

DCR South Region
Hikes &
Happenings

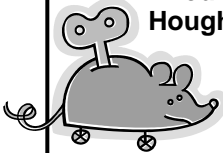
Winter
2011 – 2012



Sunday, December 4
**Holiday Toy Drive
& Mountain Bike
Ride or Hike**

Toy Drop-off & refreshments
10 am – 1 pm

Mountain Bike Ride 10 am
Houghton's Pond Hike 1 pm



Meet at the
Houghton's Pond main
parking lot at 840 Hillside Street in Milton.
Join the DCR Park Rangers and volunteers
from Blue Hills TrailWatch and New
England Mountain Bike Association for our
annual holiday toy drive collection. Bring a
new unwrapped toy, then go on a guided or
self-guided ride or hike. All toys will be
donated to Interfaith Social Services which
help deserving families during the holidays.
Gifts for children ages 11-16 are most
needed and appreciated.

Call 617-698-1802 x 213 for more info



**Blue Hills 2012
First Day Hikes**

Sunday, January 1

Free hot & hearty soup at noon
All hikes begin at 1:00 pm

Meet at the Houghton's Pond main
parking lot at 840 Hillside Street
in Milton. Please arrive by 12:30 pm
to allow sufficient time to access the event.
Parking is limited.

Celebrate the New Year in the Blue
Hills. As the Grand Daddy of First Day
Hikes, this is the twenty-first year of our
annual New Year's tradition! Enjoy the
winter woods. Warm up with a free cup of
hearty soup, then stretch your legs on a
variety of guided hikes suitable for all
ages and abilities. A perfect way to
jump start the year!

For more information,
call 617-698-1802.

Saturday, January 7 9 am - 2 pm
Winter Trails Day

Meet at the Weston Ski Track at Leo J. Martin
Golf Course at 200 Park Road in Weston. Call
781-891-6575 for more info.

New to snow sports? Try
snowshoeing and cross
country skiing at Weston Ski
Track and discover the great
fitness and social benefits with
these easy-to-learn winter
sports. Free demos, additional
rentals for a fee. Visit www.skiboston.com or
call the number above for more information.
See you on the trails!



Saturday, January 14 1 pm

**Bare Trees
Winter Walk**

Meet at the Houghton's
Pond main parking lot
at 840 Hillside Street
in Milton.

Venture with us on a
brisk walk through bare
tree silhouettes and
stands of pine and
hemlock, as we look at
the trees and shrubs that
weather winter. 1.5 hours



Sunday, January 22 1 pm

**Hammond Pond
Winter Ramble**

Call 617-333-7404, x101
for registration and meeting place.

Join a DCR ranger on a winter stroll through
the wooded trails and Roxbury Puddingstone
outcroppings of Hammond Pond Reservation.
We will also explore nearby Houghton
Garden's historic trails in Newton. 1.5 hours

Saturday, January 28 1 pm
**St. Moritz Winter
Wonderland**

Meet at the Shea Rink parking
lot at 651 Willard Street in Quincy.

The St. Moritz area of Quincy was once the
home to a huge winter carnival where elite
athletes would perform, and locals could
recreate. Join us as we discover the
interesting history of this winter wonderland
and explore its remnants, including where a
60-foot long 100-foot high ski jump once
stood, on an easy hike. 2 hours.

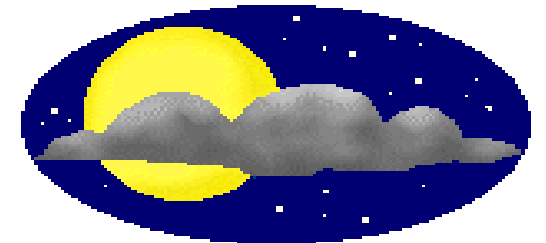


Tuesday, February 7 6 pm

**Hike Beneath
the Hunger Moon**

Email Raymond.f.mckinnon@state.ma.us
for registration and meeting place.

Experience the Blue Hills in a whole new light.
Everything changes after dark – the trails, the
trees, and the hills. Join a DCR Ranger on a
moon lit hike under the Hunger Moon as we
wander the trails of the Blue Hills. 2 hours



Saturday, February 11 1 pm

Winter Family Fun Safari

Meet at the Houghton's Pond main
parking lot at 840 Hillside Street in Milton.
Get the kids and grab your coats and hats as
we explore what's happening in winter on a
discovery hike around Houghton's Pond.
1.5 hours

Sunday, February 19 1 pm

Elm Bank Sledding Party

Meet at parking lot A in Elm Bank Reservation at 900 Washington Street in Wellesley.

Grab your sled and join a DCR Ranger for an old fashioned sledding party as we hit the slopes of Elm Bank Reservation. Bring your favorite sledding toy and we will provide the hot chocolate to keep you toasty. 1.5 hours

Sunday, February 26 2 pm - 4 pm

Frozen Fun at Reilly Memorial Skating Rink Chestnut Hill Reservation

Meet at the Reilly Memorial Skating Rink at 355 Chestnut Hill Ave, Cleveland Circle in Brighton

Join the DCR Rangers at Chestnut Hill Reservation for some winter fun. Enjoy some frozen fun on the ice at Reilly Rink or take an outdoor stroll with a ranger to look for signs of winter wildlife.

Free Ranger – led Family winter hike from 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Free Public Ice Skating 2:00 pm - 3:50 pm Skate rentals available for a fee

DCR Park Discovery from 2 pm – 4 pm

Call 617-333-7404 x 101 for more info.



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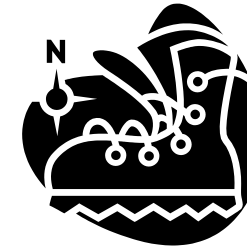
Mark your calendar for Maple Sugar Days

March 10 & 11 2012

Blue Hills Reservation Call 617-698-1802 for more info.



Things to know before you go



- Wear sturdy footwear
- Carry drinking water on all hikes
- Dress in layers for maximum comfort
- Hiking poles may be helpful
- We will hike unless the weather is severe
- If weather conditions are questionable, please call the reservation headquarters on the day of the program at 617- 698-1802, extension 3.
- Reasonable accommodations available. For questions regarding accessibility, please call the park rangers at 617-698-1802.

All programs are free!



Visit www.mass.gov/dcr for school vacation programs and additional offerings across the state!

If you would like to receive this brochure via e-mail, please send an e-mail request to: Tom.Bender@state.ma.us

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Hikes and Happenings

Winter 2011-2012



- Blue Hills Reservation
- Blue Hills Trailside Museum
- Brook Farm Historic Site
- Chestnut Hill Reservation
- Cutler Park Reservation
- Elm Bank Reservation
- Hammond Pond Reservation
- Hancock Woods Reservation
- Hemlock Gorge Reservation
- Upper Neponset River Greenway
- Lost Pond Reservation
- Quincy Quarries Historic Site
- Stony Brook Reservation
- Upper Charles River Reservation
- Wilson Mountain Reservation