

# THINGS TO DO

# SUMMER 2018

JULY THROUGH LABOR DAY • ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE UNLESS NOTED

GEORGES ISLAND

SPECTACLE ISLAND

PEDDOCKS ISLAND

DOWNTOWN WELCOME CENTER

★ GREAT FOR KIDS! \$ FEE APPLIES

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

**Intro to Sea Kayaking** (check online for times) Join our staff for a short paddle off of Spectacle Island. Ages 12+, under 18 accompanied by adult. First-come, first-served.



★ **Kidleidoscope** (1:15PM-2PM) Join park staff for guided learning and play activities designed for ages 4 - 7.



★ **Youth Fishing** (2:30PM-4PM) Learn the basics of saltwater fishing. Bring your equipment or use ours. Children must be with an adult, ages 5+, 16+ requires MA saltwater fishing license.



★ **1860's Lawn Games** (12PM-2PM) Step back in history playing games children enjoyed in the 1860's.

★ **Birding 101** (9:45AM-10:45AM) Borrow binoculars and observe an array of bird species during this guided walk.

★ **Climate Cart** (1PM-2:30PM) Find out how climate change is impacting our coastlines, and learn what you can do to help the environment.

★ **Birds of Prey** (11AM-1PM) Join a Mass Audubon bird specialist for a close-up look at owls, falcons and other birds who call New England home.

★ **Climate Cart** (1PM-2:30PM) Find out how climate change is impacting our coastlines, and learn what you can do to help the environment.

\$ **Sunset Clambake** (6:30PM-9:30PM)\* Enjoy a classic New England Clambake by acclaimed chef Barbara Lynch and take in the best sunset view in the harbor. Registration required. \*Starts June 7

★ **Build A Fort** (1PM-2:30PM) It took over 17 years to build Fort Warren! Find out what it takes to build your own fort with our giant blocks.



★ **Legend of the Lady in Black** (2:15PM-2:30PM) Meet at the "Dark Arch" and hear the tale of Fort Warren's famous ghost.

★ **Coastal Wildlife Discovery Station** (11:15AM-12:15PM) Join a Mass Audubon naturalist or park staff member to learn about wild birds, sea life, and other creatures who call Boston Harbor home.

★ **ArtCart** (11AM-1PM) Borrow drawing, painting and coloring supplies and get creative outside!

★ **Paracord Bracelets** (2PM-4PM)\* Join L.L.Bean instructors and learn to braid your own bracelet or keychain out of durable paracord. \*Every two weeks starting June 22

## SATURDAY

## SUNDAY

★ **Storming the Fort!** (11:15AM-12PM) Join an interactive tour of Fort Warren especially for kids!

★ **Beach and Below** (11:15AM-2:30PM) Learn what lies beneath the waves with the New England Aquarium.

★ **1860's Dress-Up** (12PM-2PM) Try on Civil War-era children's clothing inside Fort Warren!

★ **Legend of the Lady in Black** (2:15PM-2:30PM) Meet at the "Dark Arch" and hear the tale of Fort Warren's famous ghost.

**Island Yoga** (9:45AM-11AM) Enjoy an all-levels class overlooking the harbor. Registration recommended.

★ **Island Detectives** (10AM-10:45AM) Join this fun and interactive tour just for kids!

★ **Go Fly A Kite** (11:30AM-1PM) Make a kite and fly it from the harbor's highest point! Materials provided.

★ **ArtCart** (1:30PM-3PM) Borrow drawing, painting and coloring supplies and get creative outside!

★ **Animal Tracking** (12PM-1PM) Join a ranger and learn to identify tracks and traces left by island wildlife.

★ **Build A Fort** (2PM-3:30PM) Peddocks is home to historic Fort Andrews! Have fun building your own fort with our giant blocks.

**Zumba** (10:30AM-11:30AM) Get fit and have a blast with this all-levels class hosted by Z Spot. Registration recommended.

**Stewardship Saturdays** (9AM-3PM) Lend a hand and make a difference! Various locations – check online for details. Registration required.

★ **Storming the Fort!** (11:15AM-12PM) Join an interactive tour of Fort Warren especially for kids!

★ **1860's Lawn Games** (12PM-2PM) Step back in history playing games children enjoyed in the 1860s.

**Civil War Living History Tour** (12PM-1PM & 2PM-3PM)\* Meet Dr. Charles MacGill for a first-person narrative of his incarceration at Fort Warren. \*August only

★ **Legend of the Lady in Black** (2:15PM-2:30PM) Meet at the "Dark Arch" and hear the tale of Fort Warren's famous ghost.

**Harbor Healthwalk** (9:45AM-11AM) Join a health or wellness volunteer for an active 5K walk on the scenic perimeter trail.

★ **Island Detectives** (10AM-10:45AM) Join this fun and interactive tour just for kids!

