



BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK AREA features 34 islands encompassing 1,600 acres and 35 miles of undeveloped ocean shoreline, all within 10 miles of downtown Boston. Hiking trails, beaches, ranger-led tours, camping, kayaking, cruises, nature walks and historic sites, the number of islands, their proximity to a major metropolitan area and their significant natural and cultural features create a resource that has no parallel in the United States.

SPRING (MAY 9 – JUN 18) & FALL (SEP 8 – OCT 12), Hourly departures from Long Wharf North from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

SUMMER (JUN 19 – SEP 7), Hourly departures from Long Wharf North from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Departures from Quincy, Hingham and Hull at various times, during summer months only.

FERRY FARE is \$14 Adult, \$10 Senior, \$8 child (3-12), Under age 3 is free. \$39 for Family of four. Groups of 10 or more, call 617-770-0040: \$12.50 Adult, \$9 Senior, \$7 Child.

Purchase your ticket in person, or online at bostonharborislands.org

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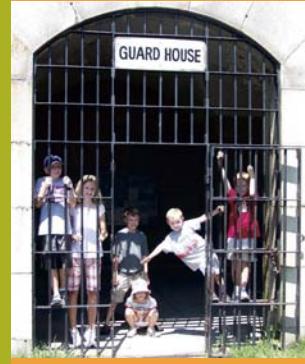


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50 FREE THINGS TO DO!

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS 2009 CALENDAR



A NATIONAL PARK AREA
BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS
minutes away, worlds apart.
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walking tours nature history theatre music&art kayak

Weekends (Fri-Sun) 10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm



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RANGER-LED TOURS (JULY AND AUGUST)

These tours include a peek at the "Stephens Room" in Ft Warren, costumed Civil War guides and demonstrations of authentic civil war town games such as hoops, graces, and sticks.

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\$85 per person

SUNSET CRUISE AND SUMMER SHACK CLAMBAKE SPECTACLE ISLAND

Thursdays (June 18 – September 3)

Boston Harbor Islands offer weekly opportunities for hands-on learning and management of invasive plants such as pepperweed, garlic-mustard, tree-of-heaven, and phragmites. Reserves required.

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9:00am – 2:00pm

STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS

PITCH IN AT YOUR PARK: SPECTACLE ISLAND

at the Visitor Center. Orienteering made easy, check out a GPS unit

SPECTACLE ISLAND ISLAND CACHE

Bring your own or make your own. Materials provided. First come, first serve.

GO FLY A KITE SPECTACLE ISLAND

Saturdays (1:30pm-2:30pm)

and up. Paddle around Grape Island with an experienced park ranger on a low-impact tour which combines striking scenery, park history and information, and paddling and safety skill development. *First come, first serve - weather permitting, determined by island staff. Space limited. Ages 12 and up.

KAYAK: GRAPE TO SLATE

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays

by island staff. Space limited. Ages 12 and up. *First come, first serve - weather permitting, determined by island staff. Space limited. Ages 12 and up.

GUITARIST DAVID EHLE SPECTACLE ISLAND

Sundays (June 21 - September 27)

12:00pm – 4:00pm

DIXIE, SWING AND JAZZ WITH SPECTACLE ISLAND



GET YOUR DCR PARKS PASSPORT STAMPED AT GEORGES OR SPECTACLE!

Learn more about it here: Mass.gov/dcr/passport/index.html



TWELFTH NIGHT

Fridays, August 21, 28

Shakespeare's rip-roaring adventure on the high seas! Viola, his shipwrecked, loses her twin brother, and washes up on the shores of a strange land. Learn how Viola's story unfolds, with a case of mistaken identity, hilarious hijinks and more. Presented by Stoneham Theatre's KidsKids.

FOXTALES NEAR & FAR

Fridays, July 10, 17, Aug 7, 14

Five folktales from around the world, Grandfather Sun; The Tale of the Three Little Pigs; Why Rat Came First; The Wings of the Butterfly. Children and adults from the audience will play the Spider Monkeys and Morpho Butterflies who gather in the deep jungle for a festival.

THE HISTORY AND ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB

Fridays, June 26, July 3, 24, 31

Hear the story of a boy who was "no bigger than his father's thumb". Children and adult volunteers from the audience have a chance to show their star quality playing parts in the show! Parts include Fairy Queens and Kings, a Ravenous Raven, Grumbo the Giant, a Giant Carp, the Evil Rats, and of course, Tiny Tom himself.

