How do you, your family, and friends interact with the outdoors? Do you have cookouts in your backyard, navigate crowded city streets, go running, or play sports?

In a new six-part series, bestselling author and outdoor enthusiast Baratunde Thurston takes you off the beaten path to explore how environments in different areas of the country shape the ways Americans incorporate the outdoors into their lives.

From modern homesteaders living alongside grizzlies in Idaho to coal miners turned conservationists in Appalachia to Black surfers on Long Island — America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston will introduce you to people whose outside activities are substantially influenced by where they live.

The regions featured are as diverse as Death Valley, the hottest place on earth; urban Los Angeles on the Pacific Coast; the state of Minnesota, “land of many lakes”; and the low-lying Tidewater region along the Atlantic shore.

In Death Valley National Park, Thurston seeks out the extremes of this arid landscape straddling California and Nevada and finds it to be a mecca for those who embrace its heat, isolation, and natural beauty. In Idaho, Thurston meets ranchers who share the wilderness with newly resettled refugees and learns more about how climate change is wreaking havoc on the salmon fishery.

Baratunde explores his adopted home of Los Angeles to see how Angelinos connect with the outdoors in their sprawling city. From conservationists saving a polluted river to surfers enjoying the waves, citizens agree that preserving access to outdoor LA is vitally important.

In North Carolina, you’ll follow Baratunde as he treks through a swamp and tracks wild horses on the beach while discovering how these habitats were shaped by natural and human history. In Minnesota’s Arrowhead Region, one of the last places where people can hike or paddle their way into remote wilderness, he learns how the residents are successfully preserving the area.

As the creators of this series traveled around the country, they discovered a wide range of attitudes toward the outdoors, and simultaneously also found there is a deeply held belief that being outside is essential to humanity’s well-being and must be an integral component of our personal and community planning.

Airs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. beginning July 5.
Join in the 2022 Independence Day celebration by watching *A Capitol Fourth*, broadcast live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

The concert honors our servicemen and women — former and current — who serve and sacrifice to keep us free. This star-spangled musical extravaganza is broadcast to millions of viewers on PBS and streaming platforms, as well as via the American Forces Network to our troops serving around the world.

This year’s program features some of the top country, pop, R&B, classical, and Broadway performers in the country. You can sing along with these talented musical artists and then enjoy the greatest display of fireworks anywhere in the nation. Television cameras strategically placed around Washington, D.C., will give you the best possible viewing experience.

*Airs Monday, July 4 at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.*

What does it mean to be a Muslim in America? Mona Haydar, a Syrian American rapper and activist who grew up Muslim, and her writer-educator husband, Sebastian Robins, who converted to Islam, took a 3,000-mile journey along historic Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles to find out.

The three-part documentary series *The Great Muslim American Road Trip* highlights the diversity of Muslims in America and Islam’s deep roots in America. The episodes follow Haydar and Robins as they explore Muslims’ centuries-old contributions to our history and culture. As part of their research, they met with authors, entrepreneurs, students, and others to better understand their experiences.

*Haydar and Robins discovered Muslim stories from America’s heartland that date back to the 1800s. In 1894, the St. Louis World’s Fair brought the first wave of Muslim immigrants to Missouri. As they learned about our culture, they also brought some of their customs to fellow Midwesterners.*

Muslim immigration has continued to the present. Today, St. Louis is home to more than 70,000 Bosnian Muslims, many of whom have stories of survival, immigration, and establishing new lives in America. Robins explained that they’ve really wanted to tell the ordinary hero’s story — and now they can.

*Airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. beginning July 5.*
The new five-part documentary series *The Green Planet* has been described as “planet Earth from the perspective of plants.” Produced by the BBC and hosted by David Attenborough, it is an immersive portrayal of the remarkable lives of plants in their interconnected world.

You’ll journey with Attenborough into the deepest jungles and harshest deserts to experience the behaviors of plants as never before. To gain firsthand knowledge about how plants live, Attenborough traveled to the USA, Costa Rica, Croatia, and northern Europe.

Often overlooked, plants can be as aggressive and competitive as animals, struggling to get food, fighting for their territories, and trying to reproduce. Theirs is ingenuity unlike anything you’ve ever seen — and beauty that knows no bounds. The series also examines our relationship with plants and shows the many ways that all animals including humans are totally dependent on plants.

Pioneering new filmmaking technology will provide new insights by taking viewers beyond the usual capacity of the humans to see and thus understand the previously hidden lives of flora on the green planet.

**Airs Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning July 6.**

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*The Boleyns: A Scandalous Family* is a new three-part series that follows the rise and fall of the Boleyns during the reign of Henry VIII from the family’s unique perspective. The documentary blends dramatic reenactments and interviews with leading historians.

Thomas Boleyn is the patriarch of the Boleyns. He came from a family of self-made men and rose through the ranks by continually demonstrating his political prowess. In episode 1, he is determined to elevate the family name and his ambitions for his three children take them to the heart of the Tudor court.

In episode 2, Anne has grown into a dazzling beauty and the king is caught in the glare. That is just what the family wanted, so they devise a strategy to catch a king.

In episode 3, Anne makes her play for the biggest prize in the kingdom, and in doing so changes the course of British history, but the Boleyns have no idea of the high price they will have to pay.

The acting is outstanding, the costumes are gorgeous, and the story is riveting — it’s a program you won’t want to miss.

**Coming in August.**

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From a tropical rainforest in French Guiana to the edge of time itself, the James Webb Space Telescope began a voyage back to the birth of the universe.

*NOVA: The Ultimate Space Telescope* follows the development and launch of the James Webb Space Telescope, the most complex machine ever sent into space. It was launched on December 25, 2021, from Europe’s Spaceport in French Guiana.

If the space telescope works as it is supposed to, this new 18-hexagonal-mirrored eye on the universe will peer back to the birth of the galaxies and may even be able to observe the atmospheres of exoplanets as we search for signs of life beyond Earth.

Getting this futuristic innovation to work is no easy task. Its observations need to be made a million miles away from Earth — so there is no chance to go out to do repairs. It must work perfectly.

The program will introduce you to the scientists and engineers whose ingenuity enables this adventure to happen — join them on their journey to uncover new secrets of the universe.

**Airs Wednesday, July 13, at 8 p.m.**
As the six-part season 7 of *Grantchester* begins, it’s the summer of 1959, and DI “Geordie” Keating (Robson Green), Reverend Will Davenport (Tom Brittney), and the “gang” are back together again.

Geordie is lost because he no longer has the safety net of family. He’s detached from Cathy and the kids and is living with Will at the vicarage. The eternal optimist, he calls it just a “blip” in their relationship. He is trying to win her back, but she is finding a new life. Can they reunite?

Although Will is happy with his life in Grantchester, he feels something is missing. He wants more excitement, so he and Geordie frequent the underground world of jazz clubs. Will meets someone who changes his life — for the good and bad. Then someone else comes along who he wasn’t expecting.

Will says he’s not looking for romance, but then Maya asks him to run away with her. He must make a decision — but how many hearts will he break in the process?

Find out the answer to this and so much more on *Grantchester* season 7. Airs Sundays at 8 p.m. beginning July 10.