



Quabbin/Ware River Region

485 Ware Road
Belchertown, MA
413-323-7221

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

All ages are welcome. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water. Dogs are not allowed anywhere at the Quabbin Reservoir. All programs are free, but registration is required; indoor events limited to 45 people and outdoor programs to 25 people.

Thursday, August 14, 2025, 10am – 11:30am

Barrens Restoration Habitat Site Walk

1.5 miles – Moderate, footing will be uneven

[Meet at Gate 29](#) and we will caravan over to the hike location

Gays Hill Barrens is a habitat restoration project underway at DCR-DWSP Quabbin Reservoir. Barrens habitats are globally rare, supporting many rare and endangered species. Explore how DCR-DWSP is creating a network of "refugia" for these specialized species to flourish and expand their populations. Terrain is a mix of flat and small hills with mostly easy slopes; however we will be walking off trail on uneven ground so caution is advised. Much of the area is very open so bring protection from sun as well as ticks, mosquitoes, etc. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring water. Dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin.

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Sunday, August 31, 1pm – 2pm

Quabbin Park Cemetery Tour

Easy but uneven ground

[Meet at Quabbin Park Cemetery](#)

Take a walk through the Quabbin Park Cemetery and learn about the history and lives of residents (both prominent and ordinary) of the Valley towns. Meet in the Quabbin Park Cemetery off Rt. 9 in Ware. Please dress appropriately for the weather. No dogs are allowed.

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Thursday, September 11, 2025, 11 am – 12:30 pm

Late Summer Meadow Visit

Approx. 1 mile - Easy

[Meet at Middle Entrance Parking Lot, Quabbin Park](#)

This hike will meet at the parking area at the Middle Entrance and walk along the Spillway Road to a small meadow across from the Boat Cove. The walk is easy, but the road along the Spillway is heavily trafficked, so caution is advised. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear, bring water, and come prepared for insects. Dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin.

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Saturday, September 20, 2025 11am – 1pm

Exploring the Ware River Watershed – group hike near Rutland State Park

4.4 miles - Moderate

[Meet at Ware River Watershed, Mass Central Rail Trail \(MCRT\)/Mid State Trail Parking Area, Route 122 Rutland, MA 01543](#)

Join us for a 4.4-mile lollipop loop hike in the Ware River Watershed. The route climbs/descends roughly 200 ft. in elevation. We will all meet at the MCRT parking area located on Route 122 in the town of Rutland. The hike begins/ends on the MCRT with a loop in the middle consisting of Camel's Hump, Long Meadow Road, and Prison Camp Road. [Visit the trailforks.com website for additional information on the route.](#) Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

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Sunday, September 21 and October 12, 11am – 1pm

Hidden History: Webster Road Trail

Relatively flat terrain, approx. 2.5 miles round-trip

[Meet at Hanks Meadow parking lot inside Quabbin Park.](#)

Quabbin's ghost towns are hiding in plain sight – if you know where to look. This two-hour guided interpretive walk will teach you how to read the natural landscape as you uncover clues that reveal the hidden history of Webster Road. Explore old cellar holes and historic stone walls, get to know some native and invasive plants, and learn more about the families who lived in the town of Enfield a hundred years ago. Please bring water and dress appropriately for the weather.. All ages welcome. Dogs are not allowed.

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[Register here for October 12](#) or us this QR code:





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Sunday, October 5, 2025 11 am - 1 pm

Soapstone Mountain Hike

2.7 miles - Difficult

[Meet at Quabbin Res Gate 37 – From Rt 122 in New Salem take Monson Turnpike Rd and follow to Gate 37](#)

This scenic hike will begin at Gate 37 and follow an easy woodland road before branching off to a short but very steep hike up the mountain. Hike is challenging and has points which require climbing over large rocks, however the summit is one of the best views of Quabbin Reservoir. Please dress appropriately for weather and insects, wear safe, suitable footwear, and bring water. Dogs are not allowed.

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Saturday, October 18, 2025 11am – 1:30pm

Exploring Quabbin Park via the East Gate Trail and the Goodnough Dike paved walk

4.2-miles - Intermediate

[Meet at Quabbin Reservoir, East Gate entrance, Rt. 9 Ware](#)

Join us for a 4.2-mile hike that will feature the scenic view from the road at the top of the Goodnough Dike. We will be walking on a mix of foot paths, forest roads, and paved roads. The hike is mostly flat except for walking up and down the road to the Dike.

Hike begins at the East Gate parking area. The parking area is located on the north side of Rt. 9 in Ware, across from the Quabbin Park Cemetery. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water. Dogs are not allowed.

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