



Fall River Heritage State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

FEBRUARY 2022 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. The Visitor Center is located at 200 Davol Street in the Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. Memorial Building. Free parking is available in the DCR Lot at 5 Water Street in Fall River. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For more information call (508) 675-5759 x 0. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID). guidelines.

**Ongoing
Daily**

HERITAGE QUEST: ACTIVITIES 9:00 AM– 3:00 PM, Visitor Center

Get creative! Stop by the Visitor Center, grab one of our unique coloring sheets of moments in Fall River History. Try your hand at origami or even weave a row on our community loom. If you complete an entire row, you too can add your name tag! This is a drop-in program. Stay for the duration or drop in for a few moments.

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EXHIBIT: FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM: AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND MARITIME HISTORY 8:00 AM—3:00 PM, Visitor Center Lobby Gallery

Massachusetts is at the center of American maritime history. Some of it has been hidden until now. The sea also played a significant role in the history of African-Americans who worked in the industry. Maritime fortunes, based in part on slavery, helped found some of our most hallowed institutions. It is a fascinating and neglected story full of surprises and revelations.

This special exhibit is on loan from the Commonwealth Museum in Boston, courtesy of the Secretary of State. In the Lobby Gallery, open daily from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closing March 4, 2022.

Daily

FILM: SAFE HOUSES: THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN FALL RIVER 1:00 PM—1:20 PM, Visitor Center Theater

Discover the hidden history of Fall River and its role in the Underground Railroad. Meet abolitionist Elizabeth Buffum Chase, one of the most dynamic figures in Fall River history. See the houses and streets that welcomed escaped formerly enslaved people. Running time: 20 minutes.

**Saturdays
February 6, 13,
20, & 27**

WATER + GRANITE + GRAVITY= FALL RIVER 11:00 AM—11:30 AM., Meet in Visitor Center

Fall River was once the third largest city in Massachusetts with thriving factories and bustling piers on its waterfront. Without the water of the Taunton and Quequechan Rivers, the granite cliffs, and the power of gravity and the waterfalls that they produced, there would be no Fall River. The Park highlights this legacy with seven distinct granite wayfinders around the Park that commemorate the industry that has been here. This is a 30-minute walk through waterfront history connecting the wayfinders and can be self-guided or led by a park interpreter. Tours start at the Front Desk in the Visitor Center.

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PEOPLE, AMBITION AND HARD WORK
2:00 PM—2:30 PM, Meet in the Visitor Center

A Portuguese-American poet, a beloved local entrepreneur, a decorated military hero, and a visionary state legislator all have their names enshrined in Fall River Heritage Park. Who were these people and how did they inspire others through their vision, ambition, and hard work? This is a short walking tour of the landmarks named for these pioneers and can be self-guided or led by a park interpreter. Tours start at the Front Desk in the Visitor Center.

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FILM: THE FABRIC OF FALL RIVER
11:00 AM & 2:00 PM, Visitor Center Theater

Discover Fall River's rich past! The Fabric of Fall River showcases the history of Fall River from the First People, through the cotton mill era to the needle trades of the 1980s. Run-time: 34 minutes.

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Daily

FILM: THE FALL RIVER LINE
12:00 PM—1:00 PM, Visitor Center Theater

Climb aboard and explore the premiere steamboat line in America, the Fall River Line, which ran from New York City to Fall River and was famous for its elegance, grace and superior service. Visit a bygone age, when the way you traveled was just as important as getting there. Run-time: 57 minutes.

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FACES OF FALL RIVER
8:00 AM—3:00 PM, Visitor Center Gallery

Meet the people of Fall River's past through a gallery of classic black and white photographs from the textile era. Featured are photos by labor activist/sociologist/photographer Lewis Hine of the immigrant women, men and children who worked the mills that made Fall River the premiere textile city in America. These are the photographs that inspired change in American labor laws and helped abolish child labor.

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Daily

TRACING THE THREADS
8:00 AM—3:00 PM, Visitor Center

Explore our comprehensive permanent exhibit which celebrates the cultural, ethnic and industrial history of Fall River. Learn about the waterfalls that shaped the city, enabled its industries, and even gave it its name. Share the stories of the many ethnic groups from around the world who called this city home.

How was your visit? Let us know at Mass.Parks@mass.gov.

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