic Places. We'll cover about 12 on our walk starting at St. Stephen's Memorial Episcopal Church (74 South Common Street, ending at the site of the Old English High School on the corner of Essex & James Streets.

74 South Common Street, Lynn



Pine Grove History Tour Part 2

Sun. 9/24 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Host: Pine Grove Cemetery Commission

This tour meets at the Parkland Avenue entrance and includes the Civil War & Spanish American War Burial Grounds, and cemetery sections developed after the 1850s. Learn about renowned architects, sculptors, and several famous Lynn luminaries—we'll address the myth about the cemetery's wall and more.

128 Parkland Avenue, Lynn



MANCHESTER

Fish Printing at the Manchester Museum

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Manchester Museum

You'll explore our newly reconfigured rooms and displays, as well as our outdoor cod fishery exhibit, and watch—or participate in—the Japanese fish printing art form known as Gyotaku. Help celebrate the Bicentennial of the Abigail Hooper Trask House and the life of "Nabby" Hooper—entrepreneur and proto-feminist—with music, food, art-making and fun!

10 Union Street, Manchester



MARBLEHEAD

Shoreline Tour around Marblehead's First Harbor

Sat. 9/23 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Host: Marblehead Architecture Heritage & Cultural History Tours

A walking tour around Marblehead's earliest harbor (from 1629 to about 1700), where Native Americans had spent summers for hundreds of years before. Stunning views of the coves and islands at the northeast tip of the mainland peninsula. The tour covers early history, social history, fishing history and some architectural history. A half mile or so total, over 2 hours. A few places to sit, but no restrooms.

Grace Oliver Beach, Marblehead

Trailblazing Women in the American Revolution

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Host: Marblehead Museum

Travel through time with the Jeremiah Lee Mansion! Meghan Boehmer, historical interpreter from the Boston Tea Party Museum, portrays Sarah Gristle Mugford, the wife of Revolutionary naval hero James Mugford. Boehmer illustrates the role of women during the Revolution. Visitors will discover how Sarah took charge of her life as a young widow after Mugford's death in 1776, at a time when a woman's sphere was limited to home and family. A free tour of the Jeremiah Lee Mansion is included with this program.

161 Washington Street, Marblehead



Two Dozen Women & Children of the Colonel Lee & King Hooper Mansions

Sat. 9/23 | 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Host: Marblehead Architecture Heritage & Cultural History Tours

Rare opportunity! An interior tour of the c.1728 & c.1750 King Hooper Mansion with a focus on King Hooper's family of 4 wives (in sequence), 11 children (by just one), 3 step-children (plus some architecture), and Jeremiah & Martha Lee's tragic family story. Tour involves four levels and stairs, from 1st-period cellar kitchen to 3rd-floor Federal-era ballroom.

8 Hooper Street, Marblehead



Tour of Fort Sewall Over 175 Years

Sat. 9/23 | 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Host: Marblehead Architecture Heritage & Cultural Tours

Tour Marblehead's newly accessible Fort, estab. in 1644. Named Fort Sewall around 1800, its most famous moment came in April 1814, when it sheltered the USS Constitution as she slipped into M'hd harbor when chased by two British frigates, guided in by two M'hd. pilots on its crew. The fort became a town park in the 1890s then in 1922.

8 Fort Sewall Lane, Marblehead



METHUEN

Methuen's Civil War Veterans

Sun. 9/17 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Lawrence Civil War Memorial Guard

Nearly 300 men from Methuen served in the Union Army during the Civil War. From the first shots on the streets of Baltimore in 1861 to the final battles near Appomattox Courthouse four years later, they fought in almost every major battle. For the survivors, nothing scared them. They "Saw the Elephant" and they were willing to take risks after the war. Discover stories of some of these men who became the political and business leaders in the community and beyond.

24 Grove Street, Methuen



MIDDLETON

Explore the King Pine Trail

Available daily

Host: Middleton Stream Team

Don't paddle but love being close to the Ipswich River? Walk along the new riverside King Pine trail as it meanders upstream. Hear a variety of birds, perhaps spot a beaver or otter in the river. A variety of plants/ trees grow in this riparian and wooded area. Trail is relatively flat, less than 1 mile. Wander through the trees along the river, rest on large boulders at trails end, and make your way back.

Park at the Canoe Landing, Peabody Street, Middleton



Urban Walk of Historic Landmarks in Middleton

Sun. 9/17 | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Friends of the Flint Public Library & Middleton Historical Society

Learn the stories behind the books! This tour and short urban walk (.5 mile, 1.5 hours) begins at the Library where you'll see beautiful, antique stained-glass windows and learn about Charles Flint, library benefactor. Tour continues to Estey Tavern (c.1700s) and nicely restored to show many of its original features, and the Tramp House, one of the few remaining tramp houses from the Civil War era.

