

Welcome to DCR's Castle Island

Welcome to DCR's Castle Island, home of Fort Independence, which is the centerpiece of this 22-acre park. Fort Independence, a pentagonal five-bastioned, granite fort built between 1834 and 1851, is the dominating feature of Castle Island.

Castle Island is managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

DCR oversees 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.



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