



Highland Street Foundation and the **New England Patriots Foundation** are pleased to partner with the following organizations to provide **free opportunities** during February school vacation week. Please note that some of these activities require registration and have limited capacity. If you need additional information or have questions, please reach out to Brian McNulty (bmcnulty@highlandstreet.org).

BOSTON HARBOR NOW, BOSTON, MA

WATERFRONT BINGO ALL WEEK

Explore the Waterfront in a whole new way! Find hidden treasures, wildlife, history, public art, places to play and get moving on the Harborwalk during vacation week.

Pick up your special February Vacation Week edition of Waterfront Bingo at the **Boston Harbor Islands Welcome Center** downtown from **11am to 2pm on Wednesday February 17th or Thursday February 18th**. Complete your board by March 19th, 2021 and be entered to win a \$1000 college scholarship!

Click [here](#) to download your Bingo board.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY (VIRTUAL)

VARIOUS PROGRAMS ALL WEEK

Interested in music, art, biology? The Boston Public Library presents a number of programs during February school vacation week. Something for everyone, ages 0-18.

Click [here](#) to register.

BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO, NEW BEDFORD, MA

FREE ADMISSION ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Hours of operation are 9 am to 4 pm. Advanced registrations are required and will be issued on a first come first serve basis. Capacity is 900 people for the day.

Address: 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

Winter is the perfect time to visit Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford! Home to many cold weather loving species, it's a great chance to see the antics of adorable red pandas, playful river otters and lumbering black bears. Charlie's Nature Play is open and the possibilities for fun are endless! Take a walk on the wild side with BPZOO!

Click [here](#) to register.

CITY OF BOSTON PARKS & RECREATION

STORYWALKS ALL MONTH AT 5 LOCATIONS ACROSS BOSTON

StoryWalks are an innovative and delightful way for children and adults to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll throughout the park, you're directed to the next page in the story. StoryWalk installations will run from

Friday, February 12, through Friday, March 12. Locations include:

- **Brighton Common, 30 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton**
- **Franklin Park, 50 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury**
- **Iacono Park, 150 Readville Street, Hyde Park**
- **Adams Park, 4225 Washington Street, Roslindale**
- **Lopresti Park, 33 Sumner Street, East Boston**

Click [here](#) for more information.

COMMONWEALTH SHAKESPEARE COMPANY (VIRTUAL)

EXPLORE SHAKESPEARE THROUGH DESIGN: A VIDEO SERIES FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Have you ever been to a play and wondered how everything you see comes together from just words on a page? Who decides what the play looks like, from what actors wear, to the sets they walk around on? How does it all get made?

This February, CSC brings Shakespeare to life in your home. Join professional theater artists as they take you into the process of creating a design for the theater in our series of 20-minute videos perfect for kids and families who want to learn the answers to these questions and more!

CSC will produce a series of two 20-minute videos by costume designer Brooke Stanton and scenic designer Efren Delgadillo Jr. Brooke will cover costume designs for Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Efren will present scenic designs for *Romeo and Juliet*. Videos will be available to stream on CSC's website starting Monday, February 15.

Click [here](#) to view.

DISCOVERY MUSEUMS, ACTON, MA

FREE ADMISSION ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Hours of operation are 9 am to 11 am, 12 pm to 2 pm, and 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Advance registrations are required to visit and will be issued on a first come first serve basis; no walk-ins are accepted, including to the outdoor exhibits. Capacity is 165 people for the day.

Discovery Museum is a hands-on museum for families that blends science, nature, and play. The Museum offers outdoor experiences year-round in addition to interactive indoor STEM exhibits. Outdoor experiences include the accessible, 550 sq ft Discovery Treehouse and nature playscape; sock skating rink; da Vinci Outdoors experiences including a 13' giant Lever; the Adventure Hill slide, scramble, and climb; and many more outdoor surprises throughout campus. Discovery Museum is open with COVID safety protocols in place including limited capacity and masks required for ages 2 and up.

Address: 177 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720

Click [here](#) to register.

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, BOSTON, MA

FREE ADMISSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, BETWEEN 10AM AND 2PM

Advance registrations are required and will be issued on a first come first serve basis. Capacity is 560 people for the day.

Address: One Franklin Park Road, Boston, MA 02121

Click [here](#) to register.

GORE PLACE WALKING TOUR, WALTHAM, MA

DAILY TOUR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 STARTING AT 11 AM.

Advanced tickets required and must be purchased by 9 a.m. morning of tour. Tours last 45 minutes are limited to 10 guests. Code for free ticket: **gorewalk**

Walk the grounds of the estate and learn the history of Gore Place as a country seat and working farm of the early 1800s. A wealthy Boston couple, Christopher Gore and his wife Rebecca developed their estate in Waltham over several decades. Gore called it "My farm at Waltham." Gore was a founding member of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture (est. 1792) and was innovative in his methods of farming. This tour uses Gore's letters and the journal of his farm manager, Jacob Farwell, among other sources, to tell the story of farming on the estate in the early 1800s. Gore Place has restored the mansion, carriage house and farmer's cottage; and kept the original 50 acres of what was a 200-acre farm.

Address: 52 Gore Street, Waltham, MA 02453

Click [here](#) to register.

MASSACHUSETTS AUDUBON SOCIETY

FREE ADMISSION AT 5 LOCATIONS - ONE PER DAY

Get outside and explore one of these five wildlife sanctuaries during Mass Audubon's Winter Recess. Every day during the week of **February 15-19**, you can visit a different wildlife sanctuary for free.

To allow us to safely manage the number of people on the trails or in a gallery at any given time, we are using an Entry & Parking Reservation system. **All tickets must be obtained online in advance**-you will **not** be able to get tickets onsite.

- **Monday, February 15: Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Lincoln**

At Drumlin Farm, you can experience life on a working farm and explore a wildlife sanctuary at the same time. Watch the pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and cows in the farmyard; see how crops are sustainably grown in our greenhouse; walk the trails explore field, forest, and wetland habitat; and observe resident owls, hawks, and foxes in the native wildlife exhibits.

- **Tuesday, February 16: Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary in Natick**

An expansive retreat along Indian Brook and the Charles River, Broadmoor is an ever-changing environment teeming with wildlife: dragonflies darting, turtles basking, otters leaving tracks in the mud or snow, and more than 150 species of birds. Easy-to-moderate well-groomed trails lead you through the shade of mature woodlands into open fields and along the edges of streams, ponds, and marshland.

- **Wednesday, February 17: Blue Hills Trailside Museum in Milton**

Operated in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Blue Hills Trailside Museum is the interpretive center for the state-owned Blue Hills Reservation and features a natural history museum and outdoor exhibits of native wildlife. The animals on display-including Snowy Owls and a Red Fox-have been rescued and would not survive in the wild.

- **Thursday, February 18: Museum of American Bird Art in Canton**

The Museum of American Bird Art (MABA) at Mass Audubon is a family-friendly, professional art museum set on a 121-acre wildlife sanctuary located 15 miles south of Boston. As part of New England's largest conservation organization, MABA's mission is to connect people and nature through art.

- **Friday, February 19: Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield**

Ipswich River offers 12 miles of trails that invite you to explore the forests, meadows, wetlands, drumlin, and esker. Whether exploring by foot or paddling down our namesake river, you will marvel at the diversity of wildlife, especially bird species-the sanctuary is part of the Eastern Essex County Interior Forest Important Bird Area.

Click [here](#) to register.

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