

Resource Management Plan: Update

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Recap

- Develop approach/strategy to complete RMPs in 5 years
- Identify needed resources
- Complete ALL remaining RMPs
- Selectively go back and complete more extensive planning, as needed





Guidelines

- Focus on Legislative Language
- Reference other plans
- Leverage expertise of colleagues to provide information
- Use in tandem with the Stewardship Map



Reimagining RMPs

- **1st Approach**
 - Revise process
 - Keep product
 - Minimal gains (2-4 weeks)
- **Revisit Legislation**
 - What is an RMP?
 - What does “all reservations, forests and parks” include?
 - Re-examine RMPs & FRMPs
- **How many RMPs?**
 - 46 completed, 13 in progress, 201 remain
 - # workdays in 5 years = 1,151
 - # properties remaining = 201
 - 5.7 days/RMP
- **Design Parameters**
 - Develop format that meets Chapter 21, Section 2F and can be prepared at the rate of approximately 1/week

Reimagining RMPs (continued)

- **NPS Foundation Document**
 - Useful sections
 - Combined RMP with NPS
- **Straw men**
 - Varied in length and detail
 - Briefest iteration
 - Dashboard
 - Land Stewardship Zoning text
 - LSZ map
- **Borderland SP Proof of Concept**
 - Proposed format going forward





Borderland State Park

South Region

South Coast District

Blue Hill Complex

PARK OVERVIEW

Date Established:	1974
Location:	Easton, Sharon
Landscape Designation (acres)	
Parkland:	1,843
Reserve:	0
Woodland:	0
Park Size (acres)	1,843
Forest:	1,282
Lakes and Ponds:	153
Wetlands:	331
Other:	77
Boundary Length (miles)	12.7
Annual Attendance (2015):	318,485
Regulatory Designations (acres)	
• Area of Critical Environmental Concern – Canoe River	2
• National Register Historic District	1,270
• Priority Habitat (MESA)	1,662

LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS

- Historic Curatorship Ground Leases
 - Smith Farm-Residence - expires 2052
 - Wilbur Farm-Non-Profit - expires 2047

CONCESSIONS

- None

PARTNERS & FRIENDS

- Borderland State Park Advisory Council
- Friends of Borderland State Park
<http://www.friendsofborderland.org/>
- Borderland Disc Golf
<http://www.borderlanddiscgolf.com/>
- New England Mountain Bike Association
Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter
<https://www.nemba.org/chapters/semasanemba>

FEATURES OF INTEREST

- Ames Mansion and grounds
- Carriage paths and walking trails through designed landscape
- Disc Golf course
- Lawrence Newcomb Visitor Center

ACTIVITIES

- Bicycling mountain
- Disc Golf
- Dogwalking on leash
- Dogwalking off-leash area
- Fishing fin fish
- Geocaching
- Heritage tourism
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Mansion Tours (\$)
- Nature study/photography
- Orienteering
- Picnicking
- Running/jogging
- Skiing cross country
- Sledding/tubing
- Tai Chi (\$)
- Tennis

S - A fee may be associated with this activity.

REVISED RMP

Dashboard

Introduction

Park Identity and Significance

Defining Resources and Values

Interpretive Themes

Visitor Experience

Threats and Opportunities

Climate Impacts

Applied Land Stewardship Zoning

Property/Landscape Designation/Land

Stewardship Zoning map

Consistency Review

Indicators of Consistency

Management Recommendations

Recommendations Table

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Comments And Questions