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# Park Passport



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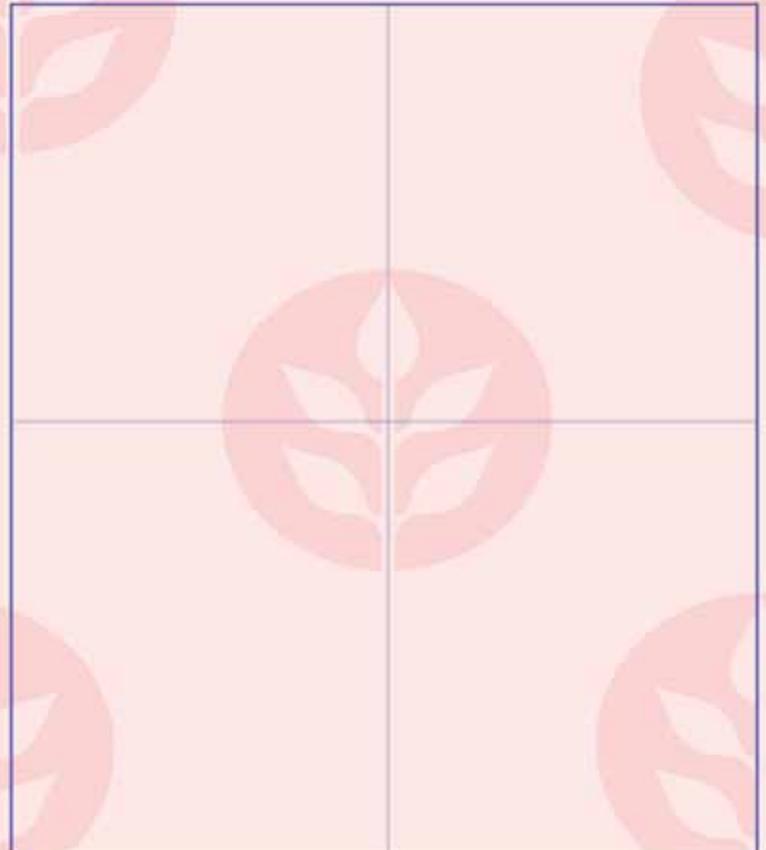
### DCR MISSION

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



*No Child Left Inside is a national movement to reconnect families and children with nature and is supported by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.*

## 52 New Passport Park Stamps!



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# WELCOME

Dear Park Passport Holder:

Lace up your hiking boots and come out to explore Massachusetts State Parks! Our 450,000 acre park system offers something for everyone. From coastal beaches to scenic mountain tops, rich forests, family camping and active day use areas, our state parks provide the perfect setting to spend an hour, a day or a week enjoying any number of recreational activities.

Consider this booklet your passport to adventure and start exploring the 76 participating parks and beaches. At each park, stamp your passport to chronicle your experience. Enjoy these special places. After all, It's your nature!

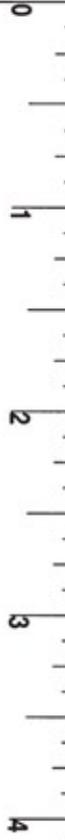
Have fun on the trails!



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**Protect wildlife and its habitat: Support the Wildlands Fund.**  
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## MassWildlife Pocket Guide to MA Animal Tracks

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### Tracks Not To Scale

Tracks will show considerable variation depending upon conditions of ground (snow, mud, dust, sand, etc.) and movement of animal.  
**F:** Front Track  
**H:** Hind Track  
**T:** Tail marks may be present



My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Region: \_\_\_\_\_

### My Favorite Parks

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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## Hike Smart, Hike Safe

Recommended items to bring on you hike:

1. A buddy
2. Water
3. Healthy Snacks (fruit, nuts, etc.)
4. Appropriate clothing and shoes (dress for the weather)
5. Map and compass
6. Rain poncho
7. Sunscreen
8. Bug spray
9. Cell phone
10. Whistle



