



# Ford Nature Center

MILL CREEK METROPARKS

Ford Nature Center is centrally located in the Historic District of Mill Creek Park and serves as the nature education facility for Mill Creek MetroParks. Visitors of all ages can learn about local habitats and natural history through interactive exhibits and nature-inspired activities. In addition, MetroParks Educators at Ford Nature Center offer a variety of educational activities year-round. These activities are conducted throughout the MetroParks and include: special events, tractor-wagon rides, step-on tours, school programs, guided hikes, kayak trips, trolley tours, indoor and outdoor programs, and membership programs.



## Plan Your Visit

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**Indoor Experiences:** Explore an interactive map highlighting the rich history of Mill Creek Park. Discover hands-on, nature-inspired exhibits and observe a variety of bird species in the indoor bird nook. Attend a program in the Education Building or outdoor classrooms—or consider renting the Education Building for small birthday parties, meetings, or workshops. Before you leave, stop by the gift shop for unique, park-inspired merchandise.



**Outdoor Adventures:** Enjoy the rooftop garden and learn how it benefits the environment and our community. Experience the beauty of the wildflower meadow, which transforms with the seasons. Take a relaxing walk along the Virginia J. Axtmann Nature Trail for All People, a paved, .25-mile accessible loop located next to the Nature Center. From here, you can also begin longer scenic hikes to favorite destinations like Lily Pond, Suspension Bridge, Lanterman's Mill, Lakes Glacier and Cohasset, as well as access to East Cohasset Hike & Bike Trail.

Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5pm  
*Closed Monday & Observed Holidays*

Open year-round, free admission



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