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## **DCR Offering Accessible Ice Skating at Brockton Skating Rink**

**WHAT:** This winter, the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s (DCR) Universal Access Program will host ice skating, sled hockey and snowmobile rides for individuals with disabilities at the Asiaf Memorial Rink in Brockton.

The Universal Access Program (UAP) provides recreational accessibility to state parks for individuals with disabilities, their families, and friends. Free use of accessible equipment and staff assistance is available.

UAP strives to increase the participation among persons with disabilities in indoor and outdoor recreational activities in integrated settings. In January, February, and March, UAP will offer ice skating, sit-skating, cross-country skiing, sit cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, kick sledding, snowmobiling and other winter activities at Massachusetts state parks. The program also offers accessible cycling, boating, hiking, bird watching and horseback riding in summer and fall.

**Preregistration is required.** Call *All Out Adventures* at 413-527-8980. Also, ask about volunteer opportunities.

**WHEN:** Sundays, 1:30 - 3:20 p.m. on the following dates: January 15 and 29, February 12 and 26

**WHERE:** Asiaf Memorial Rink in Brockton, behind the Brockton High School

Directions: Route 24 to Exit 17 (Route 123 east). Follow 123 east for 1.5 miles to Brockton High School on the right. Follow the road behind the high school. Rink is straight ahead.

For more information on DCR’s Universal Access Program and a schedule of activities, and to confirm program status, call 617-626-1294 (voice) or 413-577-2200 (TTY), or visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) and click on “universal access program.”

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