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for

FIRST DAY HIKES

JANUARY 1, 2025



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Visit www.mass.gov/dcr for more information.
In case of inclement weather, please call
the park for cancellation updates.

BOSTON

Pope John Paul II Park Reservation – 10 a.m.
Hallet Street, Boston
1 mile hike
Meet by the Kiosk at Hallet St. Entrance.
Co-Sponsored by the Neponset River Greenway Council

NORTH

Breakheart Reservation – 10 a.m.
177 Forest Street, Saugus
2 or 3 mile hike, two trail options
Meet at the Christopher P. Dunne Visitor Center.
Co-sponsored by the Friends of Breakheart

Halibut Point State Park – 10 a.m.
4 Gott Avenue, Rockport
3 mile hike
Meet at park entrance near parking lot.
Co-sponsored by the Friends of Halibut Point State Park

Harold Parker State Forest – 10 a.m.
700 Middleton Road, North Andover
2 mile hike
Meet at Berry Pond Beach.
Co-sponsored by the Friends of Harold Parker State Forest

Walden Pond State Reservation – 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (self-guided)
915 Walden Street, Concord
Under 2 mile hike
Start at the Walden Visitor Center.
Visitor Center open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

SOUTH

South Cape Beach State Park – 10 a.m.
668 Great Oak Rd, Mashpee
1 mile hike
Meet in the parking lot.
Co-sponsored by Friends of Waquoit Bay

Blue Hills Reservation – 12 p.m.
840 Hillside Street, Milton
Gather at Houghton's Pond Visitor Center at 11 a.m.
Two guided hikes and one self-guided hike at 12 p.m.
Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Blue Hills and Trailside Museum
Parking and space are limited. There is no parking outside DCR property

CENTRAL

Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center – 10 a.m.
3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester
5 mile hike
Meet at the visitor center.
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park – 10 a.m.
287 Oak Street, Uxbridge
1.5 mile hike
Meet at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center.
Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Dunn State Park – 10 a.m.
289 Pearl Street, Gardner
1.5 mile hike
Meet at the Pond House.
Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Accessible hike – 11 a.m.
Co-led by DCR's Universal Access Program and All Out Adventures.
Register by noon on December 31 by calling 413-584-2052 or
emailing programs@alloutadventures.org.

Pearl Hill State Park – 10 a.m.
105 New Fitchburg Rd, Townsend
2 mile hike
Meet at 105 New Fitchburg Rd, Townsend.
Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Wachusett Reservoir – 11 a.m.
167 Temple Street (Rt 140), West Boylston
2.2 mile hike
Meet at Gate 22 on Rt 140 starting at 10 a.m.

WEST

Great Falls Discovery Center – 1 p.m.
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls
3 mile hike
Meet at the Great Hall
Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center

Chester Blandford State Forest – 10 a.m.
631 U.S. Route 20, Chester
2 mile hike
Meet at Sanderson Brook Falls Parking Lot
Co-sponsored by the Western MA Hilltown Hikers