

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Pittsfield Complex Resource Management Plans Public Meeting

Tuesday, February 25th @ 6pm – 7:30pm Register for the meeting via the <u>Zoom Registration Link</u>.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is holding an informational meeting and public listening session on the preparation of Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for the following locations in DCR's Pittsfield Complex: Ashmere Lake State Park; Balance Rock State Park; Bates Memorial State Park; Bryant Mountain State Forest; Gilbert A. Bliss State Forest; Middlefield State Forest; October Mountain State Forest; Peru State Forest; Pittsfield State Forest (including South Mountain/West Region HQ); Richmond State Forest; Wahconah Falls State Park; and Worthington State Forest. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the RMP planning process and to take comments about these properties. This is the first of two public meetings to be held concerning these properties. The second public meeting will be scheduled when draft RMPs are available for public review and comment.

The public will be invited to provide comments during the meeting, after the presentation, by unmuting their microphones, or the chat functionality that will be available through the virtual participation platform. After the meeting, the presentation will be available for viewing on DCR's <u>Past events for DCR Public Meetings Information</u> web page. DCR encourages the public to share additional feedback, with a deadline for receipt of comments by DCR of March 27th, 2025. Comments may be submitted via the <u>DCR public comment portal</u>. 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 <u>Mass.Parks@mass.gov</u> or call 617-626-4973.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, please include as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow adequate advance notice for your request. Last minute requests will be accepted, but we may be unable to fulfill the request. Please send an e-mail to Melixza G. Esenyie, ADA and Diversity Manager at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov_or call 617-872-3270.