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Amusement Parks

Canobie Lake Park

P.O. Box 190
Salem, NH 03079

Program Fee: Yes
+1-603-893-3506

Monday: 12:00 - 10:00
Tuesday: 12:00 - 10:00
Wednesday: 12:00 - 10:00
Thursday: 12:00 - 10:00
Friday: 12:00 - 10:00
Saturday: 12:00 - 10:00
Sunday: 12:00 - 10:00

This amusement park has a separate Kiddie Park

Enchanted Forest

Route 3
P.O. Box 524
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Program Fee: Yes
+1-401-539-7711

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 10:00 - 2:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 2:00
Friday: 10:00 - 2:00
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

Open Mid-May thru Mid-June. Admission includes amusement rides, petting zoo, story book exhibits, and mini golf.

Six Flags New England

Rt. 159
Main Street
Agawam, MA 01460

Program Fee: Yes
+1-413-786-9300

Monday: 11:00 - 11:00
Tuesday: 11:00 - 11:00
Wednesday: 11:00 - 11:00
Thursday: 11:00 - 11:00
Friday: 11:00 - 12:00
Saturday: 11:00 - 12:00
Sunday: 11:00 - 11:00

Special kiddie rides aimed for the young at heart.

Whalom Park

Rt. 13
Lunenburg, MA 01462

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-342-3707

Monday: 12:00 - 9:00
Tuesday: 12:00 - 9:00
Wednesday: 12:00 - 9:00
Thursday: 12:00 - 9:00
Friday: 12:00 - 10:00
Saturday: 12:00 - 10:00
Sunday: 12:00 - 9:00

Amusement fun for all ages.

Arts & Music

Apple Tree music School

P.O. Box 75
Grafton, MA 01519

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-839-4286

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Offers private music lessons and music appreciation for young children.

Joy of Music

112 Morningside Rd.
Worcester, MA 01602

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-792-5667

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: closed
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Classes meet Monday through Thursday. Classes include music, movement, instruments, recorder, modern dance, and drumming.

Pakachoag Community School

191 Pakachoag St.
Auburn, MA 01501

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-791-8159

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Pakachoag Community School offers a variety of music programs for children and adults. The goal of these programs is to nurture each person's natural music abilities.

Performing Arts School

29 High St.
Worcester, MA 01608

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-755-8246

Monday: open
Tuesday: 4:15 - 4:45
Wednesday: open
Thursday: open
Friday: open
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Creative movement for preschoolers.

Valley Music School

P.O. Box 61
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-234-9977

Monday: call
Tuesday: call
Wednesday: call
Thursday: call
Friday: call
Saturday: call
Sunday: closed

Music for Little Folks is a class for parents and children together. Also provides private instrumental and voice lessons.

Visiting Artists Studio

19 Depot St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-278-0553

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

The studio works along with public schools, but will do public workshops. They suggest calling to get specific information on the various workshops.

Birthday Party Ideas

These suggestions were compiled in October 2003

At Home Parties

- Princess & Knights Party
- Baseball Party
- Jungle Party
- Mock Sleepover Party
- Halloween Party
- Backyard Carnival
- Beach Party
- Harry Potter Party
- Bounce House

Parties Away From Home

Event	Location
Davis Farmland	Sterling
Chuckie Cheese	Worcester
Ecotarium	Worcester
Claytime	Worcester, Shrewsbury, Marlboro
Gymnastics: Giguere's	Leicester
Gymnastics: GLC	Shrewsbury
Gymnastics: MGC	Westboro
McDonalds	Various Locations
Candlepin Bowling	Northboro, Whitinsville, Worcester
Roller Kingdom	Hudson
Crystal Caves	Auburn
Snip-its (Hair, nails,dress up)	Framingham, Millbury
AMF bowling	Shrewsbury
Tubing at Ward Hill	Shrewsbury
Sports Party at Teamworks	Westboro
Worcester Art Museum	Worcester

Swimming at Holiday Inn Lincoln Square, Worcester

Swimming at Sheraton Tara Framingham

Gymboree Westboro, Auburn

Movies Various Locations

Higgins Armory Worcester

Discovery Museums Acton

Michaels Crafts Shrewsbury, Millbury

WPI Bowling Alley Worcester

Community Based Programs

Blackstone Boys and Girls Club

P.O. Box 283
Blackstone, MA 01504

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-883-6363

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday:

Offers a variety of programs for ages preschool to high school age, including afterschool and summer programs.