★ **Jazz on the Porch** (2PM-5PM)\* Relax to the sounds of jazz standards and original music performed by Boston-area ensembles. \*Continues at 12:30pm September 9, 16, 23, 30.

★ **Build A Fort** (12PM-1PM) Peddocks is home to historic Fort Andrews! Have fun building your own fort with our giant blocks.

★ **Under The Sea** (2PM-3:30PM) Join a ranger and learn about the creatures that live below the tide line.

★ **Imagination Playground** (11AM-3PM) Build your own playground on the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway with giant foam pieces!

\$ **Spectacle Island Luau** (5:30PM-8:30PM)\* Enjoy classic Hawaiian fare by acclaimed chef Barbara Lynch. Relax with lawn games and a fire on the beach. Registration required. \*Starts June 10

## STAFF-GUIDED ISLAND TOURS ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY!

SPECTACLE ISLAND: HIKE WITH A RANGER @11:15AM

GEORGES ISLAND: FORT TOURS @ 11AM, 1PM, 3PM

– ALL TOURS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER AND STAFF AVAILABILITY –

CHECK THE SCHEDULE BOARD WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON SPECTACLE, GEORGES AND PEDDOCKS FOR TOUR DETAILS



## SELF-GUIDED OPPORTUNITIES

Tour any island with a self-guided brochure • Watch a short film on Spectacle or Georges Island • Become an official Junior Ranger by completing one of five booklets geared towards children 5-12 • Discover artifacts on Spectacle Island's beach (but please leave them where you found them!) • Explore the rooms and passageways of Fort Warren on Georges Island • Follow the "story walk" on Peddocks Island



# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

VISIT [BOSTONHARBORISLANDS.ORG/CALENDAR](http://BOSTONHARBORISLANDS.ORG/CALENDAR) FOR DETAILED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND REGISTRATION FOR SELECT EVENTS

MAY 19

- ★ **Free Ferry Day** (all day) Celebrate opening day with a free trip to Spectacle or Georges Island! Tickets are first-come, first-served.

JUNE 9

- 💰 **World War II History Cruise** (11AM - 2PM) Join us on a narrated harbor tour and discover fortifications and other historic sites that played a crucial role in wartime defense. Boat leaves from Charlestown Navy Yard. Registration recommended.

JUNE 16

- ★💰 **Spectacle Island 5K & Fun Run** (8AM - 1PM) Spectacle Island's premiere 5K race benefitting the park! Event includes 5K run, kids' Fun Run, after-party, games, prizes and more. Registration required.



JUNE 24

- 💰 **Summer Island Fitness Frenzy** on Spectacle Island (11AM - 3PM) One day, one island: go hardcore with Boston's best instructors! 5K run, yoga, core workout, metabolic circuit training, games and more. Registration required.

**Smartphone Photography for the Outdoors** on Spectacle Island (11:30AM, 12:30PM, and 1:30PM) Join L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery School to learn tips and techniques to take your outdoor photos from run-of-the-mill to extraordinary.

JUNE 30

**Illuminate the Harbor** (9PM) Welcome the summer season with a fireworks spectacular in Boston's inner harbor brought to you by Boston Harbor Now.

- ★💰 **Night Sky** on Peddocks Island (8PM-10PM) Join park staff and learn to use a telescope to identify constellations, planets, and other celestial features. Weather permitting. Advance registration required for space in group camping site.

JULY 1

**Within These Walls** on Georges Island (12PM-2PM) Come learn about the lives of soldiers stationed at Fort Warren through their personal stories, experiences, and daily activities as they defended Boston's harbor.

JULY 7

**Rock the Fort** on Georges Island (1:30PM - 3:30PM) Sit back and relax with a free live concert featuring Berklee College of Music bands. Enjoy backyard games plus refreshments available for purchase.



JULY 8

- ★ **Essential Knots for the Outdoors** on Spectacle Island (11:30AM, 12:30PM, and 1:30PM) Join the experts at L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery School to learn key knots and hitches that every outdoor enthusiast should know.

JULY 14

- ★ **Matt Heaton and the Outside Toys** on Georges Island (12:15PM - 1:15PM) Calling all kids! Rock out to surf, soul and rockabilly tunes with Matt Heaton and the Outside Toys.

**Vintage Base Ball** on Georges Island (11:30AM-3:30PM) See a Civil War-era "base ball" game with original rules and uniforms.

JULY 21

**Vintage Base Ball** on Georges Island (11:30AM-3:30PM) See description on July 14.

**Rock the Fort** on Georges Island (1:30PM - 3:30PM) See description on July 7.

JULY 21

- ★💰 **REI Campout** on Peddocks Island (9AM - 10:30AM next day) Bring the family or come on your own for an overnight stay packed with outdoor school classes and activities led by REI experts. Registration required.

JULY 28

- ★ **Marching Orders: Street Band Parade** on Georges Island (2PM-4PM) School of HONK descends upon the island, filling Fort Warren with music! Join the spectacle with parade costumes and facepaint or make your own creation at our crafting station.

