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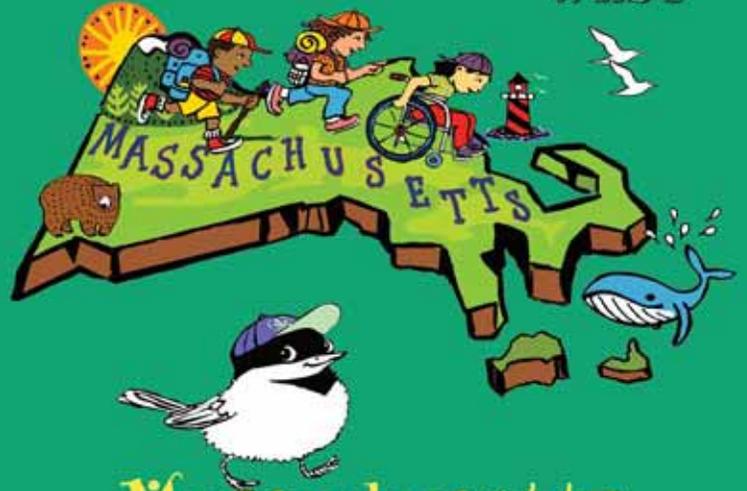
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Park Passport

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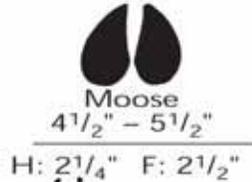
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MassWildlife Pocket Guide to MA Animal Tracks

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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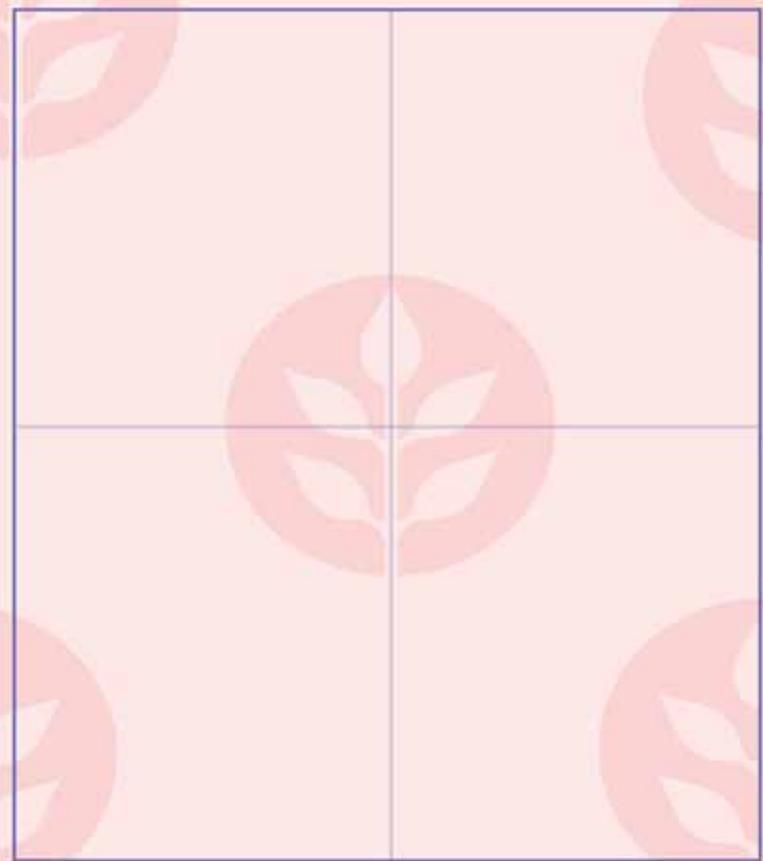
DCR MISSION

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

## Western Region



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## Western Region

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Check off the parks as you visit them

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

## 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 **Ashuwillticook 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.

## 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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