

### Quabbin Reservoir's Management Agency

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), part of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, is steward of 450,000 acres of forests, parks, greenways, historic sites and landscapes, seashore, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and watersheds throughout the Commonwealth.

DCR's Division of Water Supply Protection (DCR-DWSP) manages Quabbin, Wachusett and Sudbury Reservoirs as well as the Ware River watershed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA).

DCR-DWSP is responsible for the safe storage of source waters, protection of reservoir water quality, and management of the watersheds. MWRA is responsible for drinking water distribution and treatment.

Preserve your privilege to use this unique resource. Please follow these rules and regulations.

#### ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS:

- Fishing
- Bicycling
- Hiking
- Picnicking (without fire or grills)

**ACCESS IS RESTRICTED TO HOURS POSTED AT GATES AND ENTRANCES.**

#### PROHIBITED

- Disposal of human waste, refuse, or litter anywhere except where appropriate receptacles are provided.
- Alcoholic beverages and cannabis.
- Swimming and wading.
- All fires.
- Horses, dogs and other domestic animals.
- Camping, skiing, hunting, trapping, and firearms.
- Trespassing in posted restricted areas and on the ice.
- Removal of historic artifacts or natural resources.
- Drones

Please report violators to:

Watershed Rangers at **(617) 828-2452**

State Police - Quabbin at **(413) 323-7561**

For more information contact the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center at [QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov](mailto:QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov)

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# Bicycle Access Information

Quabbin Reservation

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## ***Bicycling Access Regulations for DCR Land at Quabbin Reservoir***

Bicycling access is allowed only on designated roads in Quabbin Park, Quabbin Reservation and Quabbin Off Reservation.

Off-road and single track bicycling is not permitted in any areas of the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System.

Helmets and protective gear are required by MA law for children under 16 years of age, and are strongly recommended for all others.

While bicycling on paved or gravel road surfaces has little water quality impact, associated activities do have potential impact including:

- Impacts of parking lots include erosion of off road area and pollution from cars.
- Improper disposal of human waste.
- Littering or vandalism.

### **Quabbin Park**

- Approximately 3,000 acres at the southern tip of Quabbin Reservoir. Accessed by 3 entrances on Route 9 in Belchertown and Ware (see map).
- Paved roads only in designated areas.
- The main park road as well as on and below Winsor Dam and Goodnough Dike.

### **Quabbin Reservation:**

- Approximately 45,000 acres bounded by and within Massachusetts Routes 9, 202, 122, and 32A.
- Designated roads only
- Roads at Gates 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 40, 43 and 44. Gate 8 is accessible during the Quabbin Fishing Season only (see map).

### **Quabbin Off Reservation**

- Approximately 6,000 acres of land on the west side of State Route 202 in Shutesbury and New Salem outside of the bounds of the Quabbin Reservation (see map).
- Designated Off-Reservation woods roads with seasonal restrictions based on weather conditions.
- Existing woods roads as shown on map.

## ***Public Access to the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System***

Public access to and recreational use of the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System is limited, controlled and monitored to protect the public drinking water supply by reducing public health risks.

**General public access:** Access to the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System is restricted to one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset through gates or designated (posted) areas only. No swimming, pets, fires, drones or alcoholic beverages allowed.

It is the responsibility of visitors to know and abide by the applicable rules, regulations and conditions for access.

[www.mass.gov/dcr/quabbinaccess](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/quabbinaccess)

**Report** any suspicious or dangerous activity on Watershed Lands or Waters by calling the MA State Police at 413-323-7561.

