

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

2024

Boston Harbor Islands National & State Park

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For a full list of this season's programs, visit bostonharborislands.org.

RANGER GUIDED TOURS

Spectacle Island & Georges Island

Thursday - Sunday 11:15am & 1:15pm

Catch a tour of historic Fort Warren on Georges Island or hike with a ranger on Spectacle Island. Tours available on other weekdays as staffing allows.

DAILY JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITIES & POP-UP PROGRAMS

Multiple Locations

Free, self-guided Junior Ranger activities and pop-up programs are available daily at the downtown Welcome Center and Spectacle, Georges, and Peddocks Islands. Ask about our pre-school, nature-based, and STEM self-guided exploration.



CLIMATE WEDNESDAYSSpectacle Island

11:30am - 3:00pm

Join the National Parks of Boston Climate Conservation Corps for family-friendly pop-up workshops to explore the impacts of changing climates in the Boston Harbor.

SCIENCE FRIDAYS

All Locations

Learn about science in the park! Visit the downtown Welcome Center for climate change activities weekly for all ages. Visit Spectacle or Georges Islands to learn about marine life through hands-on discovery.

HISTORY SATURDAYS AT THE FORT

Georges Island

Every Saturday is History Day at Fort Warren! Enjoy rotating special programs from Civil War-era music to vintage baseball games that bring the fort to life, plus:

- Join kid-friendly fort tours at 11:15am
- Play Civil War lawn games from 11:30am - 3:30pm
- Hear the Legend of the Lady in Black at 12:30pm and 2:30pm.
- Music at the Fort with Berklee College of Music from 1:30 -3:30pm

JAZZ ON THE PORCH SUNDAYS

Spectacle Island

July 14 - September 1 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Kick back and relax in one of Spectacle Island's Adirondack chairs as you take in harbor views and enjoy the sounds of talented up-and-coming bands from Berklee College of Music.

Check in with a ranger for the day's specific offerings at the downtown Welcome Center.

Offerings subject to change based on weather, safety, and staffing capacity.



LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

Boston Harbor

Experience the lighthouses of the Boston Harbor Islands with a special three-lighthouse cruise. Voyage through maritime history on this two-hour cruise with views of Long Island Light, Graves Light, and Boston Light: America's first lighthouse station. National Park Service rangers and volunteers will provide onboard narration. Cruises will run on select Fridays and all Saturdays between June 29 to September 14.

ACCESS

FREE & REDUCED-COST ACCESS PROGRAMS

Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park is for everyone! The Boston Harbor Islands Partnership is committed to providing free and reduced-fare opportunities for groups and individuals.

Opportunities include:

- Community Cruises
- Island Pass group access
- > Library Pass 50% off
- WIC and EBT Card Discounts
- Discount days for Massachusetts Residents on Tuesdays and Wednesdays



SPECIAL EVENTS 2024

Boston Harbor Islands National & State Park

CULTURE & COMMUNITY

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Welcome Center & Georges Island

June 19 9:30am - 5:00pm

Visit Georges Island and the Boston Harbor Islands Welcome Center for live music, history tours, and an exploration of Black History in Boston.

INNOVATION ISLANDS

Various locations, dates & times

The Boston Harbor Islands Partnership awards 12 mini-grants to community partners to produce unique experiences and celebrations on the harbor. Hop on the ferry and enjoy events ranging from music to arts, nature, and cultural festivals.

- Family WellConnect with Pharaoh Essentials on June 29
- Fort Warren's Treasures Quest on June 29
- Stackz Worldwide Inc The Foundation SMMR Dance Battle on July 6
- Yabás A Destination Celebration of Female Spirits with Trike Called Funk on July 7
- Southeast Asian Traditional Dance and Art on July 14
- Boston Harbor Island Orienteering on August 7 and August 17
- Wild Music with New England Jazz Collaborative on August 18





RECREATION

REEL FUN FISHING FESTIVALS

Deer Island & Nut Island

June 8 & September 7 10:00am – 2:00pm

Join us for a day of free fishing and fun! Learn how to fish, enjoy activities and food, and become an official Boston Harbor Islands Junior Ranger Angler!

HARBORFIT

Harborwalk

June 26 - August 30

Join thousands of motivated members of the waterfront community this season by signing up for one (or all) of our HarborFit programs!

Highlights include:

- Monthly Full Moon Yoga
- Monthly New Moon Wellness
- Weekly Tai Chi
- Weekly Sunset Yoga
- Forest Bathing

THE PARK AFTER DARK

Peddocks Island

August 3 & 17 10:30am – 11:30am next day

Grab your camping gear and join a park ranger for an unforgettable after-hours experience in Boston Harbor! Enjoy guided night walks, s'mores, stargazing, and storytelling.

AFTER HOURS

PRIDE IN THE PARK

Spectacle Island

June 30 4:00pm - 8:30pm

Celebrate the Pride Month with a free evening of art, activities, health resources and drag performances.

SPECTACLE SUMMER NIGHTS

Spectacle Island

July 20, 27; August 10, 24

Enjoy a spectacular summer night on Spectacle Island! Spectacle Island will stay open for an after-hours experience - an evening of relaxation, fun, and live music in partnership with Night Shift Brewing, Zaz, L.L.Bean and Berklee College of Music.

SUNSET LOBSTER CLAMBAKE

Spectacle Island

August 1, 8, 14 & 22

Grab your friends and family and cruise to Spectacle Island for a classic New England lobster clambake with Gourmet Caterers!

SOULFUL BLISS: ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Spectacle Island

September 15 4:00pm - 8:00 pm

Join us for this annual cruise that celebrates communities of color to experience, enjoy, and appreciate their Harbor. Enjoy programming that touches on the threats of climate change, arts advocacy, and social justice, plus inclusive fitness activities, games, food, and live music.