1 South Main Street, Middleton



NAHANT

It's All About the Arts

9/16 - 9/17 & 9/20 - 9/24 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fri. 9/22 | Literary Walk at 2:00 pm

(Reservations Required for Literary Walk)

Host: Nahant Historical Society

"You are here to discover yourself. Art is not what you do, it is what you are. The better you know yourself, the better your art." Norman Laliberte, artist, lover of life. Art creates connections, exudes beauty, brings people together, and breaks down barriers. Experience the pure joy and power of positivity through Norman's works. Connect with poets/ writers of the 19th & 20th centuries through a literary walk around Nahant. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council.

41 Valley Road, Nahant



NEWBURY

1877 District 1 School House

9/16-9/17 & 9/23-9/24 | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Newbury Historical Commission

Visit this restored 1877 District 1 School House on Newbury's historic Lower Green.

High Road & Newman Road on the Lower Green



Baseball's Early Development and Essex County's 1860's Base Ball Boom

Sun. 9/17 | 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Host: Essex Base Ball Organization & Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm

Join President of the Essex Base Ball Organization, Brian Sheehy, at historic Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm in Newbury to learn about the history and evolution of baseball in Essex County. Did you know in the 1860's base ball (two words in the 19th century) clubs were springing up all over the country? Have you ever heard of the Clionians, Hawkswood, or Ironsides Base Ball Clubs? Come hear how baseball developed into the game it is today!

5 Littles Lane, Newbury



What Happens When Beaver Ponds Pop Up?

Fri. 9/22 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Plum Island Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research Project

As beaver populations recover, their beaver ponds seem to be popping up everywhere. Beaver ponds create new habitat, change the hydrology and water quality, alter the carbon balance, and can threaten infrastructure. We'll visit a beaver pond that has been intensively studied for the last 10 years to discuss the many interesting changes that occur when a beaver pond appears, and how it changes over seasons/ years.

*Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area
on Orchard Street, Newbury*



1683 Jackman Willett House

Sun. 9/24 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Sons and Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury (SDFSN)

Tour one of the oldest houses in Essex County! This house was first occupied in 1683. It is a story and a half. Guides will be available to give tours during this open house event.

2 Cottage Road, Newbury



NEWBURYPORT

From Ice Age to Climate Change: A Walking Tour of Newburyport's Waterfront

Fri. 9/15 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Merrimack River Watershed Council

Join MRWC's John Macone for an amble along Newburyport's waterfront, where we will explore the hidden past of the Merrimack River's evolution - including the remnants of the Ice Age, Native American settlements and burial grounds, the long forgotten natural waterfront, the dramatically shifting sands of Plum Island. We'll also look at the impact of climate change on Newburyport and the local coast. This tour lasts about an hour, and requires walking about a mile and a half on sidewalks and the riverfront rail trail.

Market Square, Newburyport



Black Newburyporters: 1700s to 1900s

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Host: Ghlee E. Woodworth

Wander through Newburyport's historic Old Hill Burying Ground and Highland Cemetery with a special guide - noted author and historian Ghlee Woodworth, a 12th generation Newburyport native. Woodworth will focus on the memorials of Newburyport's once-thriving Black community, and tell the story of "Guinea village", the slang term for the Black neighborhood nearby. Learn more about efforts to commemorate and celebrate these lives and experiences.

20 Auburn Street, Newburyport



Meet Beach Creatures & More!

Sat. 9/16 | 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats

Visit the Joppa Flats Education Center to meet live animals from the sandy beach, salt marsh and tide pools including hermit crabs, moon snails, sea stars, horseshoe crabs and more! This indoor/outdoor event is for families with children ages 3 and up and is rain or shine. Spend some time at our "Powers of Observation" digiscope station, take home a nature craft or two, enjoy some guided birdwatching, and test your knowledge at our self-guided science stations!

1 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport



Paddle the Great Marsh

Sat. 9/16 | 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

What's the secret to exploring the magic of the Great Marsh? Getting out on the water! Join refuge rangers and paddling guides along the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge water trail to experience this unique habitat and the species that call it home. This program is free and all gear will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own equipment!

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge - Boat Ramp, Refuge Road, Newburyport



PlumFest 2023

Sat. 9/16 | 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Host: PlumFest

PlumFest is an island-wide celebration of live music and community on beautiful Plum Island. Part of the porchfest movement, we will have approximately 100 bands at nearly 50 locations throughout the island from 12-6pm on September 16th. Our event is free, and we are a non-profit that will raise money via donations to give to the Boys and Girls Club of Lower Merrimack Valley.

The event takes place all over Plum Island (which includes both Newbury and Newburyport).

Visit trailsandsails.org for details.



Wash Day at the Cushing House

Fri. 9/22 & Sat. 9/23 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Host: Museum of Old Newbury

Come by and be ready to roll up your sleeves and get wet. Visit the wash yard of the 1808 Cushing House in Newburyport and try your hand at cleaning clothes the old-fashioned way, with a washboard and wash tub. Learn where the house's water would have come from, see where clothes were dried in the rain, and hear about the people who would have done this work for the Cushing family in the 1800s. All ages welcome. Event will take place rain or shine.

