

Middlesex Fells Reservation Resource Management Plan



Public Workshops Recreation

March 2, 2011, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
McGlynn Middle School



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Governor

Deval L. Patrick

Lieutenant Governor

Timothy Murray

Energy and Environmental Secretary

Richard K. Sullivan Jr.

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

Edward Lambert Jr.



Tonight's Meeting

Welcome

Recreation User Panel

Breakout Discussion

Report Back

Future Workshops

Education and Interpretation:

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Botume House, Stoneham

Enforcement:

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Breakheart Reservation, Saugus

DCR Mission Statement



To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources.

RMPs



“shall include guidelines for the operation and land stewardship of...reservations, parks and forests”

“shall provide for the protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources”

“shall ensure consistency between recreation, resource protection and sustainable forest management”

M.G.L. Chapter 21; Section 2F



Draft Management Principle and Goals

Management Principle:

Through the creative use of state management resources, partnerships and volunteer stewardship, achieve a sustainable balance between the conservation of the cultural and ecological resources at the Middlesex Fells Reservation and the provision of quality recreational opportunities.

Management Goals:

Protect the quality of water resources

Protect and enhance habitats for rare species, natural communities, native plants and wildlife

Provide for and enhance diverse recreational opportunities

Preserve the distinct historic and scenic qualities of the reservation

Enhance compliance with regulations through management presence, education, etiquette and enforcement?

Work with diverse partners and volunteers to achieve these management goals

Managed Uses at the Fells

- Observing and exploring nature
- Experiencing the diverse landscapes and views of the Fells

- Walking, hiking, snowshoeing
- Mountain biking
- Running
- Recreating with a dog/allowing dogs to recreate
- Cross-country skiing
- Occasionally finding solitude
- Stewardship of/improving the environment

Recreational Experiences at the Fells

