Welcome to DCR’s Beartown State Forest

Home to the pristine Benedict Pond and a section of the Appalachian Trail, Beartown offers 12,000 acres of park land and is primarily used for fresh water swimming, camping and hiking.

Beartown is part of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

DCR offers 450,000 acres of parks, forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds and dams. Its mission is to protect, promote, and enhance the state’s natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn about DCR and to discover more parks and recreational opportunities within the Massachusetts state parks, visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

TRAIL USE GUIDELINES

• Stay on designated trails and roads
• Observe all posted rules and regulations.
• Camping allowed only at designated campsites or lean-tos.
• Motorized vehicle use limited:
  Inquire at Forest Headquarters
• Be respectful of other trail users:
  Hikers: Allow bicyclists and equestrians to pass.
  Bicyclists: Control your bikes and avoid startling horses and hikers—announce your presence.
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• Be aware of hunting seasons and wear blaze orange when appropriate.
• Off Road Vehicle (ORV/OHV/ATV) Riding Season: May 1st-last Sunday in November, weather permitting.
• NO ORV/OHV/ATV operation allowed in campground.

Designated by a heart symbol, Healthy Heart Trails are pathways or trails used for hiking or walking that are easy to moderate in activity level, and intended for novice use to help build a healthy heart.
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Winter Use Trail Map

Laura's Tower

BEARTOWN MTN. (ELEV. 1865’)

Appalachian Trail

(Closed-No Vehicles)

(Not Plowed)

Beartown Mountain Trail

Mt. Wilcox Trail

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LEGEND: WINTER USE

• Beartown State Forest

• Arthur Warner Swann State Forest (no hunting)

• Paved Road

• Ungated Road

• Snowmobile Trail

• Skiing Trail

• Appalachian Trail

• Snowshoe Trail

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PARKS

• Tennis Area

• Ball Field, Parking

• Campground

• Lean-tos

• Scenic Vista

• Forest Headquarters

• Trail Boundary

• Power Line

• Wetland

• Brook, River

• Pond, Lake

• Contour Line

• OR Interval

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