**Questions?** please contact the Quabbin Visitor Center at 413-323-7221 or the Quabbin Watershed Rangers at (617)828-2452

## **Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System**

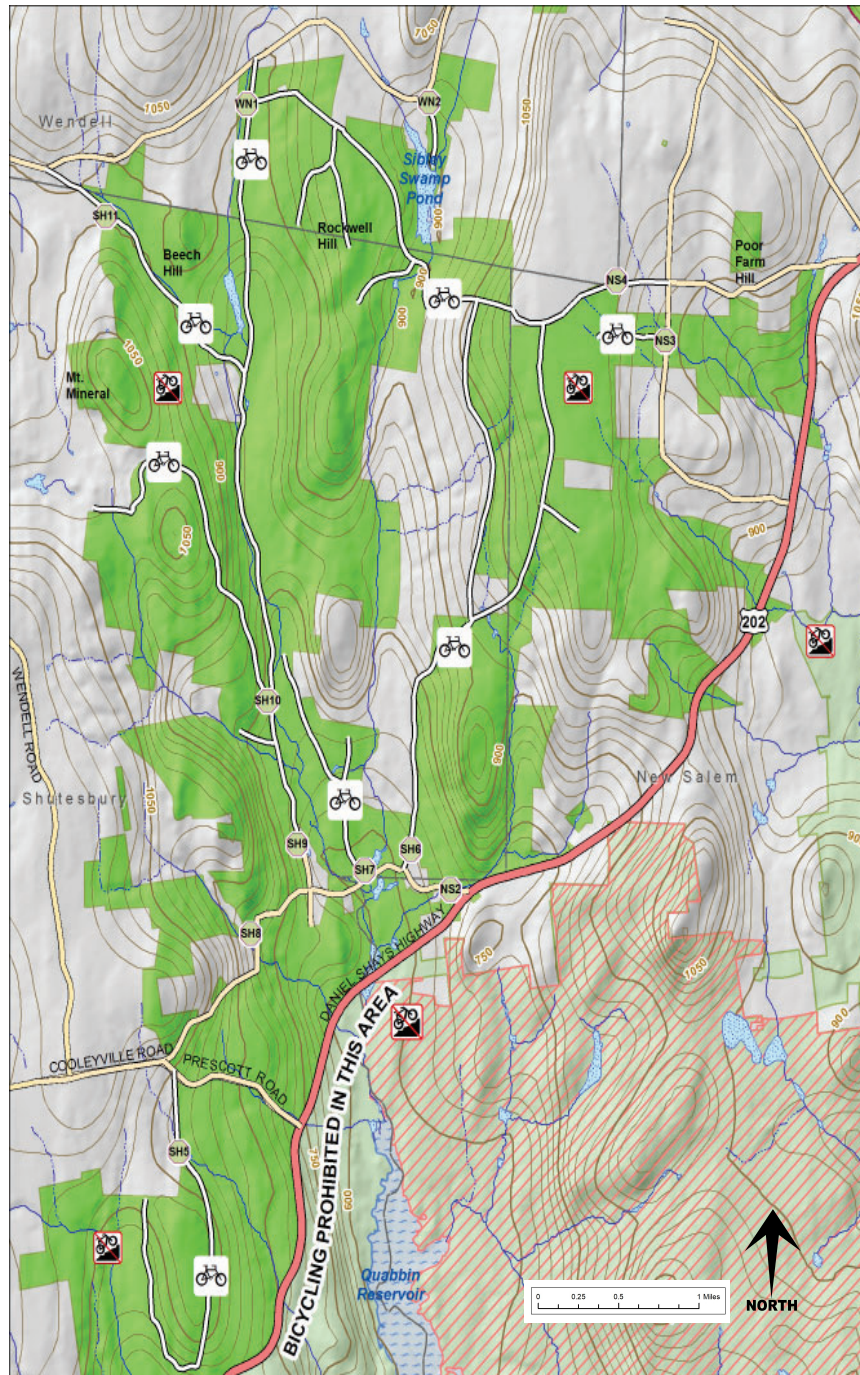
Today Quabbin Reservoir is one of the largest constructed reservoirs in the world. Built in a valley scattered with lakes and three branches of a river, the name Quabbin has been attached to the area for thousands of years. First used by the Nipmuc people, who were the original residents of the valley, the Valley was still referred to as Quabbin when the towns of Greenwich, Enfield, Dana, and Prescott were settled. When the reservoir was created in the 1930's it was designated it the Quabbin Reservoir by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission. The construction of Winsor Dam and Goodnough Dike impounded the waters of the Swift River and a reservoir that is 18 miles long with 181 miles of shoreline and a capacity of 412 billion gallons of water.

