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## **DCR WILL CLOSE CHICKATAWBUT ROAD TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON SUNDAYS**

*Blue Hills Reservation roadway to be reserved for bicycles, walkers, and other recreation*

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is starting “Sundays in the Park” in the Blue Hills Reservation by closing a section of Chickatawbut Road to all vehicles. The road will be closed between Route 28 in Milton and Willard Street in Quincy all day on Sundays from June 21 through August 30 to allow walking, cycling, rollerblading, and picnicking in the eastern section of the Reservation.

“Much like Memorial Drive in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, Chickatawbut Road will become a vehicle-free destination for recreation on summer weekends,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “While Memorial Drive is an urban setting, visitors to the Blue Hills will enjoy a quieter recreation space in a remote section of the Reservation.”

The road will be closed each weekend from Saturday evening at 8 p.m. until Monday morning at 7 a.m.

Visitors arriving by car are encouraged to park at the Shea Rink parking lot at 651 Willard Street in Quincy. A few parking spaces are also available at the intersection of Route 28 and Chickatawbut Road in Milton.

In addition to creating a location for summer recreation, the closing will also provide wildlife protection in the area. Wompatuck Road in the Reservation will also be closed on the summer Sundays between Bunker Lane in Quincy and Chickatawbut Road.

To kick off “Sundays in the Park,” and to celebrate Father’s Day and the summer solstice, DCR will lead a hike at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 21. Meet at the corner of Chickatawbut Road and Route 28 in Milton. Call the DCR Rangers at 617-698-1802 for more information.

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