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**PATRICK ADMINISTRATION HOSTS
FREE SOCCER AND TENNIS CLINICS**

Have some fun and learn the fundamentals!

The Patrick Administration announced today that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is sponsoring free, drop-in soccer and tennis clinics this month at several DCR parks. Free baseball clinics will be scheduled in July and August.

“These sports clinics promise to be a great way for players of all abilities to learn or hone their skills with people who have been playing for a long time,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “We are delighted to be partnering with several well-respected soccer and tennis associations to make this possible.”

DCR’s cosponsors for the soccer clinics are the Serra Grande Soccer Club, Liga Limas Soccer Club, New England Revolution Academy, and the Hammer Soccer Club. Tennis clinics are co-sponsored by the Franklin Park Tennis Association.

Below are the dates, times, and locations for the clinics. No preregistration is required. Participants should arrive at the starting time.

Soccer - All soccer clinics are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participants must bring their own shin guards. Other equipment will be provided.

- Saturday, June 13
DCR's Kelly Soccer Field, Turtle Pond Parkway, Hyde Park
- Saturday, June 20
DCR's Foss Park Soccer Field, McGrath-O'Brien Highway, Somerville
- Saturday, June 27
DCR's Daly Auxiliary Field, Nonantum Road, Brighton

Tennis Times for the tennis clinics will be held according to age. The clinic for children 10-years-old and younger runs from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m, youth ages 11-17 years old: 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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and for adults 18-years-old and older: 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their own racquets, but the Franklin Park Tennis Association will provide racquet for those who need one.

- Monday, June 15
DCR's Moynihan Tennis Courts, Truman Parkway, Hyde Park
- Tuesday, June 16
DCR's Foss Park Tennis Courts, McGrath-O'Brien Highway, Somerville
- Thursday, June 18
DCR's Mission Hill Tennis Courts, Southwest Corridor Park, Roxbury

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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. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.