Family Network Project

31 West Fountain St.
Milford, MA 01757

Program Fee: No
+1-508-634-2356

Monday: 8:25 - 3:30
Tuesday: 8:25 - 3:30
Wednesday: 8:25 - 3:30
Thursday: 8:25 - 3:30
Friday: 8:25 - 3:30
Saturday: 10:00 - 12:00
Sunday: closed

A community-based collaborative program dedicated to families of young children in the Greater Milford area. Provides an educational, supportive, and preventive approach to parenting. Offers playgroups, home visits, social events, parent workshops, support groups, family literacy activities, and an extensive resource and referral program.

Hockomock Area YMCA

Forge Hill
Franklin, MA 02038

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-528-8708

Monday: 7:00 - 6:00
Tuesday: 7:00 - 6:00
Wednesday: 7:00 - 6:00
Thursday: 7:00 - 6:00
Friday: 7:00 - 6:00
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

The program's focus is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where children can thrive and parents can feel comfortable.

Jewish Community Center

633 Salisbury St.
Worcester, MA 01609

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-756-7109

Monday: 7:30 - 5:30
Tuesday: 7:30 - 5:30
Wednesday: 7:30 - 5:30
Thursday: 7:30 - 5:30
Friday: 7:30 - 5:30
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Offers a variety of different programs for all ages, including year-round and summer camp programs. Membership available.

The Parent's Connection

40 Brattle St.
Worcester, MA 01604

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-852-5658

Monday: closed
Tuesday: closed
Wednesday: closed
Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 am
Friday: closed
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Mother and child support group September - May, Thursday, 9:30 - 11:30 am.

Westboro Area Jewish Comm. Ctr.

57 East Main St.
Westboro, MA 01581

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-366-6121

Monday: 9:00 - 2:30
Tuesday: 9:00 - 2:30
Wednesday: 9:00 - 2:30
Thursday: 9:00 - 2:30
Friday: 9:00 - 2:30
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Program offers class for toddlers through Kindergarten. Provides vacation and summer programs and selected special programming around Jewish holidays.

Whitin Community Center

60 Main St.
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-234-8184

Monday: 6:30 - 6:00
Tuesday: 6:30 - 6:00
Wednesday: 6:30 - 6:00
Thursday: 6:30 - 6:00
Friday: 6:30 - 6:00
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Preschool and school age programs are offered: gym, swimming, and sports.

YMCA of Greater Worcester

8 Lyman St., Suite 213
Westboro, MA 01581

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-870-1322

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Safe creative hands-on programming for all ages of children. Programs include swimming, gymnastics, family fitness classes, camps, and family events. All programs develop values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Call individual branches for specific program information. Boroughs Family Branch, +1-508-393-8147, with sites in Grafton, Northboro, and Southboro. Central Branch, 776 Main Street, Worcester, +1-508-755-6101. Greendale Family Branch, 45 & 100 Shore Drive, Worcester, +1-508-852-6694.

YMCA Central Massachusetts

1 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-767-2505

Monday: 7:30 - 5:30
Tuesday: 7:30 - 5:30
Wednesday: 7:30 - 5:30
Thursday: 7:30 - 5:30
Friday: 7:30 - 5:30
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Offers variety of programs for all ages including swimming, fitness, sports, arts and crafts, and summer camp.

Indoor & Outdoor Sports

Central Mass. Skating School

P.O.Box 856
Northboro, MA 01532

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-366-9373

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Group and private skating instructions for tots, children, teens, and adults at Northstar Youth Forum Rink in Westboro.

Crystal Caves

790 Southbridge St.
Auburn, MA 01501

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-832-0797

Monday: 10:00 - 10:00
Tuesday: 10:00 - 10:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 10:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 10:00
Friday: 10:00 - 12:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 12:00
Sunday: 10:00 - 10:00

Crystal Caves has batting cages, miniature golf, and a trampoline. A variety of snacks are available.