98 High Street, Newburyport



History Rises From Ruins

Sat. 9/23 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation

Join the park interpreter on a tour of the former Moseley Family Estate to view the house sites, gardens and farm complex area to talk about their historical significance, along with sharing some stories of the past!

74 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport



Historic Tours of the 'Whitefield Church'

Sun. 9/24 | Tours at 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm

Host: Old South Presbyterian Church of Newburyport

Our church was founded in 1746 by George Whitefield and moved into its current building ten years later when the land was purchased and the congregation erected the beams in that early July. Throughout its 250+ years, Old South has played a part in the history of the Great Awakening, the town of Newburyport and America itself. Learn about the Forgotten Founding Father of America and the role that Old South played in that movement he was instrumental in furthering and in the subsequent American Revolution.

29 Federal Street, Newburyport



NORTH ANDOVER

Tour the Parson Barnard House and First Burial Ground

Sat. 9/23 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Host: North Andover Historical Society

Touring the Parson Barnard House you'll see the exciting preservation techniques used by Abbot Lowell Cummings to highlight the original construction and interior modifications of this 18th century house. As you visit each room, you will see furnishings that show the changes in lifestyle as experienced by four early inhabitants of the house from 1715 through 1830. Next cross the street and tour the First Burial Ground where early North Parish settlers of Andover are buried, including the residents of the Parson Barnard House.

179 Osgood Street, North Andover



Art and Music 75th Anniversary Festival

Sun. 9/24 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

(Reservations Requested)

Host: Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center

Rolling Ridge in North Andover celebrates 75 years of ministry with an Arts and Music Festival! Enjoy the talent of local artists and musicians, take a tour of the historic house and historic gardens, learn about the natural environment, join a soul care workshop, sample some of our delicious food, celebrate the history of the Ridge. All are welcome! Come for as long as you are able. No fee to join our celebration but registration is requested.

660 Great Pond Road, North Andover



PEABODY

Explore Peabody

Available daily

Host: Peabody Institute Library

Explore Peabody through an exciting scavenger hunt for all ages! Explore Peabody challenges you to get out and discover all the rich culture Peabody has to offer. Grab a list at any Library location or online and complete 5 items on the list to win a prize.

82 Main Street, 78 Lynn Street, 603 Lowell Street, Peabody

Treasures & Tales Tour

Tues. 9/19 | 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Host: Peabody Institute Library

Join the Local History Librarian on a guided tour of the oldest public library in the country to operate out of its original building and explore some of the rare and historic treasures that make the PIL a unique public library.

82 Main Street, Peabody



The Women of the Felton Houses

Thurs. 9/21 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Peabody Historical Society and Museum

Come explore the Felton-Smith Historic Site's seventeenth century homes. Fall is a magical time to visit. You truly feel like you have gone back in time! This guided tour will begin with a brief walk in the nearby apple orchards, learning more about the landscape history—followed by a tour of the Felton Houses, as seen through the lens of women who lived there.

38 Felton Street, Peabody



ROCKPORT

"Pub" Sing

Sat. 9/16 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Host: Rockport Music

FREE Rockport Celtic Festival pub-less, pub Sing! led by our very own local Sea Shanty star, David Coffin, this event will bring together music-lovers from all kinds of backgrounds to raise the rafters and sing together as the spirit of the Rockport Festival leaves the theater and resonates through the town!

Spiran Hall, 18 Broadway, Rockport



Shalin Liu Performance Center

Open House Tours

9/19 & 9/21 & 9/22 | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Host: Rockport Music - Shalin Liu Performance Center

Come inside and tour the beautiful performance center!

37 Main Street, Rockport



When Granite Was King! Babson

Farm Quarrying History Tour

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am

Host: Halibut Point State Park

100+ years ago, the Rockport Granite Company quarried granite stone from Halibut's bedrock. Learn about the buildings, bridges, and breakwaters built to last. Touch tools of the trade. Discover how they moved these heavy stone pieces, and how they "paved" dirt streets across our Nation's cities and around the world! Visit the newly renovated visitor center for the tour's grand finale!

4 Gott Avenue, Rockport



ROWLEY

Hike Nelson Island

Fri. 9/15 | 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Reservations Required

Host: Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Come explore one of the lesser-known gems of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Located on the inland side of Plum Island Sound, Nelson Island offers sweeping views of the sound and island, and an opportunity to spot secretive wildlife and unique coastal vegetation. Join a refuge ranger on an out-and-back hike to learn more about what makes this place so special.

Nelson Island Trail Parking Lot, Stackyard Road, Rowley



Researching Your History

Sat. 9/16 & Sat. 9/23 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Host: Rowley Historical Society

in cooperation with Rowley Public Library

Free and open to the public! Please join the Rowley Historical Society in Rowley Public Library's Local History Room for some help with or conversation about your ancestry, your house history, or just local history in general.