DCR-DWSP manages 81,000 acres of protected watershed land surrounding the reservoir for water quality by maintaining a healthy and diverse forest cover. Although DCR-DWSP's primary mission is to assure the availability of pure water for future generations, Quabbin's vast acreage provides many opportunities for wildlife viewing, biking, hiking and fishing.

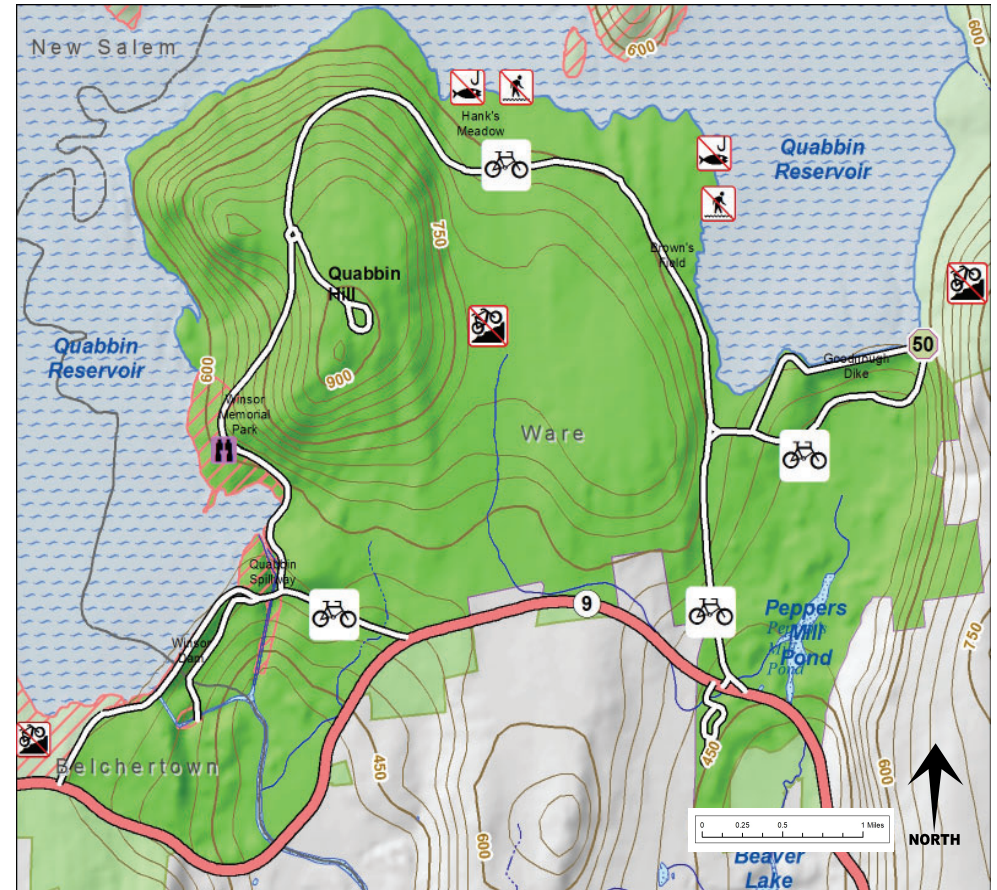




