

## 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.

### Visit to Rutland Prison Camp

Sunday, April 6, 2025 11 am - 12.30 pm

Rutland Prison Camp- Easy, uneven ground

Rutland Prison Camp, main parking lot

[299 Intervale Rd, Rutland, MA 01543](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/299-Intervale-Rd-Rutland-MA-01543)

Fresh air, three home-cooked meals a day, comfortable sleeping quarters and a private hospital - sounds like a delightful retreat. for a prison?? Indeed, it was! Join DCR staff as we explore the remains of this surprisingly successful social experiment. Ticks are still active so protection is advised, as is wearing orange during hunting season.

Register here: [Sunday, April 6 11am - 12:30 pm Rutland Prison Camp Program](#)



# dcrcr Quabbin/Ware River Region

---

Massachusetts



485 Ware Road  
Belchertown, MA  
413-323-7221

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

Saturday, April 12, 2025 11am – 1pm

4.4 miles- Moderate

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. [Visit the trailforks.com website for additional information on the route.](https://www.trailforks.com)

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

Register here: [Saturday, April 12, 11am – 1pm Exploring the Ware River Watershed-group hike near Rutland State Park](#)



## Hidden History: Webster Road

Saturday, April 19, 2025 11am-12:30

1.5 mile

Moderate

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.

Meet at the Hank's Meadow parking lot. Please bring water and dress appropriately for the weather. All ages welcome. Dogs are not allowed.

Register here: [Saturday, April 19 11am – 12:30pm Hidden History: Webster Road](#)



## Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 29

Saturday, May 17, 2025 11am – 1:30pm

2.4 miles Moderate

Quabbin Reservoir Gate 29, Rt. 202 (Daniel Shays Highway)

New Salem, MA 01007

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. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

Hike begins at Quabbin Reservoir's Gate 29. The parking area is located on the south side of Rt. 202 (Daniel Shays Highway) in New Salem. Dogs are not allowed.

Register here: [Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 29](#)



## Exploring the Road to Dana Common

Saturday, June 7 10am-1pm

3.6 miles

Moderate

The old foundations, stone walls, and shade trees of Dana Common will transport you to the past as you explore Quabbin's unique history. This 3.6 mile round-trip hike will introduce you to some of the notable residents of Dana as you discover what life was like in the Swift River Valley over a hundred years ago. Photos illustrating Quabbin's past will bring Dana to life before your eyes.

Meet at Gate 40 on Rt 32A in Petersham. Please bring water and dress appropriately for the weather. All ages welcome. Dogs are not allowed.

Register here: [Saturday June 7, 10am – 1pm Exploring the Road to Dana Common](#)



# dcr Quabbin/Ware River Region

---

Massachusetts



485 Ware Road  
Belchertown, MA  
413-323-7221

## Exploring the North Side of the Quabbin Watershed via Gate 22

Saturday, June 14, 2025 11am – 1pm

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 uphill and head back uphill the way we came in. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

Hike begins at Quabbin Reservoir's Gate 22. The parking area for Gate 22 is located at the end of Shutesbury Road in the town of Shutesbury. Dogs are not allowed.

Register here: [Exploring the North Side -Gate 22](#)



## Quabbin Park Cemetery Tour

Saturday, June 28, 1pm-2pm

Easy but uneven ground

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.

Register here: [Exploring the Quabbin Park Cemetery, Saturday June 28, 2025 1-2pm](#)

