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485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007

Upcoming Programs offered by the DCR Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center



Quabbin Reservoir will offer several free programs this Spring. All ages are welcome. *Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Dogs are not allowed. Space is limited.*

To register, scan QR code or visit <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>
Questions? Email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov

Exploring Quabbin Gates- Saturday Hikes

Saturday, April 15, 11am – 1pm

Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 22

4 miles - Moderate

Join us for a 4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed. We will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest. Walking to the water, the hike covers 2-miles and drops 180 ft. in elevation. We will then backtrack and head back uphill the way we came. The parking area for Gate 22 is located at the end of Shutesbury Road in the town of New Salem. Please do not block the gate.

<https://goo.gl/maps/SPqd6Si9ixuCQt18>

Register here: [Exploring the North Side -Gate 22 - Smartsheet.com](https://www.smartsheet.com/Exploring-the-North-Side-of-the-Quabbin-Watershed-via-Gate-22)

Saturday, May 20, 11am – 1pm

Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 26

2.2-miles -Moderate

Join us for a 2.2-mile loop hike on north side of the Quabbin watershed. We will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest. Walking to the water, the hike covers just under a mile and drops 200 ft. in elevation. We will then loop back uphill via the forest road to gate 27. Gate 27 is located less than a quarter mile from Gate 26.

The parking for Gate 26 is located at the end of East Main Street (Millington Street) in the town of New Salem. You may park along the side of the road, please do not block the gate or the road. <https://goo.gl/maps/CQv63LcDMTy7sziW7>

Register here: [Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 26 \(smartsheet.com\)](https://www.smartsheet.com/Exploring-the-North-Side-of-the-Quabbin-Watershed-via-Gate-26)

Saturday, June 17, 11am – 1:30pm

Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 29

2.4 miles- Moderate

Join us for a 2.4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed. We will be walking through the forest on a dirt road and ending at the shoreline of the reservoir. Walking to the water, the hike covers 1.2-miles and relatively little change in elevation. We will then backtrack and head out the way we came in.

Hike begins at Gate 29. Limited parking at gate. Please do not block the gate. <https://goo.gl/maps/fnAvob41qLygZUCs8>

Register here: [Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 29 \(smartsheet.com\)](https://www.smartsheet.com/Exploring-the-North-Side-of-the-Quabbin-Watershed-via-Gate-29)

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Habitat Hikes -First Thursday of the month

Quabbin is an area of immense diversity of habitat, from shady vernal pools to sunny mountaintops. Join us one Thursday each month (weather permitting) to spotlight some of these beautiful landscapes. Hikes will vary in location and intensity and may focus on an individual species or on a more general area. To register scan the QR code or visit <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>



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Thursday, April 6, 2023, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Wetlands Walk

1.5 miles – Easy

It will begin at the parking area for Goodnough Dike in Quabbin Park.

<https://goo.gl/maps/GaqukdAv17TA2wRj7>

This Habitat Hike will visit 2 different types of wetlands along the Dike Road and back, covering approximately 1.5 miles round trip. Please dress appropriately for the weather and be prepared for wet/muddy conditions (wear appropriate footwear). Dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin.

Register at: [Wetlands Walk Thursday, April 6, 2023 11:00 am – 12:30 pm \(smartsheet.com\)](#)

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 11 am – 12:30 pm

Gate 37 Forest Walk to Wetlands

1.5 miles -Easy

Meet at Gate 37 off Route 122 in the North of Quabbin Reservation. Parking is limited. <https://goo.gl/maps/wPedFYxiN5Qp8sVv9>

This Habitat Hike will be a short walk down a forest road to a stunning wetland habitat. It is a little over 1-mile round trip. Those who are feeling adventurous may opt to hike further, up the side of Soapstone Mountain to a spectacular view of the Quabbin, though be advised this portion is difficult and will not be a part of the official hike. Please wear appropriate footwear and protect yourself against ticks.