141 Main Street, Rowley



Platts-Bradstreet House Tours

Sat. 9/16 & Sat. 9/23 | 10:00am - 2:00pm

Host: Rowley Historical Society

Visit our 1677 home and learn about life in early Rowley. Tours of the Platts-Bradstreet house and our 1800s barn full of interesting tools. Our museum home is open by appointment only normally, so please take this opportunity to visit us!

233 Main Street, Rowley



A Salt Marsh Superpower

Thurs. 9/21 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Host: Plum Island Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research Project

Salt marshes have a superpower: they sequester more carbon per unit area than dry land ecosystems, like forests, and so are very important as natural systems that can help mediate climate change - one of many reasons to preserve and protect them. We will explain why healthy marshes are so good at storing carbon and how the amount they store helps determine if marshes will keep up with sea level rise. We will describe and demonstrate some methods we use to measure how much carbon is stored in the Great Marsh.

Parking lot for Parker River Wildlife Refuge at Nelson Island, Stackyard Road, Rowley



Phillips Library (Peabody Essex Museum)

Open House: Recent Acquisitions

Fri. 9/22 & Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Host: Phillips Library, Peabody Essex Museum

Join Phillips Library staff for an informal, hands-on, show-and-tell of materials acquired during the past year. Items on display will represent the local, regional and international scope of our collections and will feature a wide variety of materials: manuscripts, pamphlets, photographs, maps, broadsides, ephemera and artists' books. Visitors are welcome to handle the items on view. There will be something for everyone!

306 Newburyport Turnpike, Rowley



Beginner Bird Walk in the Great Marsh

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Artists for the Great Marsh

Plum Island is a bird magnet. We will walk from the salt marsh to the dunes overlooking the ocean using the Hellcat Boardwalk, then go out on the dike to see many of the habitats in the Great Marsh and the birds that are there in the late fall. Plum Island is an important stopover for birds migrating back south after breeding in the Arctic tundra and the forests of Canada and northern New England, providing food to fuel their onward journey to avoid the cold and dark of winter. We will have an easy walk of about a mile over two hours.

Hellcat Parking Lot, about 3.5 miles from the entrance to the Parker River NWR, Rowley



SALEM

Reading Our Neighborhoods: An Architectural Scavenger Hunt

Available daily

Host: Historic Salem, Inc.

Appreciate the beauty of the buildings around you by participating in our scavenger hunt for house styles! Submit through email pictures of residential architectural styles for the duration of Trails and Sails. Prizes will be awarded for capturing a photo of every style. You can find more information, style guides, and a style bingo card to track your progress at historicsalem.org.

Visit trailsandsails.org for details.

Dominican Faceless Dolls Exhibit

9/15-9/17 & 9/20-9/24 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Host: Salem Maritime National Historic Site & North Shore CDC

This photograph exhibit introduces Faceless Dolls, a traditional handicraft from the Dominican Republic. Learn about the history of the craft and see how some current community members have added their own interpretations to this tradition.

*Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center,
2 New Liberty Street, Salem*



Visit the Historic Narbonne House

9/15, 9/21 & 9/22 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Explore one of the oldest buildings in Salem. Built in 1675, the middle-class house had nearly 300 years of continued occupation, 200 years of which are members of one family. Learn about the individuals that lived in this house, and investigate archeological artifacts found during a National Park Service excavation.

71 Essex Street, Salem

Lady of Salem Public Maritime Art Exhibition Self-guided Tour & Scavenger Hunt

9/15-9/17 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Host: Salem Beautification Committee, Lady of Salem Maritime Public Art Exhibition

Discover Salem's Golden Age of Sail as you uncover clues! Celebrate America's Maritime History! The Ladies of Salem will have you looking up at whimsical and beautifully designed figureheads gracing lampposts downtown. "What is a figurehead?" you may ask? It's a large carved wooden decorative three-dimensional representation of a person, animal or mythical creature located at the bow (forward part) of a sailing ship. They were thought to bring good luck as the "eyes" of the ship. Each "Lady" has a unique story to tell. Enjoy your journey!

Materials available at Salem Armory Regional Center, 2 New Liberty Street, Salem



Tours of Historic St. Peter's Church

9/15-9/16 & 9/22-9/23 | 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: St. Peter's-San Pedro Episcopal Church

Although it started underground at first, in the dark of night and behind closed doors in the mid-1620s, the history of St. Peter's Church is both long and impactful, intersecting such tumultuous events as the Salem Witch Trials, slavery, the American Revolution and so much more. Experience where it all took place and hear firsthand stories from our parishioners. Private tours from 12pm-4pm on Fridays & Saturdays.

