

# NEPONSET RIVER Greenway Festival

17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

June 26 – September 3, 2011

All Programs are **FREE** of Charge

For more information or to register for a program contact: Boston Natural Areas Network at 617-542-7696 or [info@bostonnatural.org](mailto:info@bostonnatural.org) For more events visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org)

## Family Movie Series

Sponsored by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation

Watch a movie under the stars Tuesday and Thursday nights at two parks on the Neponset. Bring a blanket, chair and popcorn for a family movie that begins at sunset. Visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) to find out what's playing.

- **Tuesday Nights at Sunset**  
July 5, 12, 19, 26 & August 2, 9  
Martini Shell, Truman Pkwy  
Hyde Park
- **Thursday Nights at Sunset**  
August 4, 11, 18, 25  
Pope John Paul II Park,  
Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester

## Summer Fun on the Neponset

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Pope John Paul II Park, Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester

**Saturday, July 16, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Join the Park Rangers for fun activities for all ages – including arts and crafts, kite flying, disc golf, canoeing, K-9 demonstrations and much more!

## August Active Thursdays

Set aside an hour every Thursday in August for an activity to keep you healthy at **Pope John Paul II Park**. Meet at playground sunshelter near the Gallivan Blvd. entrance.

**Thursday, August 4 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Walk the Greenway to Tenean Beach.** This round trip walk will get you back to the park in time to catch the movie at sunset if you like.

**Thursday, August 11 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Walk the Greenway to Central Ave.** On this round trip walk we'll go by new habitat plantings at the park, and get you back in time for the sunset movie.

**Thursday, August 18 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**PJP Power Loop with Disc Golf.** Put your walking shoes on for a cruise around the park and get your throwing arm ready to try putting frisbees at a tee.

**Thursday, August 25 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunset Yoga.** Doing beginner-friendly yoga outside along the river will be a nice way to end the day.



## Canoe the River

Co-sponsored by MA Department of Conservation and Recreation



### ■ Basics for Beginners

Mother Brook Mill Pond – Knight Street, Hyde Park

**Sunday, June 26 – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.**

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

### ■ Neponset River by Boat and Train

7 Brush Hill Road launch, Milton near Mattapan Square

**Sunday, July 10 – 1:00 p.m.**

We'll paddle downstream and then hop the trolley back to discover the rich history of the area. Paddling experience required. **Registration required.**

### ■ Estuary Paddle

Neponset Park, Hilltop Street, Dorchester

**Saturday, July 30 – 10:00 a.m.**

Discover the ecologically important Neponset Estuary as we paddle upstream and explore its inlets. Paddling experience required. **Registration required.**

### ■ Lower Mills Paddle

Milton Landing, Wharf Street, Milton

**Sunday, August 14 – 11:00 a.m.**

We'll paddle up to the falls at the old Baker Chocolate mills and out into the salt marshes. Paddling experience required. **Registration required.**



## Music & Arts at Martini Shell

Martini Shell Park, Truman Parkway, Hyde Park

Sponsored by MA Department of Conservation and Recreation

### ■ Air Force Band of Liberty Concert

**Sunday, July 31 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Enjoy world class musical entertainment in the great outdoors. The Air Force Liberty Band fosters America's rich national heritage by blending music and patriotism. Let your spirit soar during this free concert for all!

### ■ Summer Arts Fest

**Saturday, August 6 – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Join the DCR rangers and the Menino Arts Center in Hyde Park for this fun interactive

arts festival for all ages. Chalk art, stamp printing, tattoo you, group mural, and bead making. Fun for the whole family.

### ■ Hyde Park Jazz Fest

**Saturday, September 3 – 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Back by popular demand! Celebrate Labor Day weekend with a jazz festival featuring local award winning artists. Bring a blanket and a picnic basket to enjoy this relaxing end of summer serenade.



## Especially for Children Series

### Ryan Playground, River Street, Mattapan

Co-sponsored by the Mattapan Community Development Corporation

Every Thursday morning in July enjoy this series of kid-friendly performances – from musicians to live animals to storytelling – and stay a little longer for a dip in the park's wading pool!

Check [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) or call 617-542-7696 for performance schedule.

**Thursday, July 7 – 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, July 14 – 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, July 21 – 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, July 28 – 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**



## Special Programs

### ■ Greenway Geology Meet at Milton T stop downstairs.

**Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.**

Ever wondered about the rocks along the trail and riverbanks? Les Tyralla, registered geologist, will be our guide on this easy walk that passes a number of interesting outcrops in Lower Mills. **Registration required.**

### ■ Mattapan Greenway Connections Walk Meet at Mattapan Square T Station.

**Thursday, July 21, 6:00 p.m.**

We'll do a 5K walk from Mattapan Square along River Street and the Greenway trail to Dorchester, learning about efforts to complete the trail in this area. Co-sponsored by Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition.

### ■ Neponset Watercolor Workshop

Baker Square River Trail, behind 1243 Adams Street, Dorchester

**Monday, July 25, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Cathy Garnett of MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation will instruct the group in basic watercolor technique, using the surrounding trees, mill buildings and river as our subjects. Supplies provided, bring your own folding chair. **Registration required.**



### ■ Nature Sketching Workshop

City Natives, 30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan

**Wednesday, August 10, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Nature artist Anne Schmalz will introduce participants to sketching the natural world, flowers and vegetables at this garden and nursery along the river. Supplies provided, bring your own folding chair. **Registration required.**

### ■ Star Party on the River

Hutchinson Field, Adams Street, Milton

**Friday, August 19, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

(Rain/Cloud Date: Saturday, August 20)

Join astronomy enthusiasts from the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston for a closer look at the night sky including the Summer Triangle, Saturn, double stars and more. Bring a blanket or chair, bug spray and a flashlight. All ages welcome. Hutchinson Field is a property of The Trustees of Reservations.



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