



Massachusetts



# Quabbin/Ware River Region

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## First Thursday Habitat Hikes

Quabbin is an area of immense diversity of habitat, from shady vernal pools to sunny mountaintops. Staff from the DCR Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center Quabbin will be hosting hikes 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. For more information and to register scan the QR code to visit

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir>

Questions? email [QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov](mailto:QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov)

Reminder: Dogs are not allowed anywhere at Quabbin Reservoir



Thursday, April 4, 2024, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

### *Wetlands Walk*

1.5 miles – Easy <https://goo.gl/maps/RvC5y8AMtmWToTTq5>

This Habitat Hike will visit 2 different types of wetlands. It will begin at the parking area for Goodnough Dike in Quabbin Park and walk the Dike Road down to the wetlands' location 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: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fef46ba08256404fa1bd49660f68c624>

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 11 am – 12:30 pm

### *Gate 37 Forest Walk to Wetlands*

1.5 miles -Easy <https://goo.gl/maps/wPedFYxiN5Qp8sVv9>

Meet at Gate 37 off Route 122 in the North of Quabbin Reservation. Parking is limited. 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: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c3936c4d26c8443694b6b3fc0beb97d4>

Thursday, June 6, 2024, 11 am – 1 pm

### *Tower Trail Habitat Hike*

3 miles Moderate <https://goo.gl/maps/9K3L4xf44nbVK4bG7>

This hike will meet at the parking area inside the Middle Entrance off Route 9. 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 appropriate footwear and protect yourself against ticks.

Register at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c2dd1551fbb7467bbdda704a469c7929>