24 St. Peter Street, Salem



Tour the Derby House

9/15, 9/21, & 9/22 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Tour the home of one of Salem's most successful merchants and learn about the lives of the family members and enslaved people of African descent who lived there. Explore the ways these individuals were connected to the growing conversations of freedom and liberty leading up to the American Revolution. 30-minute tours of the house will be offered. Due to limited tour capacity, reservations available upon arrival. The back ell of the house, with historic artifacts and views of the furnished rooms, is available for all visitors.

168 Derby Street, Salem

Sail on the Schooner Fame

Fri. 9/15 | 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Host: Schooner FAME of Salem

FAME is a replica of a privateer schooner that sailed from Salem during the War of 1812! We sail up to 5 times a day between May and Oct from Pickering Wharf in Salem. FAME was built in Essex by Harold Burnham in 2003. She is a locally-owned, award-winning business that works with the Park Service, Essex Heritage, the Salem Public Schools and others to increase appreciation of Salem's maritime history and traditions. Tickets will be handed to the first 26 people in line at our ticket booth at 3 pm on Friday. No saving places, one ticket per person.

86 Wharf Street, Salem (ticket booth is outside the entrance to the FINZ restaurant)



What Have These Trees Seen?

Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Host: City of Salem Sustainability & Resiliency Department

Join Chris Burke, local “woods guy” on a ramble around Forest River Park. What was this place before it was a Park? What changes have the trees seen over the decades? How do the recent changes you see now preserve your Park so that everyone can enjoy it for decades to come? Most importantly, how can you bring some of these changes to your own space, to make it healthier not just for yourself, but also the planet?

Pioneer Village inside Forest River Park, 98 West Avenue, Salem



Maritime History Walking Tour

9/16-9/17 & 9/23-9/24 | 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Host: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Join a park ranger for a 30-minute walking tour on the grounds of Salem Maritime National Historic Site. During the tour, learn about Salem's rich maritime history, from its earliest days as a fishing village to the height of its global trade empire. Explore the historic wharves and buildings along Salem Harbor.

193 Derby Street, Salem, MA



Punto Urban Art Museum Guided Walking Tour

Sat. 9/16 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: North Shore Community Development Coalition

Members of North Shore CDC's Punto Urban Art Museum will be taking guests on a 1-hour guided walking tour of the Point neighborhood. Learn about the public art, community, history, and culture of the Point neighborhood.

Tour begins outside of 98-102 Lafayette Street, Salem



Climate Change Comes to Derby Wharf

Sat. 9/16 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Salem Sound Coastwatch and Salem Maritime National Historic Site

When you have a wharf that sticks a half mile out into the ocean, you are definitely going to have to talk about climate change. Join Salem Sound Coastwatch and Salem Maritime National Historic Site for a walk along Derby Wharf to discuss current impacts, future predictions, and possible solutions to the challenges of historic preservation in the face of rising sea level and increasing storm frequency and intensity. The walk and talk will include the history of the Derby Wharf and its importance for Salem and the harbor.

160 Derby Street, Salem



Salem Athenaeum Tour

Sat. 9/16 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Salem Athenaeum

As part of Trails and Sails, the Salem Athenaeum will be having free guided tours of the building along with a brief history of the institution (established 1760). Select books from the library's Historical Collections will be on display. Saturday 9/16 only! Registration required. Sign up for either the 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM time slot when you register.

337 Essex Street, Salem



Step Aboard the FRIENDSHIP OF SALEM

9/16-9/17 & 9/23-9/24 | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Explore the FRIENDSHIP OF SALEM, a replica tall ship based on a 1796 Salem vessel. Learn about the voyages of the original FRIENDSHIP and the lives of the crewmembers onboard.

The two-decked, three-masted, square-rigged, 342-ton vessel represents New England's influential role in the development of global and domestic maritime trade.

Derby Wharf, 193 Derby Street, Salem



Watercolor Nature Immersion with Nadine Mazzola at Ropes Mansion Garden

Sat. 9/16 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Peabody Essex Museum

Join Nadine Mazzola, Expressive Arts Teacher, Certified Forest Therapy Guide and Somatics Practitioner, as she guides you step-by-step through creating a series of watercolor washes, letting your unique creative flow emerge in its own way! While exploring themes inspired by nature, connect to your own belonging and the larger web of interbeing. We will weave these themes together using watercolor and a combination of friendly, playful and imaginative materials. All materials are provided and no experience necessary for this class.

318 Essex Street, Salem

Book talk with Ben Shallop, Author of "The Founding of Salem: City of Peace"

Sat. 9/16 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Join Salem Historical Society, The House of the Seven Gables, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church for a book talk with Ben Shallop, author of *The Founding of Salem: City of Peace*, a history of Roger Conant and the colonial settlement of Salem.

