



Go Green on Black Friday

Friday, November 25, 2022

Join Park Interpretive staff for free, family-friendly guided hikes across the state. For additional information, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, MA, 10:00 am - 12:00pm

Skip the madness at the malls and join us for a fun and informative hike in the Blue Hills. This 3-mile moderate hike is the perfect way to burn off that turkey and enjoy the beauty of nature, something we can all be thankful for. Meet at the Houghton's Pond Visitor Center. Inclement weather may cancel. Call to confirm or for more information at (857) 208-8494.

Borderland State Park, North Easton, MA, 1:00 pm - 3:00pm

Did you eat too much pumpkin pie? Don't feel like shopping? Spend some time outside with nature! Join the park staff for a moderate paced 4-mile hike to Bob's Trail. Hike is mostly flat. Leashed dogs are welcome. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring drinking water and a snack. Meet at the Visitor Center at 259 Massapoag Avenue in North Easton. Rain, snow, or icy trails will cancel. For more info or to confirm, please call Paul at (508) 238-6566. Hike is free; there is a \$5 per MA-plate vehicle and \$20 per out-of-state-plate vehicle. Mobile payments accepted via the YODEL app; for more info visit <https://www.mass.gov/doc/parking-in-ma-state-parks-yodel-faq/download>.

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls, MA, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Forget shopping—let's connect with nature and local history. Join us for a leisurely walk along the Canalside Rail Trail in Turners Falls. This walk is about 3 miles long, on a level paved surface making for an easy stroll appropriate for adults and children ages 8 and up. Be prepared for cold weather, dress in layers. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. The walk will begin at the front entrance to the Great Falls Discovery Center. Inclement weather or icy trail conditions will cancel.

Harold Parker State Forest, North Andover, MA, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

You'll feel better about that Thanksgiving indulgence if you come join us for a hike through the beautiful Harold Parker State Forest! Best for children ages 8 and up. Hike for about 2 miles on moderate trails. Wear clothing for hiking; bring rain gear as appropriate. Pouring rain, snow, or ice cancels. Meet in the parking lot at 305 Middleton Road. Parking will be free. Call (617) 828-1728 for more information.

Nasketucket Bay State Reservation, Mattapoisett, MA 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Moderate 3-mile walk along fields, rocky coast, and holly/beech forest. Trails are mostly level and easy; one difficult section over rocky coastline. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. Best for ages 10 years and older. Rain, snow, icy trails, or inclement weather may cancel. Meet at dirt parking lot on Brandt Beach Road in Mattapoisett. For more info or to confirm, call (508) 272-9376.

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Falmouth, MA, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Enjoy a leisurely walk around the headquarters to get some fresh air and learn a bit about the history of this area. Most of the walk is on level ground but walkers will need to navigate getting down and up a steep hill to explore the shoreline. After about a mile, we'll end up in the visitor center with a hot chocolate treat. In case of inclement weather walk will be canceled but we will still have an open house in the Visitor Center with hot chocolate offered all day. Meet at Visitor Center at 131 Waquoit Highway (Route 28) in Falmouth. For more info, call (508) 457-0495.

Looking for a location closer to you? Check out our list of suggested hikes for a full list of self-guided hike options at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-programs-and-events>.