Daniel Horgan Skating

407 Oxford St.
Auburn, MA 01501

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-832-7201

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Group and private skating lessons for all ages. Public skating - call for specific hours and days.

Giguere Gymnastics

148 Main St.
Cherry Valley, MA 01611

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-892-4500

Monday: 7:30 - 5:30
Tuesday: 7:30 - 5:30
Wednesday: 7:30 - 5:30
Thursday: 7:30 - 5:30
Friday: 7:30 - 5:30
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Self-esteem building. Program includes 1/2 hour of gym class, Monday through Thursday.

Mass Health & Fitness

Walnut St.
Worcester, MA 01545

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-229-2700

Monday: 7:30 - 5:30
Tuesday: 7:30 - 5:30
Wednesday: 7:30 - 5:30
Thursday: 7:30 - 5:30
Friday: 7:30 - 5:30
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Summer or year-round memberships. Activities available include swim and tennis. Recreation camp for children of all ages.

New England Sports Center

121 Donald Lynch Blvd.
Marlboro, MA 01752

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-229-2700

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Learn to skate program for preschoolers and older children, public skating, full restaurant, arcade, and fitness center.

Skylite Roller Skating Center

648 Park Ave.
Worcester, MA 01603

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-757-8640

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Skylite a variety of options for families, they have family nights, nights for all ages, and day skating times.

Worcester Skating Rink

284 Lake Ave.
Worcester, MA 01604

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-799-0910

Monday: call
Tuesday: call
Wednesday: call
Thursday: call

Friday: call
Saturday: call
Sunday: call

Call for public skating hours. Located across from Lake Quinsigamond.

Indoor Play Area

Auburn Mall Playplace

Auburn Mall
Auburn, MA 01501

Program Fee: No
+1-508-832-6000

Monday: 10:00 - 9:30
Tuesday: 10:00 - 9:30
Wednesday: 10:00 - 9:30
Thursday: 10:00 - 9:30
Friday: 10:00 - 9:30
Saturday: 10:00 - 9:30
Sunday: 10:00 - 6:00

The Auburn Mall playplace has a variety of child size equipment. A place for parents to stop with their children to take a break while stopping.

Chuck E. Cheese's

50 Southwest Cut-off
Worcester, MA 01604

Program Fee: No
+1-508-754-5151

Monday: 10:00 - 10:00
Tuesday: 10:00 - 10:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 10:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 10:00
Friday: 10:00 - 11:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 10:00
Sunday: 10:00 - 10:00

Indoor play structure, games and rides for children of all ages. Magical fun place for families. Pizza sandwiches, and salad bars. Exciting shows with Chuck E. Cheese himself. No entrance fee but parents must purchase tokens for games and rides.

Chutes n' Ladders

9 William Lane
Sutton, MA 01590

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-865-9300

Monday: 9:30 - 12:30
Tuesday: 9:30 - 12:30
Wednesday: 9:30 - 12:30
Thursday: 9:30 - 12:30
Friday: 9:30 - 12:30
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Chutes n' Ladders offers parent child play to encourage a child's developmental growth. Social development, rhythm, motor planning coordination, spatial awareness, body movement, self esteem.

Elm Street Playgroup

40 Elmwood St.
Millbury, MA 01527

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-865-5241

Monday: 8:45 - 3:00
Tuesday: 8:45 - 3:00
Wednesday: not scheduled
Thursday: not scheduled
Friday: not scheduled
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Playgroup for children 3-5 years old. A place for parents and children to meet others.

Family Support Center

89 Main St.
Milford, MA 01757

Program Fee: No
+1-508-634-2354

Monday: 9:15 - 11:15
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: 9:15 - 11:15
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: closed

Playtime for children and their parents. Special groups for dads and single parents.

Gymboree of Auburn

850 Southbridge St.
Auburn, MA 01501

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-366-1495

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Call for specific class schedule for the age(s) of your child(ren). Indoor play area for children with mats, slides, tunnels, etc. Additional Gymboree in Westboro 76 Otis St.