24 St. Peter Street, Salem



When You Know Better, Do Better

Sat. 9/16 | 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Host: City of Salem Sustainability & Resiliency Department

What is "net zero" and why do we want to "get there?" Find out at our new, \$13 million facility – the Forest River Park Outdoor Recreation & Nature Center. In order to save the pool, resilience and sustainability in the face of climate change had to be built into this project. Learn how heat pumps can also cool the air... and why critters now enjoy the restored salt marsh and other landscape features. And how you can use the same technology we use here to make your home more comfortable as well!

Pioneer Village inside Forest River Park, 98 West Avenue, Salem



Useful Plants of Pioneer Village – Food, Medicine & More

Sun. 9/17 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Pioneer Village

An amazing number of the plants at Pioneer Village are nutritious food, or good medicine, or useful in other ways. Some are native and were already here when the settlers came, others were introduced. In this fun and informative walk you will learn about these wonderful plants and some of their uses, whether they are wild and weedy or cultivated and tame. You will leave with an appreciation for our plant neighbors and the many gifts they offer us!

98 West Avenue, Salem | Pioneer Village (wooden footbridge)



Emmerton House & Garden Open House

Sun. 9/17 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: The Woman's Friend Society

The Woman's Friend Society has been empowering Salem women since 1876. Guests are invited to learn the history of the Woman's Friend Society, tour the Emmerton House, and enjoy its beautiful garden. Completed in 1812, the Emmerton house is a federal-period double house attributed to architect Samuel Field McIntire. In 2008, the house was added to the National Register of Historic Places and is still providing affordable housing to women in the city to this day. A true hidden gem to discover!

12 Hawthorne Blvd, Salem



Salsa Class

Sun. 9/17 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: The House of the Seven Gables

Break out your dance shoes and get ready to rumba! Join us at the House of the Seven Gables Visitor Center for an afternoon of dancing and fun. Sharon German, of Divinity Dance, will lead a 45-minute lesson of salsa and bachata, followed by dancing. No partner needed. Open to adults 21 years and older. Free to attend, but registration required. Space is limited.

115 Derby Street, Salem



Tour of Broad St. Cemetery

Sun. 9/17 | 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Host: Friends of Broad St. Cemetery

"Exhumations" remembering the dead with their stories. Using historical biography, anecdotes and letters to tell the stories of the Pickering, Curwen, Sewall and Plumber families interred at Broad Street Cemetery.

Kenneth Glover, presents these stories on behalf of The Friends of Broad Street Cemetery.

Broad St. Cemetery - behind 1, 3 and 5 Broad Street, Salem



If These Plants Could Talk - Gifts from the Past

Sun. 9/17 | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Pioneer Village

Native plants have recently been re-established around the pool and bath house of Pioneer Village--many of these plants were used by Native Americans and the early settlers for food, medicine, and more. On this walk you will learn about some of the ways these plants were used, why they were so valued, and what they can still offer us today. It will leave you with a new and deeper appreciation of our native plants!

98 West Avenue, Salem



Peek into Hamilton Hall History

9/18, 9/19, & 9/20 | 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Host: Hamilton Hall

Enjoy the elegance and history of Hamilton Hall through a self-guided tour. Learn about John & Nancy Remond's successful catering business and their family's dedication to equal rights for all. View Samuel McIntire's wood carved eagle and Chestnut Street Day's period clothing/accessories. Glimpse the magnificent view of the ballroom from the third floor balcony and listen to an audio tour as you move throughout—or visit our website for additional educational material.

9 Chestnut Street, Salem



The Massachusetts Tribe in Salem: Weaving Indigenous History and Practice

Mon. 9/18 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Host: City of Salem Pioneer Village, Salem Sound Coastwatch, Salem Maritime National Park

Fish weirs have been constructed by the Indigenous Massachusetts people since time immemorial. Join members of the Massachusetts Tribe to learn the history and participate in the renewal of this tradition in Salem Harbor. Thomas Green, a member of the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag, will give a public presentation "The Massachusetts Tribe in Salem: Weaving Indigenous History and Practice", on Monday 9/18 at 6pm at NPS Visitor Center, in downtown Salem.

*Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center,
2 New Liberty Street, Salem*



The Massachusetts Tribe in Salem: Volunteer Support for Fish Weir

Tues. 9/19 & Wed. 9/20 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: City of Salem Pioneer Village, Salem Sound Coastwatch, Salem Maritime National Park

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Event to be held in Salem, location info provided with RSVP



Make Rope and Earn a Junior Ranger Badge

Thurs. 9/21 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Rope: used for rigging on ships was a maritime necessity but was also needed in everyday life. When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow published his poem 'The Ropewalk' in 1858 nearly every seaport had a building dedicated to making rope. The sights, smells, and sounds of rope making were an everyday part of a working waterfront. Visit the Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center to try your hand at making rope and earn yourself a Junior Ranger Badge.

*Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center,
2 New Liberty Street, Salem*



Party on the Patio: Conversations with the Punto Urban Art Museum

Thurs. 9/21 | 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: North Shore Community Development Coalition

Please join North Shore CDC for an evening of live music, light fare, and a "fireside" chat with the Punto Urban Art Museum team and local artists before a small walking tour of the new "A Dream Called Home" exhibition and new gallery on Peabody Street.

