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## **DCR HOSTING ACCESSIBLE RECREATION FAIR AT ARTESANI PARK IN BRIGHTON**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled an Accessible Recreation Fair in Artesani Park in Boston featuring displays and demonstrations of accessible recreation equipment for cycling and other spring and summer activities.

**The festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Artesani Park on Soldiers Field Road in Boston's Brighton neighborhood.**

Sponsored by DCR's Universal Access Program, the free fair is targeted toward persons with disabilities and their families and friends. The fair will showcase a variety of accessible outdoor recreation equipment to help persons of all ages with physical, cognitive, sensory, developmental, and other types of disabilities enjoy outdoor sports and recreation.

"Our Universal Access Program is one of the most innovative and groundbreaking programs in the nation," said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. "It has helped make the recreation programs in our state and urban parks more inclusive, so that people with disabilities can participate independently or with their friends and families in a wide variety of activities."

The fair is a day to celebrate the many forms and varieties of accessible outdoor recreation. Activities will include demonstrations, a cycling fair with an assortment of accessible cycles available for use, stretching for health, interpretive programs, a D.J., snacks, and more.

Preregistration is recommended, especially for use of equipment or to request an ASL interpreter. For information or to ask about volunteer opportunities, call Gigi at 617-626-1294 or Marcy at 413-545-5758.

DCR's Universal Access Program sponsors a wide variety of adaptive recreation opportunities in summer and winter at locations across the Commonwealth. In addition to winter activities, DCR parks and facilities offer summer activities including cycling, kayaking, canoeing, rowing, sailing, hiking, and bird watching. Skilled instructors and volunteers provide equipment, instruction, and support.

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For more information on DCR's Universal Access Program and a schedule of activities, visit [www.mass.gov/dcr/](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/) and click on "universal access," or call 617-626-1294, 413-545-5353, or 413-577-2200 (TTY).

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*The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, and dams, in addition to 278 bridges and miles of roadways. Led by Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr., the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr). Contact us at [mass.parks@state.ma.us](mailto:mass.parks@state.ma.us).*