# Quabbin Off- Reservation Bicycle Access Map



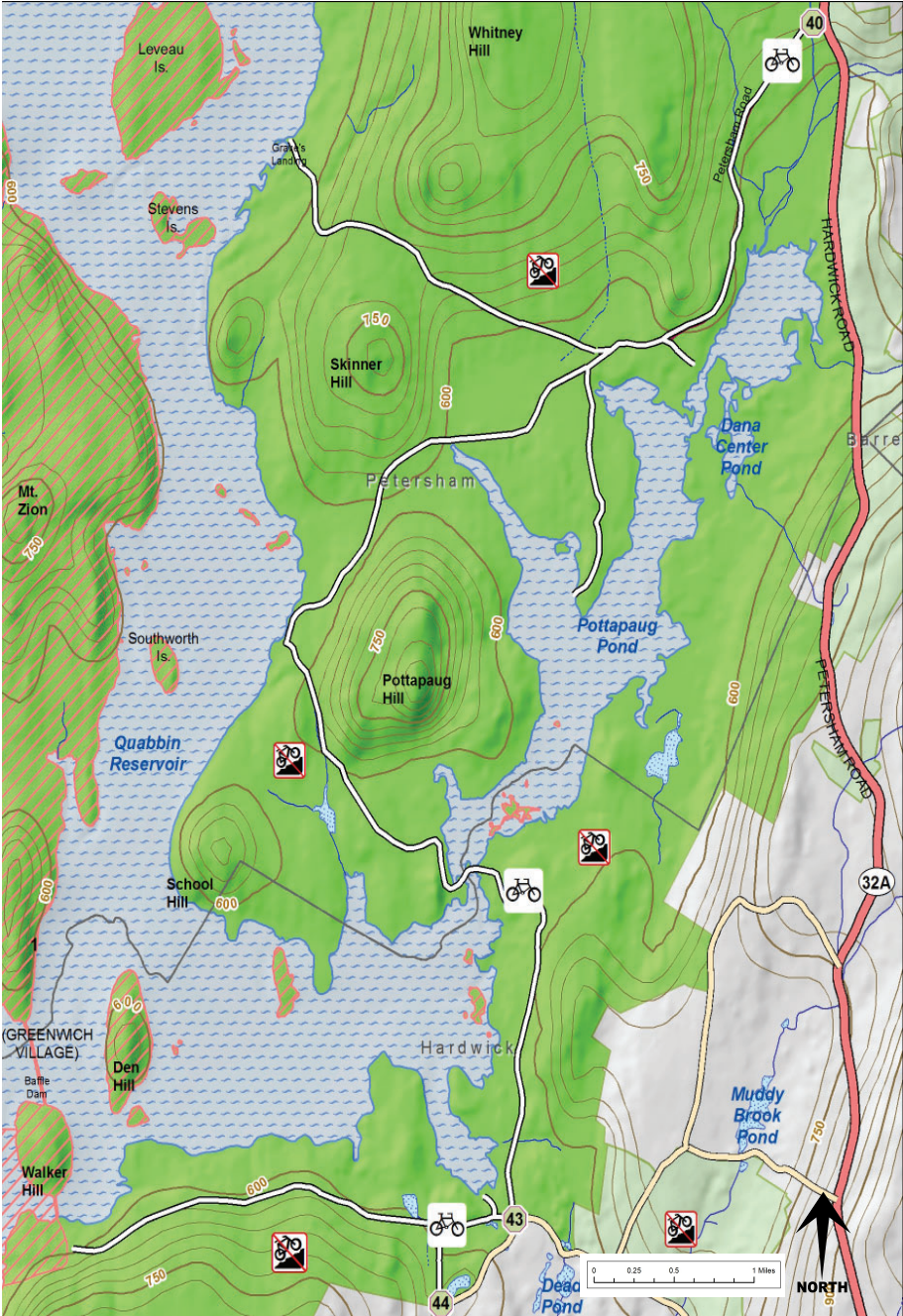
# Quabbin Park Bicycle Access Map



1	Reservation Gate		DCR Bicycle Access Road
	Off-Road Bicycling Prohibited		DCR Vehicle & Bicycle Access Road
	No Wading/Swimming		Restricted Area
	No Fishing		Bicycling Area of Quabbin Reservation
	Viewing Area		Quabbin Reservation
			Quabbin Reservoir



# East Quabbin Reservation Bicycle Access Map



# North Quabbin Reservation Bicycle Access Map