El Patio, behind 98-102 Lafayette Street in Salem. Moving indoors to 96 Lafayette Street in Salem if it rains.



Investigating Slavery & Freedom in Essex County

Thurs. 9/21 | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Host: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Historians are like detectives, piecing together stories of the past and giving voice to those silenced throughout history. Join scholars and park rangers to explore the lives of two Salem people, Sabe and Rose, and what their stories tell us about slavery, freedom, racism, and activism in Essex County.

*Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center,
2 New Liberty Street, Salem*

Walking Tour: Slavery & Freedom in Salem

Fri. 9/22 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Salem Maritime National Historic Site

Explore the streets of Salem through the voices of Sabe and Rose, two enslaved and later free people who lived, labored, loved, and resisted oppression at the turn of the 19th century.

Waite & Peirce, 193 Derby Street, Salem, MA

For the Love of Trees V, History & Greenlawn

Sat. 9/23 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Friends of Greenlawn Cemetery

Come see a beautiful 55-acre historic, rural cemetery and accredited arboretum in North Salem. This beautiful, historic site has so much history, nature, and beauty to share. We will have tree lovers and those that know Greenlawn well sharing special history, trees, and nature with a guided stroll. We will also share the history of the 1894 Dickson Memorial Chapel and the stained-glass window restoration that has been completed.

57 Orne Street (side gate), Salem



Pine Physick: Medicine in Early Massachusetts

Sat. 9/23 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Host: Salem Historical Society and The Witch House

The early English settlers made use of pine trees for building materials, trade commodities and medicine. Come join Dan Marshall to explore both European and American colonial sources that shed light on how turpentine, resin and pinecones were used to treat a variety of ailments.

310 Essex Street, Salem



SALISBURY

Open House at Salisbury Historical Society

Sat. 9/16 | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Salisbury Historical Society

Guided tour of The Parsonage at Ministers Corner Museum
16 Elm Street, Salisbury



Salisbury Days

Fri. 9/22-Sun 9/24 | Sat & Sun start at 10:00 am

Host: Town of Salisbury

Salisbury Days is a time-honored tradition, recently rekindled, that celebrates and showcases our beautiful town.

Various locations in Salisbury



SAUGUS

Visit the Saugus Iron Works Museum

9/15-9/17 & 9/20-9/24 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Host: Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

Learn about the history of iron making at the Saugus Iron Works Museum. Exhibits include artifacts excavated during the archaeological dig performed on-site in the 1940s-1950s. See the original 17th century blast furnace waterwheel, an anvil base and hammer head from the original forge, and more. The museum also includes Native American artifacts that predate European settlement by thousands of years.

244 Central Street, Saugus



Saugus Iron Works - Iron House Tour

9/15-9/17 & 9/21-9/24 | 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Reservations Required

Host: Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

Join a Park Ranger and explore the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site Iron Works House and learn about the people who lived here for centuries before the house became managed by the National Park Service.

244 Central Street, Saugus



Nature Along the Saugus River

Fri. 9/15 & Fri. 9/22 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

Learn about the natural world in Saugus during this special ranger program. Explore interactive activities and learn about river health and water pollution using an EnviroScape. This program is designed for visitors of all ages.

244 Central Street, Saugus



Industrial Site Tour at Saugus Iron Works

9/16-/17 & 9/23-9/24 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

Join a Park Ranger and explore the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site buildings to learn about the iron making process. Learn about the daily lives of the workers in the 1600s.

244 Central Street, Saugus



Blacksmithing Demonstration

Thurs. 9/21 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

How was iron turned into tools for the colonists? Join a park ranger for a special blacksmithing demonstration in a replica colonial blacksmith shop. Learn about the tools of the trade, explore the different ways iron was used by the colonists, and watch metal be transformed right in front of you!

244 Central Street, Saugus



Fo'c'sle Four Band

Sat. 9/23 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Host: Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

Ahoy there! The Fo'c'sle Four Band is a local Sea Chanty group that has been performing locally for many years, carrying the traditional maritime tunes throughout the north shore. Pack a picnic and come join us at the Saugus Iron Works!

244 Central Street, Saugus



SWAMPSCOTT

Swampscott History at The Humphrey House

Sat. 9/16 | Tours at 10:15 am, 11:15 am & 12:15 pm

Host: Swampscott Historical Society

Can you guess what was invented in Swampscott? Come to the Sir John Humphrey Memorial House and find out! We will have 3 tours that help you learn the history of Swampscott. From being in an early colonial house and seeing its contents, explore all that Swampscott has been and who lived here. We have paneling that show Native American decorations, witch deterrent markings, and more. Our house is on the National Register.

