



# Franklin State Forest

Franklin State Forest is best known for its trail-based recreation. It is one of four DCR parks in eastern Massachusetts where off-highway vehicles (OHVs), trail bikes only, are allowed. Hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians share these trails with OHVs, and also use a network of OHV-free trails. The forest is open for hunting.

### Top Attractions

- OHV trails
- Hunting
- Hiking/Biking trails

### Friends Group

- None

### Partners & Permittees

- Foxborough-Wrentham-Franklin State Forests Advisory Council
- King Philip Trail Riders

### Conservation Opportunities

- Reopen main trails/fire roads to emergency vehicles by clearing brush and repairing heavily eroded areas.
- Implement recently identified trail system recommendations to improve signs, markings, and maps; increase separation of motorized and non-motorized trails; and close access points from adjacent properties.

## Park Inventory

**Date Established:** 1935

**Landscape Designation**  
Parkland

### Current Staffing

This park is managed by staff from F. Gilbert Hills State Forest.

### Park Size (acres)

Total Area:	874.8
Wetlands:	137.3
Lakes and Ponds:	0.2

### Rare Species

State-listed:	1
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### Cultural Resources

Documented:	9
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### Miles of Roads

Paved:	0.0
Unpaved:	0.0

### Miles of Trails

Official:	11.1
OHV:	7.8

### DCR Recreation Facilities

This is a natural area, DCR does not maintain any constructed recreation facilities at this park.

