Welcome to DCR’s Erving State Forest

Named for the abundance of flowering mountain laurel, Erving is home to Laurel Lake, primarily used for camping, hiking, mountain biking and is a very popular spot for fresh water swimming. Erving is part of the Massachusetts state park system and 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.

Sponsored by:

Legend: Summer Use
- Erving State Forest
- Other State Property
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Hiking Trail
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms (Accessible)
- Pavilion
- Boat Ramp
- Parking
- Accessible Parking
- Contact Station
- Scenic Gazebo
- Forest Headquarters
- Closed Gate*
- Railroad
- Town Boundary
- Wetland
- Brook, River
- Pond, Lake
- Contour Line (10’ Intervals)

* Gates are in place to discourage motor vehicle use. All other trail users are welcome to travel beyond gate.

Trail Use Guidelines
- Stay on designated trails and roads.
- Observe all posted rules and regulations.
- Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) use prohibited.
- Be alert for other trail users.
- Hikers: Allow bicyclists and equestrians to pass.
- Bicyclists: Control your bike—do not skid.
- Avoid startling horses and hikers—announce your presence.
- Equestrians: Control your horse.
- Be aware of hunting seasons, and wear blaze orange when appropriate.
- Horses are prohibited in the campground & camp road.