- ▲ In case of an emergency on your hike, call 911.
- ▲ Be sure to carry a map of the area and stay on marked trails.
- ▲ If you are unsure which trail to take, turn around and backtrack rather than risk getting lost.
- ▲ Plan your hike for daylight hours and always check the weather.
- ▲ Always let an adult know where you're going and what time you plan on being back.

~~~~~ HAVE FUN!!

## Notes

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## LEGEND

CCC - Civilian Conservation Corps

 - Summit Park

SP - State Park

SF - State Forest

RT - Rail Trail

BHI - Boston Harbor Islands

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|  - Swimming         |  - Universal Access Program |
|  - Sledding         |  - Sit Skating              |
|  - Fishing          |  - Swimming                 |
|  - Ice Skating      |  - Hiking                   |
|  - Canoeing         |  - Canoeing                 |
|  - Mountain Hiking  |  - Fishing                  |
|  - Camping          |                                                                                                                |
|  - Downhill Skiing  |                                                                                                                |
|  - Biking           |                                                                                                                |
|  - Kayaking         |                                                                                                                |
|  - Wildlife Viewing |                                                                                                                |
|  - Picnicking       |                                                                                                                |
|  - X-country Skiing |                                                                                                                |
|  - Mountain Biking  |                                                                                                                |
|  - Hiking           |                                                                                                                |

## Have You... Participated in a UA program?

DCR's Universal Access Program helps kids and adults with disabilities have fun and recreate in state parks. Check out the cool equipment at featured programs and learn about how **everyone** can enjoy DCR parks. You can try handcycling, sitskiing, seated ice skating, hiking with wheelchairs and adaptive kayaking! For more information call 413-545-5353.



## Have You... Met a Fire Patrolman?

Wildland Firefighters protect the forests from damaging fires. With help from Smokey Bear, they teach people about fire safety including how to build a safe campfire, stop, drop and roll if your clothes catch on fire, use 911 for emergencies, and to make a safe meeting place outside your home if there is a fire or emergency. Wildland Firefighters use many different types of trucks, all terrain vehicles, pumps that float on the water and hand tools like rakes and shovels to put out fires in the forest. They also watch for fires in very tall lookout towers across the state by looking for smoke rising above the trees. When you visit a park or forest, ask a Wildland Firefighter what you can do to protect the forest from fire. If you are lucky, you may get a visit from Smokey Bear himself. Remember what Smokey Bear says, "Only you can prevent forest fires."



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## Greater Boston



## Water Supply Protection

Check off the reservoirs as you visit them.

- 1. Wachusett Reservoir
- 2. Quabbin Reservoir



The lock combination for Water Supply Protection is 612

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Check off the parks as you visit them.

- 1. The Blue Hills Reservation
- 2. Breakheart Reservation (CCC)
- 3. Castle Island
- 4. Charles River Reservation
- 5. Lynn Shores & Nahant Beach Res.
- 6. Middlesex Fells Reservation
- 7. Pope John Paul II Res./Neponset
- 8. Quincy Shores Reservation
- 9. Revere Beach Reservation
- 10. Stony Brook Reservation
- 11. Carson Beach
- 12. Georges Island (May-Oct.) BHI
- 13. Nantasket Beach Reservation
- 14. Southwest Corridor Reservation
- 15. Spectacle Island (May-Oct.) BHI



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## Greater Boston

There are lots of great DCR Parks to visit within a 20 minute drive from Boston.