Register at: [Gate 37 Forest Walk to Wetlands Thursday May 4, 2023, 11am-12:30pm \(smartsheet.com\)](#)

Thursday, June 1, 2023 11 am – 1 pm

Tower Trail Habitat Hike

3 miles Moderate

This hike will meet at the parking area inside the Middle Entrance off Route 9.

<https://goo.gl/maps/9K3L4xf44nbVK4bG7>. It is a moderately difficult hike, approximately 3 miles round-trip up Quabbin Hill through woodland and mountain habitat and back. Due to safety issues, we will not be able to go up to the tower itself, as it is currently closed for renovations. Please wear proper footing and dress prepared for ticks/biting insects. Dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin.

Register at [Tower Trail Habitat Hike Thursday, June 1, 2023 11 am – 1 pm \(smartsheet.com\)](#)

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Water Supply Protection Forestry Walks

Curious how active management of a forest can increase diversity and maintain forest health? This year DCR-DWSP staff will offer several public walks through the Quabbin and Ware River watershed forests focusing on how we manage our forests to promote forest health, new growth, varied wildlife habitat and watershed protection. Join us for some (or all) of these walks to gain a better understanding of how active forest management leads to healthier environment for our region. Space is limited. No dogs are allowed.



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Saturday, April 22, 10am-12pm

Investigating Forest Health: How are various agents (invasive insects and plants, diseases, etc.) impacting trees in the Quabbin and Ware River forests?

1 mile- Moderate

Meets at Quabbin Park East Entrance

<https://goo.gl/maps/sW1wiHe4DnRPJL9a7>

Register here: [Watershed Supply Protection Forestry Walk- Investigating Forest Health \(smartsheet.com\)](#)

Saturday, June 3, 10am-12pm

1 mile Moderate

Establishing Young Forest Habitat in the Ware River Watershed

Meets at: DCR DWSP Oakham Field Office, 578 Old Turnpike Rd Oakham.

<https://goo.gl/maps/QhLn1AhgaYWs4KF16>

We will carpool to the walk site.

Register here : [Watershed Supply Protection Forestry Walk- Investigating Forest Health \(smartsheet.com\)](#)

Saturday, July 15, 9am-11am

1 mile Moderate

Barrens Habitat Restoration on Barre Heathland: How can forest management and prescribed fire programs support rare plant and animal habitats?

Meets at the Intersection of Rt. 62 and Barre Rd in Hubbardston, MA

<https://goo.gl/maps/XgcGPEuf5SP8QK8MA>

Register here: [Watershed Protection Forestry Walk: Barrens Habitat Restoration on Barre Heathland \(smartsheet.com\)](#)

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Memorial Day Ceremony at Quabbin Park Cemetery

Sunday May 28, 10am-12pm

Memorial Day Commemoration at Quabbin Park Cemetery

Refreshments will be offered at 10:00 am

Parade and services begin at 11:00 am

No registration required.

In 1868, Major General John A. Logan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30th as a special day for honoring the soldiers that had died in the Civil War. Like communities across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war dead each year on Memorial Day until the towns' demise in 1938. Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has been the center of Memorial Day services for the four towns. Please join the Friends of Quabbin, the Swift River Historical Society, the Veterans Council of Belchertown, Chauncey D. Walker Post #239, American Legion and the staff of the DCR Quabbin Reservoir for our annual Memorial Day Service at Quabbin Park Cemetery. (Public is welcome but please no dogs).



Sunday, May 28, 2-3pm

"A Scene of Beauty" – The History and Creation of Quabbin Park Cemetery

Easy-uneven ground

"If any burial ground, cemetery, grave or place of human burial is within the area taken in fee by the commission...the commission shall remove the remains found in any such burial places." Specifically mentioned in the legislative act that created the Quabbin Reservoir, the removal and reburial of graves from the Swift River Valley has always been an area of fascination and misunderstanding for many visitors to the area. Join us to discover the history and the process of how the state removed and reburied over 7,500 known graves from the Quabbin Valley.

Register here: ["A Scene of Beauty" -the History and Creation of Quabbin Park Cemetery \(smartsheet.com\)](#)