GEORGES ISLAND

Fridays (June 26 through August 28)

Performances at 12:15pm and 1:30pm

AT THE FORT WARREN STAGE

PLAYS IN THE PARK

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Ongoing Activities All Summer Long

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may

SCENE OF CONFUSION: THE GRAPE ALARM

Saturday, May 23 • 12:00pm - 1:30pm
 WEBB STATE PARK

Hear a first-hand account of the earliest harbor battle of the American Revolution from Abigail Adams herself. Co-sponsored by Adams National Historical Site, and Abigail Adams Historical Society.

SNOW IN SUMMER: THE FAMED ZOO SHIPWRECK

Sunday, May 24 • 1:00pm - 1:45pm
 GEORGES

Hear the true tale of a shipwreck of the British freighter "The City of Salisbury" off of Graves Light. While the 56 man crew escaped unscathed, its unusual cargo did not.

A FAR CRY

Monday, May 25 • 1:00pm - 2:30pm
 GEORGES

Their motto is "They do it standing up." They are making waves experimenting with how music is performed and heard.



SNOW IN SUMMER: THE LADY IN BLACK

Sunday, June 28 • 1:00pm - 1:45pm
 GEORGES

Hear the infamous story of the Lady In Black who has been known to haunt Fort Warren.

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PLAYS IN THE PARK -THE HISTORY AND ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB

Friday, July 3 • 12:15pm & 1:30pm
 GEORGES

Gather round the Fort Warren stage for lively tavern music straight from the 1700 and 1800s. Shanty songs and revolutionary classics such as Revolutionary Tea, The Road to Boston, Martin Said to His Man, and Rakes of Mallow are sure to get you in a patriotic mood!

A MARYLAND REBEL IN A YANKEE BASTILLE

Sunday, July 5 • 12:15pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

Join the spirit of Dr. Charles Macgill of Hagerstown, Maryland, in a stroll through Fort Warren as he reminisces about his confinement here as a political prisoner during the Civil War.



SAIL BOSTON

Wednesday, July 8 • 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 SPECTACLE

PLAYS IN THE PARK - FOLKTALES NEAR & FAR

Friday, July 10 • 12:15pm & 1:30pm
 GEORGES

VINTAGE BASE BALL - ESSEX BALL CLUB V MELROSE PONDFIELDERS

Saturday, July 11 • 12:00pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

VINTAGE BASE BALL - LYNN LIVE OAKS V CALUMET CLUB LEOMINSTER

Sunday, July 12 • 12:00pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

A MARYLAND REBEL IN A YANKEE BASTILLE

Sunday, July 12 • 12:15pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

MAKE A SPECTACLE OF YOURSELF

Sunday, July 12 • 12:00pm- 4:00pm
 SPECTACLE

PLAYS IN THE PARK - FOLKTALES NEAR & FAR

Friday, July 17 • 12:15pm & 1:30pm
 GEORGES

CATCH THE SCIENCE BUG WITH KIM BENT

Saturday, July 18 • 11:00am- 2:00pm
 SPECTACLE

PEAK IN YOUR PARK: PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS IN KIDS

Saturday, July 18 • 12:00pm - 2:00pm
 GEORGES

NATURE IN ACTION: STORY & SONG WITH JACKSON GILLMAN

Sunday, July 19 • 12:15pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

EN PLEIN AIR

Friday, July 24

PLAYS IN THE PARK: THE ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB

Friday, July 24 • 12:15pm & 1:30pm
 GEORGES (see June 12 for description)

REBEL SHAKESPEARE PRESENTS HAMLET

Saturday, July 25 • 2:00pm - 4:00pm
 GEORGES

Rebel Shakespeare (rebelshakespeare.org) presents one of the greatest dramatic plays ever written. Fort Warren provides the perfect backdrop for the story of the Prince of Denmark.

SNOW IN SUMMER: LOVERS ROCK

Sunday, July 26 • 1:00pm - 1:45pm
 GEORGES

In 1786, two lovers were found in each other's arms, frozen to death on Lovells Island. Learn about the first hut of refuge ever built, equipped with necessities to survive until rescuers arrive.

