

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

VISIT BOSTONHARBORISLANDS.ORG/CALENDAR FOR DETAILED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND REGISTRATION FOR SELECT EVENTS

MAY 13

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



JUNE 10

- ★ **Spectacle Island 5K & Fun Run** (10AM - 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 17

- ★ **Tall Ships Celebration** on Spectacle Island (all day) Participate in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the extraordinary parade of sail from Spectacle Island. Enjoy event narration, family-friendly activities and pre-ordered meals on the island. Registration required.

JUNE 24

[Re]creation Art Opening on Peddocks Island (all day) Wander the island and experience awe-inspiring site-specific sculpture installations made exclusively from found objects and invasive plant species. Visit the installations through September 4.

Kayak and SUP Essentials on Georges Island (11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM) Join L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School to learn about the different types of kayaks and stand-up paddleboards (SUPs), as well as basic techniques and safety knowledge in this free clinic. All activities take place on land.

JUNE 25

- ★ **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.

JULY 1

Rock the Fort on Georges Island (1PM - 3PM) Sit back and enjoy a free live concert with bands from Berklee College of Music. Enjoy backyard games during the show, or grab food available for purchase.

JULY 2

- ★ **215th Army Band** on Georges Island and Long Wharf (11AM - 2PM) Catch a brass quintet, fife and drummers, pop/rock favorites and more from the acclaimed military group. Check online for full schedule.

JULY 8

- ★ **Playdates! with Vanessa Trien** on Georges Island (12:15PM - 1:15PM) Calling all kids! Get ready to dance and sing with Parents' Choice Award-winning musician Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys.

JULY 15

Rock the Fort on Georges Island (1PM - 3PM) Sit back and enjoy a free live concert with bands from Berklee College of Music. Enjoy backyard games during the show, or grab food available for purchase.

JULY 22

- ★ **Playdates! presents Peter and the Wolf** on Georges Island (12:15PM - 1:15PM) Listen to the tale of Sergei Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf accompanied by a live woodwind ensemble on Georges Island's outdoor stage!

Smartphone Photography on Georges Island (11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM) Join L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School to learn tips and techniques necessary for taking compelling outdoor photographs using your smartphone.

JULY 23

- ★ **Civil War Day** on Georges Island (11AM - 3PM). Step back in time to the 1860s at Fort Warren! Meet the 54th regiment, the first all-African American regiment of the Civil War. See an original play on Fort Warren's outdoor stage. Hear the tale of the Lady in Black, and brush up on your dance steps at an authentic Civil War Ball.

JULY 29

- ★ **Marching Orders: Street Band Parade** on Georges Island (3PM-5PM) Brass bands descend 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.



JULY 30

- ★ **Family Fun Day** on Peddocks Island (11:30AM - 2:30PM) Dance and sing with Karen K and the Jitterbugs and see a puppet show by Brookline's award-winning Puppet Showplace Theater. Play games with Knucklebones, craft fairy houses with a local artist and even learn how to be a pirate with Boston's Rogues Armada. Advance registration recommended.

AUGUST 5

Rock the Fort on Georges Island (1PM - 3PM) Sit back and enjoy a free live concert with bands from Berklee College of Music. Enjoy backyard games during the show, or grab food available for purchase.

Let's Get Active! Fitness Day on Spectacle Island (11AM - 2PM) Enjoy an afternoon of gentle fitness activities geared towards adults 60+. Programs include yoga, zumba, tai chi, trail walks and more! Registration recommended.

AUGUST 12

- ★ **Playdates! with Alastair Mook and Friends** on Georges Island (12:15PM - 1:15PM) Calling all kids! Get rowdy with the foot-stomping, rootsy music of Grammy-nominated family musician Alastair Mook plus special guests on Georges Island's outdoor stage!



[Re]creation Open Studio on Spectacle Island (10AM-4PM) Artist Ryan Edwards harvests sounds of the island and creates new instruments in a site-specific performance piece.

AUGUST 19

Rock the Fort on Georges Island (1PM - 3PM) Sit back and enjoy a free live concert with bands from Berklee College of Music. Enjoy backyard games during the show, or grab food available for purchase.

Map and Compass Essentials on Georges Island (11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM) Join L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School to learn the basics of using a map and compass in the field.

AUGUST 25

- ★ **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 26

- ★ **Playdates! with 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.

[Re]creation Open Studio on Spectacle Island (10AM-4PM) Artist Daniel Zeese creates a narrative of characters in a site-specific sculpture and performance piece.

AUGUST 31

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 9

Kayak Demo Day on Spectacle Island (11AM - 3PM) Drop in and learn about paddling technique and enjoy a short lesson on the water! First come, first-served. 12+, under 18 must be accompanied by adult.

SEPTEMBER 10

- ★ **Harbor Dash 5K** on Peddocks Island (10AM - 12PM). Run trails through historic Fort Andrews and catch picturesque views of the harbor. Followed by kids' race and after-party. Registration required.



SEPTEMBER 16

- ★ **Boston Harbor Islands Regatta** at Spectacle Island (10AM - 3PM) Sail in the largest race in Boston Harbor or celebrate at the after party! Registration required.

Intro to Fly Casting on Georges Island (11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM) Join L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School to learn the basics of the four-part cast, the foundation of fly-casting.

SEPTEMBER 23

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

NOVEMBER 12

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.

Experience Boston Light!



Boston Light is America's oldest light station, located on Little Brewster Island. Climb the tower, meet the light keeper and experience 300 years of Boston's rich maritime history! See back of this newspaper for 2017 tour schedule, with trips departing from Boston and Hull. Visit bostonharborislands.org/bostonlight to reserve your seat.

[Re]creation:

Experience the Islands Through Place-Based Art

See Peddocks and Spectacle Islands from a brand new perspective during Boston Harbor [Re]creation, an interactive art exhibit featuring the work of seven local artists. Using place-based artistic practices incorporating invasive plant species as well as other found materials, each artist brings creative interpretation and engagement to the natural setting of the Boston Harbor Islands. The project features two Artists-in-Residence on Spectacle Island, and five site-specific temporary environmental sculptures on Peddocks Island. Both projects seek to engage new audiences to the Boston Harbor Islands by combining found natural materials with fresh artistic interpretation in fun and unexpected ways.

Visit the temporary sculpture installations on Peddocks Island and join the Artists-in-Residence on Spectacle Island during open studio events to meet the artists, learn about their processes, ask questions, and contribute to the art being created. For full schedule of workshops, open studios and other events visit bostonharbornow.org/recreation.