



# Neponset River Reservation

The portion of the Neponset River Reservation upstream of Paul's Bridge falls within the Blue Hills Complex. This includes Fowl Meadow, the Lt Arthur E. Farnham, Jr. and TSgt Thomas M. Connolly, Jr. Memorial Park (Farnham & Connolly), and several unnamed parcels. The reservation provides access to the Neponset River for fishing, picnicking, and the launching of car-top boats. These properties protect freshwater marshes, forested wetlands, and uplands along the river. Canoeists and kayakers along this stretch of the Neponset get to experience calm waters flowing past largely undeveloped riverfronts, all within metropolitan Boston.

The reservation's only formal recreation area is located at Farnham & Connolly. It includes an accessible loop trail, two scenic overlooks, and a shade structure. This facility celebrates the park's natural history as well as its aviation history.

## Top Attractions

- Farnham & Connolly Memorial Park
- River access

## Friends Group

- Friends of the Blue Hills  
<http://www.friendsofthebluehills.org>

## Partners & Permittees

- Neponset River Watershed Association
- The Trustees

## Conservation Opportunities

- Enhance the visitor experience by applying recently developed DCR regulations that manage commercial dog walking.
- Improve rare plant habitat at Fowl Meadow through active management.
- Review and update the current Rare and Endangered Species Habitat Management Plan for Fowl Meadow.

## Park Inventory

### Date Established

Fowl Meadow:	1899
Farnham & Connolly:	2014

### Landscape Designation

Parkland

### Management

This park is managed by staff from the Blue Hills Reservation.

### Park Size (acres)

Total Area:	1,297.6
Wetlands:	998.2
Lakes and Ponds:	28.3

### Rare Species

State-listed:	6
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### Cultural Resources

Documented:	8
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### Miles of Roads

Paved:	0.0
Unpaved:	0.0

### Miles of Trails

Official:	7.4
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### DCR Recreation Facilities

Accessible Trail:	1
Boat Launch:	1
Picnic Areas:	1
Shade Shelters:	1