VINTAGE BASEBALL - FITCHBURG ROLLSTONES V MELROSE PONDFIELDERS

Sunday, July 26 • 12:00pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

PLAYS IN THE PARK: THE ADVENTURES OF TOM THUMB

Friday, July 31 • 12:15pm & 1:30pm
 GEORGES (see June 26th description)

ART ENCAMPMENT (WORK IN PROGRESS DAY)

Friday, July 31
 BUMPKIN

august

SURF CASTING ON LOVELLS

Saturday, August 1 • 11:00am to 3:00pm
 LOVELLS

ART ENCAMPMENT

Saturday, August 1 & Sunday, August 2
 10:00am to 5:00pm
 BUMPKIN

Nearly 40 artists colonize Bumpkin for three days, create, live and work with only the materials they carry on their back. Co-sponsored by Studio Soto, Berwick Research Institute.

PLAYS IN THE PARK: FOLKTALES NEAR & FAR

Friday, August 7 • 12:15pm & 1:30pm
 GEORGES

EN PLEIN AIR

Friday, August 7 • 10:00am - 12:00pm
 SPECTACLE (see June 12 description)

TAKE NO PRISONERS: BERKLEE AT FORT WARREN

Saturday, August 8 • 1:00pm- 4:00pm
 GEORGES

Georges Island gets an awesome rock soundtrack supplied by some of Berklee's best new bands. Spend the afternoon on the lawn, kicking it under the sun, to a rolling backbeat. Co-sponsored by Berklee College of Music.

VINTAGE BASE BALL - 1900S RULES

Sunday, August 9 • 12:00pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

READBOSTON HICKS OFF ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY WEEK

Thursday, August 13 • 12:30pm -1:30pm
 SPECTACLE

PLAYS IN THE PARK: FOLKTALES NEAR & FAR

Friday, August 14 • 12:15pm & 1:30pm
 GEORGES

VEHICLES & VESSELS

Saturday, August 15 & Sunday,
 August 16, 11:00am - 3:00pm
 GEORGES AND SPECTACLE

PLAYS IN THE PARK: TWELFTH NIGHT

Friday, August 21 • 12:15pm & 1:30pm
 GEORGES

PICNIC WITH THE ADAMS ON GRAPE ISLAND

Saturday, August 22 • 12:00pm - 1:30pm
 GRAPE

John and Abigail Adams wrote over a thousand letters to each other. Take a boat ride, and bring a picnic lunch to Grape Island. In their own words John and Abigail will read their fascinating correspondence. Take the public ferry at Hingham Shipyard. Co-sponsored by Adams National Historical Site.

VINTAGE BASEBALL - LYNN LIVE OAKS V FITCHBURG ROLLSTONES

Saturday, August 22 • 12:00pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

SNOW IN SUMMER -SPECIAL VISIT FROM FLYING SANTA

Sunday, August 23 • 11:00am to 3:00pm
 GEORGES

Happy Birthday Edward Rowe Snow. Also it's the 30th anniversary of the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands (FBHI) and the 80th anniversary year of Flying Santa. Jeremy D'entremont honor Mr. Snow's legacy. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Flying Santa, Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, US Coast Guard.

PLAYS IN THE PARK - TWELFTH NIGHT

Friday, August 28 • 12:15pm & 1:30 pm
 GEORGES

TOE JAM PUPPET BAND: THE PIRATE SHOW

Saturday, August 29 • 12:00pm & 2:00pm
 GEORGES

Climb aboard and dance Piratey Jigs such as the Skull and Crossbones Square Dance and Pirates Arrrrgggh Funky!

september

FISHING CLINIC

Saturday, September 5 • 11:00am- 3:00pm
 GEORGES

No guarantee to catch a striper, but everyone's welcome to try their hand at fishing off the pier!

TRAIL RIDES ON SUSTAINABLE SPECTACLE

Saturday, September 12 • 11:00am - 4:00pm
 SPECTACLE

U.S. COAST GUARD BAND - DIXIELAND ENSEMBLE

Saturday, September 18 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm
 GEORGES

5TH ANNUAL BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS REGATTA

Saturday, September 26
 10:00am- 4:00pm
 GEORGES ISLAND

The largest sailing race in Boston harbor. Special visit from the *Friendship*.



october

DIG DEEPER: THE EVOLUTION OF RAINSFORD ISLAND

Saturday, October 3 • 12:00pm- 2:00pm
 SPECTACLE

An illustrated talk with UMASS Professor Allen Gontz, who reveals new findings about Rainsford's fascinating history.

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 swim history theatre performance halloween sailing kayak