

Suggested Hikes, Rides and Paddles!

Manuel F. Correllus State Forest

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To help you plan your visit to DCR's Manuel F. Correllus State Forest, we offer the following suggested experiences that we think you might enjoy.

- **“Introductory”** are short and appropriate for most users, including families with children.
- **“Signature”** are recommended trail experiences. These may be longer or more difficult but highlight some of the best park features.

For a safe and enjoyable park experience please review the **Things to Know Before You Go** section at the end of this document. Download a map before you go:
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/manuel-f-correllus-state-forest-trail-map/download>

Signature Hike Willow Tree Bottom Trail

Trailhead: Pick up a map, and park on Old County Road **Lat/Long:** 41.403281, -70.660501

Distance: 2.1 miles one-way **Difficulty:** Strenuous

Brief Description: If you start it in the north-west part of the forest, the Willow Tree Bottom Trail traverse the unique shrubland habitats of the State Forest to end up near the Heath Hen Memorial, a memorial to the Heath Hen, a bird that vanished from this ecosystem in the late 1800s.

Signature Bike Ride Correllus Bike Paths

Trailhead: Parking is available off of Barnes Road or Old County Road **Lat/Long:** 41.404242, -70.604223

Distance: 10 mile loop **Difficulty:** Easy

Brief Description: This paved bike path loops around the perimeter of the State Forest. Along the path you can experience the variety of woodland, shrub and grassland habitats special to the forest. Don't forget to stop at the Heath Hen Memorial in the southwest portion of the forest.

Signature Hike

Dr. Fisher Road to Quampache Trail

Trailhead: Start at the Forest Headquarters or parking on Barnes Road **Lat/Long:** 41.406250, -70.600474

Distance: 3.5 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

Brief Description: Make a loop, connecting the ancient way, Dr. Fisher Road, to Fire Road 12, and then Fire Road D. Return via the Quampache Trail.

Things to Know Before You Go

- **Time, distance, difficulty.** The average hiker pace is estimated at 1.5 miles per hour. Most distances are round-trip. Plan conservatively, start early. Be aware of weather and sunset. Trail difficulty ratings based on ruggedness and gradient are *easy*, *moderate*, or *difficult*.
- **Wear weather appropriate clothing**, layer for temperature changes. Bring sunblock. Wear appropriate and sturdy footwear.
- **Parking at trailheads.** [Parking fees](#) may apply. Space may be limited. Be courteous to avoid blocking in others. Do not leave valuables in your car.
- **Bring a map and share your plans with someone.**
- **Drinking water** may not be available on site. Bring plenty!
- **Stay on designated trails.** Follow painted blazes and signs if available. Generally, double blazes indicate an intersection or direction change.
- **Pace & group size.** Keep your group together; hike only as fast as your group's slowest hiker or rider. Limit your group size to 12 people or fewer to lessen impacts.
- **Carry-in, carry-out all trash and personal belongings.** Follow the Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. [More information here.](#)
- **Know which parks are pet friendly.** Dogs are not permitted in DCR Water Supply Protection areas (such as Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs) and certain state parks. Always keep your dog leashed, 10-foot maximum. Always pick up after your dog and dispose of waste properly. [Complete guidelines here.](#)
- **Be aware of hunting seasons.** Wear blaze orange when appropriate. [More information here.](#)
- **Wear a bicycle helmet** while biking. Riders age 16 and under must wear a helmet. It is the law. [More information here.](#)

- **Wear your PFD** while boating. A Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or life preserver, must be worn by boaters age 12 and under; and canoeists/kayakers from Sept. 15-May 15. [More information here.](#)
 - **Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers.** Prevent the transport of nuisance species. Clean all recreational equipment. It is the law. [More information here.](#)
 - **Be aware some trails may not be well marked, and some may not be identified on a trail map.**
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