Ride your bike on the paths along the **Charles River** and you'll go right by the **DCR Hatch Shell**. Every year on the 4th of July, close to 500,000 people come to the Hatch Shell to see the Boston Pops Orchestra and watch the fireworks. You may have seen this very same show on TV! This year come and see it live!

Go to the **Blue Hills Reservation** and visit the **Trailside Museum** to see live animals. The animals were brought there because they were either sick or injured, and the staff at Trailside helps them get better. In the winter, try skiing or snowboarding at the **Blue Hills Ski Area**. In the spring, go to **Mystic Lakes** for the annual 2-day "Bucket Brigade" to help thousands of herring get over the dam! In the summer, take the ferry to the **Boston Harbor Islands** and visit **George's Island** where you can tour an old military fort. And in the Fall, visit **Breakheart Reservation** during the annual Fall Festival for pumpkin decorating, scarecrow making, games, and more!

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## Have You...

### Met a Park Ranger?

Park Rangers patrol the parks and forests by foot, mountain bike, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), boat, and truck to protect our natural resources and make sure everyone is having a safe and fun time. They give out information, including directions. If people get lost, Rangers help to look for them, sometimes using a search dog. Interpretive Rangers teach you about what you can do or might see in the parks and forests, explain the resources of the park and why it is important to help protect our natural and cultural resources.

Interpretive Rangers also lead guided hikes and special programs like campfires and the Junior Ranger Program. Do you know that you can help protect the parks by becoming a Junior Ranger? Ask a Ranger about it! How can you identify a Ranger? Keep an eye out for that very special hat they wear.



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## Water Supply Protection

Did you know that DCR helps to protect drinking water? Did you know that there used to be four more towns in the state of Massachusetts? Their names were Enfield, Dana, Prescott and Greenwich. In 1939 these towns were evacuated and flooded to create the **Quabbin Reservoir** which supplies more than two million people with drinking water. All that water is held by one of the largest dams on the east coast. Here you may see bald eagles, moose, white tailed deer, bobcats and porcupine. You can also rent a boat and go fishing. Do you live closer to Boston? Visit the **Wachusett Reservoir**. Here you can fish many great spots from the shore or you can bike and hike any number of trails with awesome views. The Wachusett dam is considered the largest "Hand Dug" dam in the world today! These sensitive areas are drinking water supplies, so please call ahead to find out special rules and regulations concerning the reservoirs.

**Quabbin Reservoir:** 413-323-7221  
**Wachusett Reservoir:** 978-365-3800

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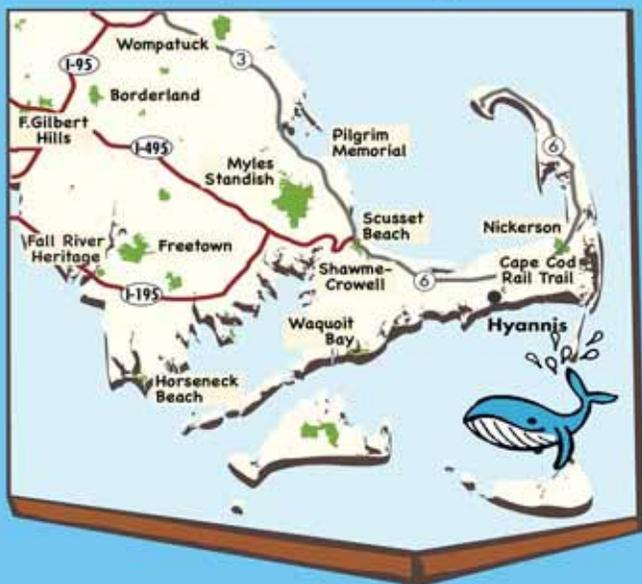
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## Western Region

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1. Ashuwillticook RT
2. Beartown SF
3. D.A.R SF
4. Mohawk Trail SF (CCC)
5. Mt. Greylock SR (CCC) 
6. Mt. Washington/  
Bash-Bish Falls SF 
7. Natural Bridge SP
8. October Mt. SF (CCC) 
9. Pittsfield SF (CCC)
10. Savoy Mtn. SF (CCC) 
11. Tolland SF
12. Western Gateway Heritage SP



The lock combination for the Western Region is 073

## Southeast Region

Southeastern Massachusetts is a great place to explore. Discover the wonders of the natural world by romping around a cranberry bog at **Myles Standish State Forest**, splashing in the kettle ponds of **Nickerson State Park**, building a sand castle at **Scusset Beach State Reservation**, cruising along the **Cape Cod Rail Trail** on your bike, riding the waves on your boogie board at **Horseneck Beach State Reservation** and making s'mores around a campfire in **Wompatuck State Park**.

Learn about Massachusetts history and see the world famous Plymouth Rock at **Pilgrim Memorial State Park** or head up to **Borderland State Park** to see a gigantic twenty-room stone mansion! The southern region offers plenty of opportunities to have fun with your family and friends.



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- 1. Borderland SP
- 2. Fall River Heritage SP
- 3. F. Gilbert Hills SF
- 4. Freetown SF
- 5. Horseneck Beach SR
- 6. Myles Standish SF (CCC)
- 7. Nickerson SP/Cape Cod RT
- 8. Pilgrim Memorial SP
- 9. Scusset Beach SR
- 10. Shawme-Crowell SF
- 11. Waquoit Bay NERR