99 Paradise Road, Swampscott

Walk in Harold King Conservation Area

Sun. 9/17 & Sat. 9/23 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Swampscott Conservancy

Swampscott's Harold King Forest is the town's largest conservation area. The Swampscott Conservancy will lead two guided walks through this little known 47-acre forest in our midst. Within the forest, one can find a glacial boulder field, diverse vegetation, a stream and wetlands. Well behaved dogs on leash are welcome. Total distance is around 1 mile.

Parking and entrance are near 12 Nichols Street, Swampscott

Learn How to Start a Cooperative Garden & Vegetable Print Making

Fri. 9/22 | 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Host: Seaside Cooperative Garden of Swampscott

Children will make vegetable prints while you learn how you and your neighbors can start and manage a cooperative garden. Each week, from late winter to late fall, members of Seaside Cooperative Garden, started in 2017, work together. We build fences and raised beds, weed, plant, water, share knowledge, harvest vegetables and herbs, and have fun.

565 Humphrey Street, Swampscott



Elihu Thomson House Tour

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Swampscott Historical Commission

Visit this beautifully restored Georgian Revival Mansion, built in 1889 by the architect James Kelley for Professor Elihu Thomson. Brought to Lynn to electrify the factories, Thomson was the inventor and scientist who partnered with Thomas Edison to form General Electric. Thomson is the 3rd largest patent holder. At the entrance of the Olmsted Historic District, the building was restored and converted in 1976 into Swampscott's Town Hall, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours will start on the hour and half hour.

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott



Swampscott Fishing and Boating, Past and Present

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Host: Swampscott Historical Commission

Swampscott's early days include a fishing heritage that has changed over time. The Swampscott Dory was invented here. Family boat building shops, the Swampscott Fish House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest active municipal fish house in the country, and Swampscott Yacht Club's boating community. Take a visual tour of this rich history with this self-guided exhibit at the Town Hall.

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott



Olmsted Subdivision Historic District Tour

Sat. 9/23 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am & 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Host: Swampscott Historical Commission

Take a guided walking tour of the National Register listed Olmsted Subdivision Historic District, designed by the founder of American landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted. A local architect will guide this tour, highlighting the architectural features and Olmsted's vision that make this a unique setting. Some hilly terrain is covered at a slow pace.

22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott



TOPSFIELD

Parson Capen House Opening

Fri. 9/15 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Topsfield Historical Society

Could the Witch Hysteria have been stopped in a parson's study? How does a 300-year-old house survive when it's long gone out of fashion? Open doors, look behind ceiling beams and peer into the large fireplaces of this exactly restored two-story Colonial House in the quintessential colonial New England small town.

1 Howlett Street, Topsfield



Topsfield Town Hall Clock Tower Tour

Tues. 9/19 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Reservations Required

Host: Town of Topsfield

The Topsfield Town Hall and clock tower is celebrating its 151st year! Come with us up 71 stairs to see the clock mechanism and learn about its design and history.

Topsfield Town Hall, 8 W. Common Street, Topsfield

BP (Before Palmer): The Lamson Farm 1680-Present

Fri. 9/15 & Sat. 9/23 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Bradley Palmer State Park, Department of Conservation and Recreation

Before Bradley Palmer occupied the property that became Bradley Palmer State Park, it was the Lamson family farm for nearly 230 years. Between 1891-1910 Mr. Palmer purchased parcels of land from the Lamsons for his Estate. A Park Interpreter will take you to see surviving features of the Lamson Farm, including the old farmhouse.

Bradley Palmer State Park, 40 Asbury Street, Topsfield



Farmstead Cheese Tour

Sat. 9/16 | Tours at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, & 2:00 pm

Host: Valley View Farm

Visit Valley View Farm to learn about Essex County's largest farmstead goat cheese maker. See a nubian goat herd, learn about cheesemaking, see the cheese cave, and sample cheeses. Cheese and farm products available to purchase.

278 High Street, Topsfield



From Country Estate to State Park: Bradley Palmer's Gift

Sun. 9/17 & Sun. 9/24 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Host: Bradley Palmer State Park, Department of Conservation and Recreation

Experience wealthy corporate attorney Bradley Palmer's extravagant early 1900s Willow Dale Estate, which he donated to the Commonwealth in 1944. A Park Interpreter will take you on an outdoor tour of the estate. You will stroll by his mansion, the ghost of a formal garden, the stable, the gardener's cottage, and other surviving buildings.

Bradley Palmer State Park, 40 Asbury Street, Topsfield



Border to Boston Trail

Sun. 9/24 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Host: Border to Boston Trail

We'll meet at the Bike Shop in Topsfield (intersection of Main St. and Grove St.) and ride south over the Ipswich River Bridge, past the Wenham Swamp and into Danvers. In Danvers Center we'll stop at the Cherry Street Fish Market for a quick lunch. This round-trip ride is approx. 10 miles on a stone dust gravel surface.

Bike Shop at the intersection of Main St. and Grove St. in Topsfield Center



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