

Kites, Reels & Wheels: Activities for Families to Kick-off the Summer Movie Series

Pope John Paul II Park,
Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester

Thursday, July 9 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



A special pre-movie celebration will launch the Festival's eight-week Family Movie Series! We'll fly kites, ride bikes, learn fishing fundamentals, have face painting and more - all before the movie starts at sunset. Bring your own kite or make one with an instructor from Sea Side Kites. Urban AdvenTours will be on hand with free bikes and helmets to borrow for a quick ride down the Greenway.

Event before movie on July 9th only.

Family Movie Series

Sponsored by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation

Watch a movie under the stars every Tuesday and Thursday night at two parks on the Neponset. Bring a blanket, chair and popcorn for a family movie that begins at sunset. Visit www.bostonnatural.org to find out what's playing.

■ Tuesday Nights at Sunset

July 7 - August 25

Martini Shell, Truman Pkwy
Hyde Park

■ Thursday Nights at Sunset

July 9 - August 27

Pope John Paul II Park, Gallivan Blvd,
Dorchester

**Special pre-movie kite demonstration on August 20th, see "Kites on the River" below!*

New this year! Kites on the River

Pope John Paul II Park, Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester

Sponsored by BNAN, Sea Side Kites, MA DCR and Oldies 103.

Saturday, August 22 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Rain date Sunday, August 23

A kite festival for all on the Neponset Riverfront! Be wowed by expert stunt kite flyers, take in a choreographed kite ballet set to music, or gaze up at the gigantic and colorful show kites that will be in the air. Kids can participate in bol races, where kite parachutes fly behind them as they run. Don't forget to bring your own kite!
Event will occur throughout the entire park.



Don't miss these other kite events!

Fly Away with Kites in Books

August 10 - August 28

Lower Mills Branch Library
27 Richmond Street, Dorchester

Children's fiction and other books about kites from the collection will be on display and available for checkout.

Stunt Kite Demonstration

Thursday August 20, 6:30 p.m.

Pope John Paul II Park, Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester

Whet your appetite for the weekend kite festival with a special demonstration by local stunt kite flyers before the Thursday night sunset movie.

Especially for Children

Ryan Playground,
River Street, Mattapan

Sponsored by the Mattapan Community Development Corporation

Thursday, July 2 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Come meet the exotic critters of **Rainforest Reptile Shows**. Enjoy this fun opportunity to learn and get up close and personal with alligators and more!

Thursday, July 9 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Valerie Stephens offers up interactive stories, songs and games from West Africa, the Americas and Caribbean with lessons and fun for all to enjoy.

Thursday, July 16 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Cornell "Sugarfoot" Coley will entertain the crowd, teaching hand-drum rhythms and bursts of high energy African, Latin/Caribbean and Brazilian dance.

Thursday, July 23 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Bonaparte the Magician will dazzle and delight audiences of all ages with his unique blend of amazing magic, hysterical comedy and much more!



For more information or to register for an event call: BNAN 617-542-7696 or e-mail info@bostonnatural.org

Sponsors: Boston Natural Areas Network, Neponset River Greenway Council, MA Department of Conservation & Recreation, Mattapan Community Development Corporation, People Making a Difference, MA Cultural Council, Alice Willard Dorr Foundation, Boston Cultural Council, Merck Family Fund, The First Parish Church in Lincoln

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Canoe Trips

Co-sponsored by MA Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Sunday, June 28 - 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Basics for Beginners - Mother Brook Mill Pond - Knight Street, Hyde Park

Curious about canoeing? The Mother Brook Mill Pond is a perfect spot to learn basic paddling skills. Beginners only please! **Registration required.**

Friday, July 17 - 5:30 p.m.

Evening Estuary Paddle - Milton Landing, Wharf Street, Milton

Join us for an interpretive tour of historic Lower Mills and the estuary. A unique way to spend a Friday night! Paddling experience required. **Registration required.**

Saturday, July 25 - 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Neponset Paddle - Neponset Landing, Hilltop Street, Dorchester

Enjoy an afternoon canoe trip upstream into the estuary, highlighting local history along the way. Paddling experience required. **Registration required.**

Saturday, August 8 - 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Canoe Trips at Dorchester Beach Festival - Malibu Beach, Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester

BNAN and MA DCR will offer walk-up registration for dozens of short canoe rides in the sheltered cove at Malibu Beach. In addition, the Dorchester Beach Festival offers activities for all ages from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - arts and crafts, live marine exhibits, field games, local area history, and more! **Sponsored by Friends of Savin Hill Shores, Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association, Save the Harbor Save the Bay.**

Friday, August 14 - 5:30 p.m.

Lower Mills Evening Paddle - Milton Landing, Wharf Street, Milton

We'll paddle up to the falls at the old Baker Chocolate mills and out into the salt marshes. Paddling experience required. **Registration required.** Co-sponsored by Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition.



Special Program

Newest Section of the Greenway Currently Under Construction- from Mattapan Square to Martini Shell in Hyde Park!

Discover the New Neponset River Greenway by Bike

Wednesday, July 15 - 6:00 p.m.

Come see where the newest section of Greenway is being built this summer and learn about the vision of the entire Neponset River Greenway. Join us for this exploratory bike ride led by Doug Mink, Greenway Council member and cycling enthusiast. **Helmets required.** Registration recommended. The 10-mile ride will start at the intersection of Truman Pkwy and Fairmount Ave. **Co-sponsored by MassBike.**

Arts & Nature Workshops

Neponset Watercolor

Wednesday, July 22 5:30 p.m.

City Natives, 30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan

Cathy Garnett of MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation will provide instruction in basic watercolor technique at BNAN's nursery on the banks of the Neponset. Supplies provided, bring your own folding chair. **Registration required.**

Nature Sketching

Monday, July 27 - 5:30 p.m.

Milton Landing, Wharf Street, Milton

Talented nature artist Anne Schmalz will introduce participants to sketching the natural world at this peaceful spot in Lower Mills. Supplies provided, bring your own folding chair. **Registration required.**

Fowl Meadow Photography

Sunday, August 2 - 4:00 p.m.

Meet at Paul's Bridge parking area, Neponset Valley Pkwy & Brush Hill Rd, Hyde Park/Milton

Join Readville photographer Martha McDonough to learn photo composition while exploring the flora, fauna and vistas of Fowl Meadow. Bring your own camera. **Registration required.** Rain Date August 3.