**Vintage Base Ball** on Georges Island (11:30AM-3:30PM) See description on July 14.

- ★ **Night Sky** on Peddocks Island (8PM-10PM) See description on June 30

AUGUST 4

**Rock the Fort** on Georges Island (1:30PM - 3:30PM) See description on July 7.

AUGUST 5

- ★ **Map And Compass Navigation** on Spectacle Island (11:30AM, 12:30PM, and 1:30PM) Join L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery School to learn basic map and compass navigation skills.

- ★ **Civil War Day** on Georges Island (11AM - 3PM). Step back in time to the 1860s at Fort Warren! Meet Civil War re-enactors and hear first-hand accounts of life at Fort Warren. Play historic games, make 19th-century crafts and hear the spooky tale of the Lady in Black.

AUGUST 10

- ★ **Free Fun Friday** (all day) brought to you by Highland Street Foundation. Visit Spectacle or Georges Island for free! First-come, first-served. Limited to parties of 4 or fewer.

AUGUST 11

- ★ **Karen K and The Jitterbugs** on Georges Island (12:15PM - 1:15PM) "Bug out!" with Parent's Choice Award-winning band Karen K and the Jitterbugs.

**[Re]Creation Open Studio** on Georges Island (2PM-4:30PM) With *In the Harbor*, Freedom Sings artist Kera Washington follows the footprints of African and Native Americans with songs and rhythms inspired by the music of early activists and abolitionists.

- ★💰 **REI Campout** on Peddocks Island (9AM - 10:30AM next day) See description on July 21.

AUGUST 18

**Rock the Fort** on Georges Island (1:30PM - 3:30PM) See description on July 7.

**[Re]Creation Open Studio** on Georges Island (2PM-4:30PM) *Shore Line Recall* by Freedom Baird invites visitors to record their impressions of the areas of the Boston Harbor Islands most vulnerable to climate change.

- ★💰 **REI Campout** on Peddocks Island (9AM - 10:30AM next day) See description on July 21.

AUGUST 19

- ★ **Family Fun Day** on Georges Island (11:30AM - 2:30PM) Dance to the beat with Josh and the Jamtones and see a puppet show by Brookline's award-winning Puppet Showplace Theater. Play games with Knucklebones and make your own creations with local artists.

## PADDLING PROGRAMS WITH REI

**Introduction to Coastal Kayaking** on Peddocks Island (8AM-5:30PM) Join REI to learn the basics of coastal kayaking, including fundamental paddle strokes and essential skills in boat handling and safety. Registration required. Dates: 7/7, 7/8, 8/5, 8/19, 9/1

**Boston Harbor Islands Kayak Tour** on Peddocks Island (8AM-5:30PM) Join REI instructors for a day of paddling in and enjoy a picnic on one of the beautiful Harbor Islands. Total distance is 4-7 miles round trip. Registration required. Dates: 6/23, 6/24, 6/31, 7/1, 7/14, 7/15, 7/28, 7/29, 8/12, 8/26, 9/2

AUGUST 25

- 💰 **Movement Matters Fitness Day** on Spectacle Island (11AM-3PM) Get your blood pumping with classes ranging from yoga to high-intensity fitness training led by the talented instructors at Athleta. Registration required.

- ★ **Toe Jam Puppet Band** on Georges Island (12:15PM - 1:15PM) Get ready to get silly! Act out a fairy tale, join a sing-along and learn a barn dance with local family favorite Toe Jam Puppet Band.

- ★ **Night Sky** on Peddocks Island (8PM-10PM) See description on June 30

AUGUST 30

**Illuminate the Harbor** (8:15PM) Kick off Labor Day weekend with a Thursday night fireworks spectacular in Boston's inner harbor brought to you by Boston Harbor Now.



SEPTEMBER 2

- ★ **Fly-Casting** on Spectacle Island (11:30AM, 12:30PM, and 1:30PM) Learn the foundations of fly-casting with this on-land class taught by L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery School.

**Within These Walls** on Georges Island (12PM-2PM) See description on July 1.

SEPTEMBER 8

- 💰 **Boston Harbor Islands Regatta** at Spectacle Island (11AM - 4PM) Sail in the largest race in Boston Harbor or celebrate at the after party! Registration required.

SEPTEMBER 22

- 💰 **Boston Globe Island Run** on Spectacle Island (10AM - 3PM). Run a 5K or 5-mile race and enjoy a post-race party. Registration required.

OCTOBER 7

- ★ **Free Ferry Day** (all day) Make the most of the park's final weekend with a free trip to Spectacle or Georges Island! Tickets are first-come, first-served.

NOVEMBER 10

**Veterans Day Cruise** (11AM - 3:30 PM) Honor veterans and active military with a special cruise highlighting the military history of the Boston Harbor Islands. Ferry free of charge for veterans and military. Registration required.