The Mothers' Center

147 Hensaw St.
Leicester, MA 01524

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-892-0474

Monday: 10:00 - 12:00
Tuesday: closed
Wednesday: closed
Thursday: closed
Friday: 10:00 - 12:00
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

A time for mothers and their children to socialize with other parents and children.

Library & Bookstores

Auburn Public Library

369 Southbridge St.
Auburn, MA 01501

Program Fee: No
+1-508-832-7790

Monday: 10:00 - 8:30
Tuesday: 10:00 - 8:30
Wednesday: 10:00 - 8:30
Thursday: 10:00 - 8:30
Friday: 10:00 - 5:30
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Preschool storytime, and summer reading program for parents and children. Museum passes are available for Eco Tarium.

Barnes and Noble

470 Southbridge St.
Auburn, MA 01501

Program Fee: No
+1-508-832-0855

Monday: open
Tuesday: open
Wednesday: open
Thursday: open
Friday: open
Saturday: open
Sunday: open

Free storytimes with a craft, appropriate for preschool-aged children through first grade. Reading clubs for older children (American Girls Club ages 7 and up, and Animorphs Club ages 6 and up). Dates vary, so please call or check monthly calendars. Costume character visits once a month.

Blackstone Public Library

15 St., Paul St.
Blackstone, MA 01504

Program Fee: No
+1-508-883-1931

Monday: 10:00 - 6:00
Tuesday: 12:00 - 8:00
Wednesday: closed
Thursday: 12:00 - 8:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 11:00 - 2:00
Sunday: closed

Early Learning program - reading, storytime, and crafts. Museum passes are available for Plymouth Plantation, New England Aquarium, and Boston Children's Museum.

Borders

476 Boston Turnpike
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Program Fee: No
+1-508-845-8665

Monday: open
Tuesday: open
Wednesday: open
Thursday: open
Friday: open
Saturday: open
Sunday: open

Free storytimes are available.

Grafton Public Library

Grafton Common
Grafton, MA 01519

Program Fee: No
+1-508-839-4649

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Storytimes for children 18 months - 5 years. They offer a family museum pass to Grafton residents for the EcoTarium, Worcester Art Museum, Discovery Museum, Garden in the Woods, Boston Fine Arts, Boston Science Center, and New England Aquarium.

Mendon Public Library

P.O. Box 35
Mendon, MA 01756

Program Fee: No
+1-508-473-3259

Monday: 9:00 - 8:00
Tuesday: 9:00 - 8:00
Wednesday: 9:00 - 8:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 8:00
Friday: 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 2:00
Sunday: closed

Storytimes set throughout the month. Call for dates and times.

Millbury Public Library

West Main St.
Millbury, MA 01527

Program Fee: No
+1-508-865-1181

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 10:00 - 8:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 8:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 8:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 1:00
Sunday: closed

Various programs related to reading.

Millville Public Library

169 Main St.
Millville, MA 01529

Program Fee: No
+1-508-883-1887

Monday: 6:00 - 8:00
Tuesday: 1:30 - 5:30
Wednesday: 6:00 - 8:00
Thursday: 1:30 - 5:30
Friday: closed

Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00

Sunday: closed

Storytimes available.

North Grafton Public Library

6 Prentice St.

North Grafton, MA 01536

Program Fee: No

Monday: vary

Tuesday: vary

Wednesday: vary

Thursday: vary

Friday: vary

Saturday: vary

Sunday: vary

Storytimes available for children 3-5 years.

Simon Fairfield Public Library

P.O. Box 607

Douglas, MA 01516

Program Fee: No

+1-508-476-2695

Monday: vary

Tuesday: vary

Wednesday: vary

Thursday: vary

Friday: vary

Saturday: vary

Sunday: vary

Call for storytimes.

South Grafton Public Library

71 Main St.

South Grafton, MA 01560

Program Fee: No

+1-508-476-2695

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: vary
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: vary
Sunday: vary

Storytimes available for children 3-5 years.

Sutton Public Library

4 Uxbridge Rd.

Program Fee: No
+1-508-865-8752

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 2:00 - 8:00
Wednesday: 2:00 - 8:00
Thursday: closed
Friday: 12:00 - 8:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 3:00
Sunday: closed

Storytimes are available year-round. The program also offers family museum passes to Higgins Armory and EcoTarium.

