



Cutler Park Reservation

Cutler Park is an oasis of nature amidst the residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation-related development of metropolitan Boston. The park is located along the western bank of the Charles River in Needham and Dedham adjacent to Broad Meadow, a large freshwater marsh. It provides access for water-based recreation, such as canoeing and fishing, as well as trails for hiking and mountain biking. A system of boardwalks connects the park's upland areas and islands, creating a trails network that passes over the marsh. The parkland was once the site of two water works that provided drinking water from the Charles River to Newton and Brookline residents. Parts of these historic water works may still be observed throughout the woods as you walk along Cutler's trails.

Associated with Cutler Park is the Honorable Marie-Louise Kehoe Park. This park, formerly called Riverdale Park, is located on the west bank of the Charles River in Dedham. It provides recreation facilities for the surrounding neighborhood.

Top Attractions

- Basketball and tennis courts at Kehoe park
- Blue Heron Trail—a multi-town, multi-property trail network
- Scenic views of the Charles River
- Trails network

Friends Group

- None

Partners & Permittees

- The Trustees

Conservation Opportunities

- Increase protection and public awareness of cultural resources associated with the historic water works.
- Enhance the visitor experience by applying recently developed DCR regulations that manage commercial dog walking.
- Work with local Boards of Health to increase park visitors' awareness of fish consumption advisory.

Park Inventory

Date Established

Cutler Park:	1962
Riverdale Park:	1931
Kehoe Park:	2008

Landscape Designation

Cutler Park:	Parkland
Kehoe Park:	Parkland

Management

This park is managed by staff from the Blue Hills Reservation

Park Size (acres)

Total Area:	772.0
Wetlands:	464.0
Lakes and Ponds:	46.0

Rare Species

State-listed:	4
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Cultural Resources

Documented:	49
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Miles of Roads

Paved:	0.3
Unpaved:	1.4

Miles of Trails

Official:	7.9
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DCR Recreation Facilities

Basketball Half Courts:	4
Boat Launch:	2
Picnic Areas:	2
Playgrounds:	1
Tennis Courts:	2

