



**Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Natural Bridge State Park Master Plan and Design  
Public Listening Session  
Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6pm – 7:30pm**

**Register:** [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvcOggqz0iHdcILHf-W6rRN6AW621tV\\_zF](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAvcOggqz0iHdcILHf-W6rRN6AW621tV_zF)

At this virtual public meeting, the project team will present the initial goals and scope of work for the Natural Bridge Master Plan and design. Natural Bridge State Park is home to the only natural white marble arch in North America. According to geologists, the park's namesake natural bridge, made of 550-million-year-old bedrock marble, was carved into its iconic arch by the forces of glacial melt water over 13,000 years ago. Today, the bridge spans the bubbling Hudson Brook as it twists and tumbles through a steep 60-foot gorge--one of the best demonstrations of glacial erosion in New England. Inside the park, visitors can also tour an abandoned marble quarry and check out the only white marble dam in North America. DCR seeks public input to create a vision for both short- and long-term investments that renovate and modernize the park while strengthening and supporting the communities it serves.

The public will be invited to ask questions and provide feedback on the presentation, using the Q&A functionality that will be available through the virtual participation platform. After the meeting, the presentation will be available for viewing at <https://www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings>. DCR encourages the public to share additional feedback, with a deadline for receipt of comments by DCR of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Comments may be submitted online at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment>. Please note that the content of comments you submit to DCR, along with your name, town, and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Additional contact information required when commenting, notably email address, will only be used for outreach on future updates on the subject project or property.

If you have agency-related questions or concerns or would like to be added to an email list to receive DCR general or project-specific announcements, please email [Mass.Parks@mass.gov](mailto:Mass.Parks@mass.gov) or call 617-626-4973.

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