Tatnuck Bookstore

335 Chandler St.
Worcester, MA 01602

Program Fee: No
+1-508-756-7644

Monday: 8:00 - 10:00
Tuesday: 8:00 - 10:00
Wednesday: 8:00 - 10:00
Thursday: 8:00 - 10:00
Friday: 8:00 - 12:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 12:00
Sunday: 9:00 - 6:00

Storytimes are available on Tuesday at 3:30 and Thursday at 11:00.

Upton Public Library

P.O. Box 1196
Upton, MA 01568

Program Fee: No
+1-508-529-6272

Monday: 2:00 - 6:00
Tuesday: 2:00 - 8:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 8:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 8:00
Friday: 12:00 - 4:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 4:00
Sunday: closed

Preschool storytimes and summer reading programs for all children. They also offer a family museum pass to the Children's Museum, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Elizabeth Stuart Gardner Museum, Plymouth Plantation, Roger Williams Zoo, Eco Tarium, Science Center, and Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Worcester Public Library

Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608

Program Fee: No
+1-508-799-1655

Monday: 9:00 - 9:00
Tuesday: 9:00 - 9:00
Wednesday: 9:00 - 9:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 9:00
Friday: 9:00 - 5:30
Saturday: 9:00 - 5:30
Sunday: closed

Storytimes are available. They also offer a family museum pass to the Boston Museum of Science, Roger Williams Zoo, Children's in Boston, Aquarium, and Tower Hill Botanical Gardens.

Museums & Theaters

Children's Hands-on Art Museum

P.O.Box 1413
Littleton, MA 01460

Program Fee: Yes
+1-978-952-2555

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 10:00 - 4:30
Wednesday: 10:00 - 4:30
Thursday: 10:00 - 4:30
Friday: 10:00 - 4:30
Saturday: 10:00 - 4:30
Sunday: closed

They endeavor to make art a part of everyday life and inspire artistic expression in children.

Discovery Museums

177 Main St.
Acton, MA 01720

Program Fee: Yes
+1-978-264-4200

Monday: -
Tuesday: 9:00 - 4:30
Wednesday: 9:00 - 4:30
Thursday: 9:00 - 4:30
Friday: 9:00 - 4:30
Saturday: 9:00 - 4:30
Sunday: 9:00 - 4:30

A discovery museum for all ages.

EcoTarium

222 Harrington Way
Worcester, MA 01604

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-929-2700

Monday: 10:00 - 5:00
Tuesday: 10:00 - 5:00

Wednesday: 10:00 - 5:00

Thursday: 10:00 - 5:00

Friday: 10:00 - 5:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00

Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00

Offers a three season skywatch (used to learn about stars) also a summer jazz concert, arts, and crafts. Devoted to exploration. Admission free every Saturday 101. Stop by the visitor's center for free tickets to the Planetarium shows.

Explore and Discover Museum

15 Depot St.

Uxbridge, MA 01569

Program Fee: Yes

+1-508-278-0553

Higgins Armory Museum

100 Barber Ave.

Worcester, MA 01606

Program Fee: Yes

+1-508-853-6015

Monday: closed

Tuesday: 10:00 - 4:00

Wednesday: 10:00 - 4:00

Thursday: 10:00 - 4:00

Friday: 10:00 - 4:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 4:00

Sunday: 12:00 - 4:00

Hands-on activity room for children of all ages. Authentic suits of armor and costumes available for the children to try on.

Old Sturbridge Village

Route 20

Sturbridge, MA 01566

Program Fee: Yes

+1-508-347-3362

Monday: closed

Tuesday: 9:00 - 5:00

Wednesday: 9:00 - 5:00

Thursday: 9:00 - 5:00

Friday: 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday: 9:00 - 5:00

A New England 1830 village recreated to act as an outdoor museum. They have a restaurant or you can bring your own lunch.

The Butterfly Place

120 Tyingsboro Rd.
Westford, MA 01886

Program Fee: Yes
+1-978-392-0955

Monday: 10:00 - 5:00
Tuesday: 10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 5:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 5:00
Friday: 10:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00
Sunday: 10:00 - 5:00

Open April 1 - October 1. Focus of the program is to explore nature through butterflies. Large indoor greenhouseatrium.

