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Park Passport

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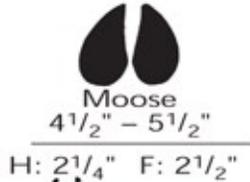
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MassWildlife Pocket Guide to MA Animal Tracks

Track Pattern



Track Pattern



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

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My Name: _____

My Region: _____

My Favorite Parks

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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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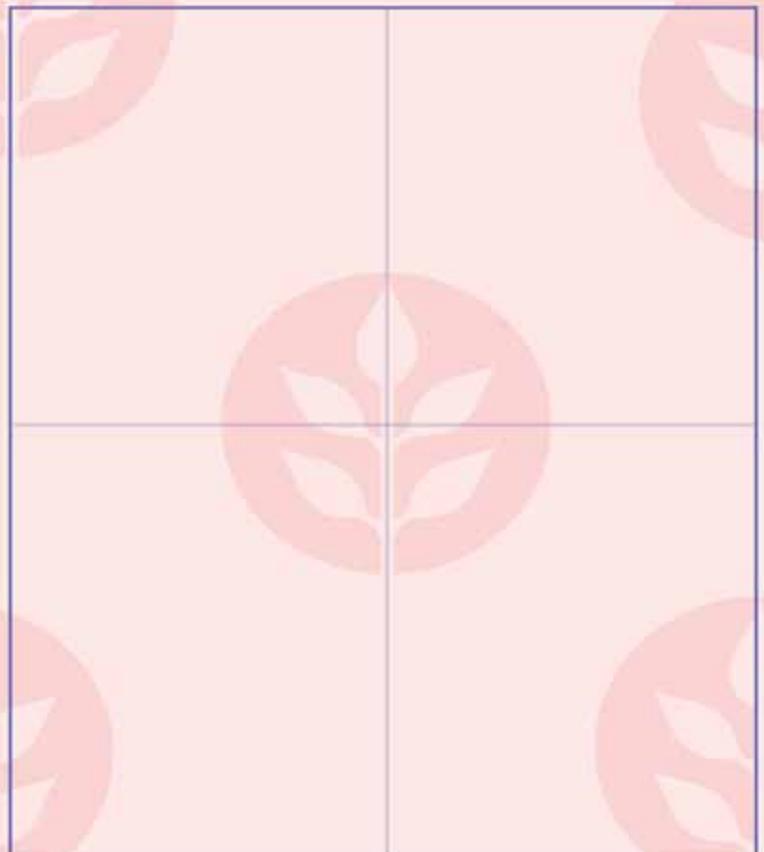
DCR MISSION

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.

20 New Passport Park Stamps!



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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# Park Passport

## Northeast Region



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### Northeast Region

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## Northeast Region

Check off the parks as you visit them

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)



The lock combination for the Northeast Region is 210

## 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?



## 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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