- 12. Wompatuck SP



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## Western Region

Did you know Massachusetts has a wild west? There are over 150,000 acres of open space to explore and experience in the Berkshire Mountains. Hike to the top of **Mount Greylock** and stand on the highest spot in Massachusetts. Like waterfalls? Visit **Bash Bish Falls** and see the highest single-drop waterfall in MA. Have fun swimming, boating or fishing at **Tolland** or the many other lakes in the region. You can rent a cabin and camp at **Savoy Mtn.** and **Mohawk Trail State Forests** or try out a yurt at **October Mountain**. Don't know what a yurt is? Come and find out. Bike 11 miles on the **Ashwilticook Rail Trail** or hike all the way from Connecticut to Vermont on a portion of the famous **Appalachian Trail**. In winter, trek around **Pittsfield** or **Beartown State Forests** in snowshoes or cross country skis. Learn about forest animals in the nature center at **DAR**. At **Western Gateway**, see a model railroad and pretend you are working on the Hoosic Tunnel, one of the greatest engineering feats of the 19th century. At **Natural Bridge**, see a 550 million year-old arch created by glaciers.

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### Northeast Region

There is so much to do in the Northeast Region. Ramble along the beach at **Salisbury Beach State Reservation** or check out the tide pools full of sea stars at **Halibut Point State Park**. Head inland to hike in the forest at **Harold Parker State Forest** and **Willard Brook State Forest**. You might get lucky and see a deer or a box turtle! You can find cool ponds for canoeing or swimming at **Cochituate** and **Hopkinton State Parks**.

Take a swim and explore the woods at **Walden Pond State Reservation** and find out why people come from all over the world to see this beautiful place. Finish up your Northeast Regional tour at **Great Brook Farm State Park**, the country's only operating dairy farm in a state park. See Holstein cows and sample some ice cream made right on the premises!

What flavor are you going to have?



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## Northeast Region

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- 1. Bradley Palmer SP
- 2. Cochituate SP
- 3. Great Brook Farm SP
- 4. Halibut Point SP
- 5. Harold Parker SF (CCC)
- 6. Hopkinton SP
- 7. Lawrence Heritage SP
- 8. Lowell Heritage SP
- 9. Maudslay SP
- 10. Salisbury Beach SR
- 11. Walden Pond SR
- 12. Willard Brook SF (CCC)



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### Central Region

Check off the parks as you visit them.

- 1. Blackstone River and Canal Heritage SP
- 2. Chicopee Memorial SP
- 3. Norwottuck RT/Elwell Rec. Area
- 4. Douglas State Forest (CCC)
- 5. Dunn SP
- 6. Erving SF
- 7. Great Falls Discovery Center
- 8. Hampton Ponds SP
- 9. Holyoke Heritage SP
- 10. Lake Wyola SP
- 11. Leominster SF
- 12. Moore SP



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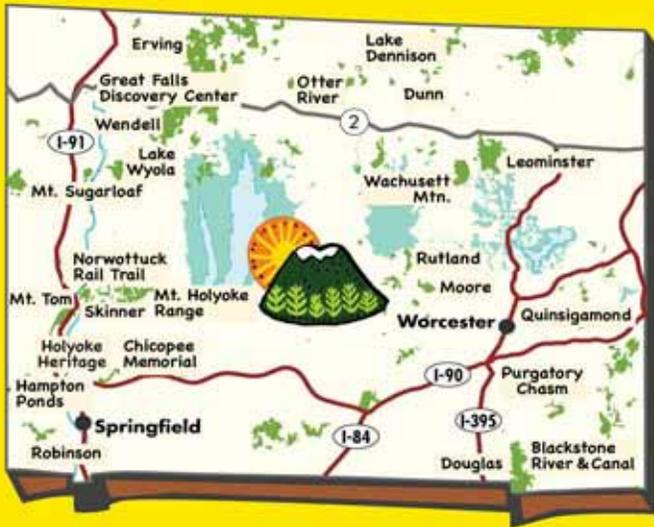
13. Mt Sugarloaf SR 
14. Mt Tom SR (CCC) 
15. Mt. Holyoke Range SP 
16. Wachusett Mtn. SR (CCC) 
17. Otter River SF/Lake Dennison RA
18. Purgatory Chasm SR
19. Quinsigamond SP
20. Robinson SP (CCC)
21. Rutland SP
22. Skinner SP 
23. Wendell SF (CCC)

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## Central Region



## Central Region

There's tons of fun to be had in the Central Region. Hike or drive to the summit of **Wachusett Mountain**. On a clear day, you can see from Boston to the Berkshires! Check out the Connecticut River by Rollerblading or biking the **Norwottuck Rail Trail**. Visit the **Great Falls Discovery Center** where you can get up close and personal with a full-size bear or moose (stuffed of course). **Purgatory Chasm** has rocks that are millions of years old, boulders big as cars and cliffs that are 80 feet straight up! Time travel to the 1800's when you visit **Holyoke Heritage**. While you're there, take a ride on the merry-go round or visit the Children's Museum. Walk along the towpath at **Blackstone River & Canal** and visit the mill village "ghost town" at **Moore**. If it's hot, take a dip in **Dunn Pond** or **Lake Wyola**. You can take swimming lessons at **Leominster State Forest** and many DCR Pools. Do you like to camp? **Lake Dennison** has lakeside campsites. **Erving** and **Otter River** treat you to evening campfire stories. At **Skinner State Park** stand on the historic **Summit House** porch atop Mt. Holyoke where you can see forever. If you're lucky, you might spot a hang glider or a bald eagle.