Willard Clock Museum

11 Willard St.
North Grafton, MA 01536

Program Fee: No
+1-508-839-3500

Monday: 10:00 - 4:00
Tuesday: 10:00 - 4:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 4:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 4:00
Friday: 10:00 - 4:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 4:00
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00

This is the birthplace and original clock manufacturing site of the famous Willard family. There is a collection of colonial farm era docks, furnishings, clothing and other items.

Worcester Art Museum

55 Salisbury St.
Worcester, MA 01602

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-799-4406

Monday: closed
Tuesday: closed
Wednesday: 11:00 - 5:00
Thursday: 11:00 - 5:00
Friday: 11:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00
Sunday: 11:00 - 5:00

Free admission with a membership to the museum. Also tours are available through the museum. Art classes for preschool age and up.

Nature Centers, Farms & Zoos

Arrowhead Acres

92 Aldrich St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-278-5017

Monday: call
Tuesday: call
Wednesday: call
Thursday: call
Friday: call
Saturday: call
Sunday: -

A musical hayride through the Christmas tree plantation is included with the petting farm admission. Groups often end their visit singing songs and toasting marshmallows around the campfire.

Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife

414 Massasoit Rd.
Worcester, MA 01604

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-753-6087

Monday: vary
Tuesday: vary
Wednesday: 10:00 - 11:30
Thursday: vary
Friday: vary
Saturday: closed
Sunday: closed

Conducts educational programs for nearly 150,000 school children each year, and advocates for sound environmental policies at the local, state, and federal levels.

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary

P.O. Box 218
Charlton City, MA 01508

Program Fee: No
+1-508-248-5516

Monday: 9:00 - 5:00
Tuesday: 9:00 - 5:00
Wednesday: 9:00 - 5:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 5:00
Friday: 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 4:00
Sunday: 10:00 - 4:00

Nature programs throughout the year. Hands-on nature studies in the outdoors. Objective is to instill a love, appreciation, and understanding of our environment. Wildlife preserve for hiking pleasure, and a small natural history museum with library, observation/classrooms, as well as live animal exhibits.

Davis Farmland Petting Zoo

145 Redstone Hill Rd.
Sterling, MA 01564

Program Fee: Yes
+1-978-422-6666

Monday: 9:30 - 4:30
Tuesday: 9:30 - 4:30
Wednesday: 9:30 - 4:30
Thursday: 9:30 - 4:30
Friday: 9:30 - 4:30
Saturday: 9:30 - 4:30
Sunday: -

Farmland features discovery learning. They have the largest sanctuary of rare livestock in North America. They blend education and entertainment to create an adventure for the whole family. They have playgrounds, picnic areas, hayrides, pony rides, a cafe, gift area, tours, and a dialy contest.

Drundin Farm Education Center

South Great Rd.
Lincoln, MA 01773

Program Fee: Yes
+1-781-259-9807

Monday: Holidays only
Tuesday: 9:00 - 5:00
Wednesday: 9:00 - 5:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 5:00
Friday: 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday: 9:00 - 5:00

They offer an education center and sanctuary. There are farm animals, market gardens, and wildlife natural to New England.

Garden in the Woods

180 Hemenway Rd.
Framingham, MA 01701

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-977-6574

Monday: 9:00 - 5:00
Tuesday: 9:00 - 5:00
Wednesday: 9:00 - 5:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 5:00
Friday: 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday: closed

A place for children to explore nature paths, view in microscopes, and participate in various other programs that focus on special interests.

Perkin Farm Conservation Area

Grafton St.
Worcester, MA 01604

Program Fee: No

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: -

Nature walks and picnicking.

Southwick's Wild Animal Farm

2 Southwick St.
Mendon, MA 01756

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-883-9182

Monday: 10:00 - 5:00
Tuesday: 10:00 - 5:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 5:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 5:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00
Sunday: 10:00 - 5:00

Exotic Wildlife - Many species endangered. Tons of Family Fun - Elephant and Pony Rides, Viddieland, Petting Zoo, Walk-thru Deer Forest, Oicnic Grove, Food Service, Gift Shop...and more.

