

Southeastern MA Adult Walking Club

Department of Conservation and Recreation



SPRING 2024 HIKES

The DCR Southeastern Massachusetts Adult Walking Club meets most weekends for social recreational walks. Meeting times vary. Please see descriptions. This club is open to people 16 years of age and older and there is no fee to join. Walks average 2-miles to 5-miles and terrain is varied. New walkers are always welcome. Come for one or come for all! Bring drinking water, a snack, and dress for the weather. Some DCR sites charge a parking fee which is noted in the hike description. Inclement weather will cancel. For more information and to confirm, please call the phone number listed with the specific hike below.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation

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Sunday,

Wompatuck State Park, 9:00 am—11:00 am

March 3

Join Park staff on a moderate 3-mile hike to enjoy the early change of season. We'll learn a little park history, and recite some Robert Frost verse along the way. Mix of paved path and trail. Meet at the Visitor Center; 204 Union St., Hingham. 617-895-8245.

Saturday, March 9

Nickerson State Park, 9:00 am—11:00 am

NOTE: No bathroom facilities on-site; plan accordingly

Moderate 3.5-mile hike around Cliff Pond, with incredible vistas. Meet at the end of Flax Pond Road. From the Park entrance at 3488 Main St. in Brewster, go up the road, take your first major left on Flax Pond Rd., and follow to the end. 508-896-3491.

Sunday, March 10 Blue Hills Reservation, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Moderate 3 mile walk with some hills. We'll hike Bugbee Path to Headquarters Path, and return on Tucker Hill Path. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot at 840 Hillside St., Milton. 617-698-1802.

Saturday, March 16 Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 12:00 pm—2:00 pm

NOTE: No bathroom facilities on-site; plan accordingly

A moderate 2.8-mile loop along the Quashnet River. Some hills along the way. There will be a few short detours to observation areas on the west side of the river. Meet in the parking area at the head of the trail on Martin Rd. in Falmouth, just off of Route 28. 508-457-0495.

Sunday, March 24 Massasoit State Park, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Moderate 4-mile walk along the shores of Middle Pond and Lake Rico. Expect some small hills. Meet at the Contact Station; 1361 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton. 857-276-5365.

Saturday, March 30 Nasketucket Bay State Reservation, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

NOTE: No bathroom facilities on-site; plan accordingly

Moderate 3-mile walk through abandoned farm fields, rocky coastline, and holly/oak/beech forest. Meet at the dirt parking lot on Brandt Beach Rd., Mattapoisett. 508-272-9376.

Saturday, April 6 Bristol Blake State Reservation, 10:00 am-11:30 am

A moderate 2-mile walk takes you around two ponds and along a boardwalk through a wetland. Parking fee required. Audubon Members & DCR Parks Pass holders park free. Meet at Audubon Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, 108 North St., Norfolk. 857-276-5365.

Sunday, April 14 Borderland State Park, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

A moderately paced 4-mile walk along Bob's trail via the Pond Walk Loop. Mostly flat and rocky throughout the walk. Meet at the Visitor Center; 259 Massapoag Ave., North Easton. 508-238-6566. Parking fees apply.

Saturday, April 20 Nickerson State Park, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Moderate 1.5 mile hike around Little Cliff Pond, with vistas of spring landscape. Meet at the end of Flax Pond Road. From the Park entrance at 3488 Main St. in Brewster, go up the road, take your first major left on Flax Pond Rd., and follow to the end. 508-896-3491.

Sunday, April 21 Blue Hills Reservation, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Moderate 3+ miles with some hills. Trek the Green dot loop around the base of Great Blue Hill. Meet at the Trailside Museum North lot at 1880 Canton Ave., Milton. 617-698-1802.



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Saturday, April 27 South Cape Beach State Park, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm

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A moderate 2.2-mile walk on Dead Neck Trail, along beach barrier dunes. A portion of the trail is loose sand. Meet at trail head at Mashpee Town Beach parking lot, Beach Access

Road, Mashpee. 508-457-0495.

Sunday, May 5 Wompatuck State Park, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

An ambitious 5-mile tromp on Wompatuck's west side. Meet at the Visitors Center at 204 Union St. in Hingham, and hike to the top of Prospect Hill and back. Unpaved trail with

rocky & rooty sections. Ups and downs. 617-895-8245.

Saturday,

Nickerson State Park, 9:00 am-11:00 am

May 11 Moderate 3.5-mile hike around Cliff Pond, with incredible vistas. Meet at the end of Flax Pond Road. From the Park entrance at 3488 Main St. in Brewster, go up the road, take your

first major left on Flax Pond Rd., and follow to the end. 508-896-3491.

Saturday, May 18 Blue Hills Reservation, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Moderate, 4.5-mile hike around Ponkapoag Pond. Gentle terrain with views of the Blue Hills. Meet at Ponkapoag Public Golf Course; 2167 Washington St., Canton. 857-208-8498.

Borderland State Park, 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Saturday, May 25

A moderate 3-mile hike with hills takes us along the Granite Hills Upper and Lower Loops and some other less travelled trails. Meet at the Visitor Center; 259 Massapoag Ave., North

Easton. 508-238-6566. Parking fees apply.