Stowe Farm Orchards

Stowe Rd.
West Millbury, MA 01527

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-799-1400

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Farm for families to walk and pick apples and pumpkins.

The Heifer Project

Wachusett Rd.
Rutland, MA 01543

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-886-2221

Monday: 9:00 - 4:00
Tuesday: 9:00 - 4:00
Wednesday: 9:00 - 4:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 4:00
Friday: 9:00 - 4:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 4:00
Sunday: 12:00 - 4:00

Overlook Farm supports the mission of Heifer Project by educating visitors about poverty and world hunger issues, They have a 270 acre organic working farm with over 12 species of animals.

Tower Hill Botanical Gardens

P.O. Box 598
Boylston, MA 01505

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-869-6111

Monday: only on holidays

Tuesday: 10:00 - 5:00

Wednesday: 10:00 - 5:00

Thursday: 10:00 - 5:00

Friday: 10:00 - 5:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00

Sunday: 10:00 - 5:00

Open year-round with gardening, video theater, and a green house that children can help plant in. They provide maps for self tours of the tower.

Parks & Recreation

Blackstone River and Canal/lookout Rock

278 Oak St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Program Fee: No
+1-508-278-7604

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

The Visitors Center is open year-round. River Bend Farm located at the Visitor's Center, is where a visitor may get information about the many trails, picnics areas, canoe access, watchable wildlife, interpretive tours, concerts and other programs offered. Lookout Rock is part of the Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park. Lookout Rock offers an unparalleled view of the Blackstone River and the surrounding countryside. A marked trail connects Lookout Rock with Rice City Pond one-and one-half miles to the south.

Breezy Picnic Grounds Waterslides

Northwest Main St.
Douglas, MA 01516

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-476-2664

Monday: 9:00 - 7:00
Tuesday: 9:00 - 7:00
Wednesday: 9:00 - 7:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 7:00
Friday: 9:00 - 7:00
Saturday: 9:00 - 7:00
Sunday: 9:00 - 7:00

Ride the Alpine waterslides...swim in crystal clean Whitnis Reservoir...visit the snack bar and video game room..or just relax in the spacious, immaculate picnic.

Douglas State Forest

Wallum Lake Rd.
Douglas, MA 01516

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-476-7872

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Visitors can enjoy swimming, boating, and fishing at Wallum Lake. Hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowboarding on miles of woodlands is also available.

Grafton Super Park

Rte. 122 South
Grafton, MA 01519

Program Fee: No

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

An interactive playground with a kid's kingdom, climbing structure, and much more.

Mendon Playground

P.O. Box 2
Mendon, MA 01756

Program Fee: No

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Public playground for children of all ages located across from the town beach.

Millbury Woolie World

Washington St.
Millbury, MA 01527

Program Fee: Yes

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Playground for children of all ages.

Purgatory Chasm

Purgatory Rd.
Sutton, MA 01527

Program Fee: No

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Purgatory has a playground, picnic area, and hiking trails, for family fun. The chasm a rocky area, may be too challenging for preschool children.

Rocketland

Oxford St.
Auburn, MA 01501

Program Fee: No

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Rocketland has a large wooden playground with fire swings and various other outdoor equipment. Picnic tables.

Sutton State Forest

Mendon Rd.
Sutton, MA 01527

Program Fee: No

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Located adjacent to Purgatory Chasm.

Upton Playground

Rt. 140
Upton, MA 01568

Program Fee: Yes

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Playground for children of all ages.

Upton State Forest

Westboro Rd.
Upton, MA 01568

Program Fee: No
+1-508-278-6486

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight

Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

2660 acres of state forest perfect for cross country skiing, hiking, and walking the trails.

West Hill Dam and Park

518 East Hartford Ave.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Program Fee: Yes
+1-508-278-2511

Monday: daylight
Tuesday: daylight
Wednesday: daylight
Thursday: daylight
Friday: daylight
Saturday: daylight
Sunday: daylight

Harrington Pool, a natural swimming pool formed by the river, is located at the West Hill Dam. There are five miles of mountain bike, horseback and hiking trails through th woods. Park rangers offer nature programs, There is also a self-guided nature trail.