



# Resource Management Plan: Update

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## Recap

- Develop approach/strategy to complete RMPs in 5 years
- Identify needed resources
- Complete ALL remaining RMPs
- Selectively go back and complete more extensive planning, as needed





## Guidelines

- Focus on Legislative Language
- Reference other plans
- Leverage expertise of colleagues to provide information
- Use in tandem with the Stewardship Map

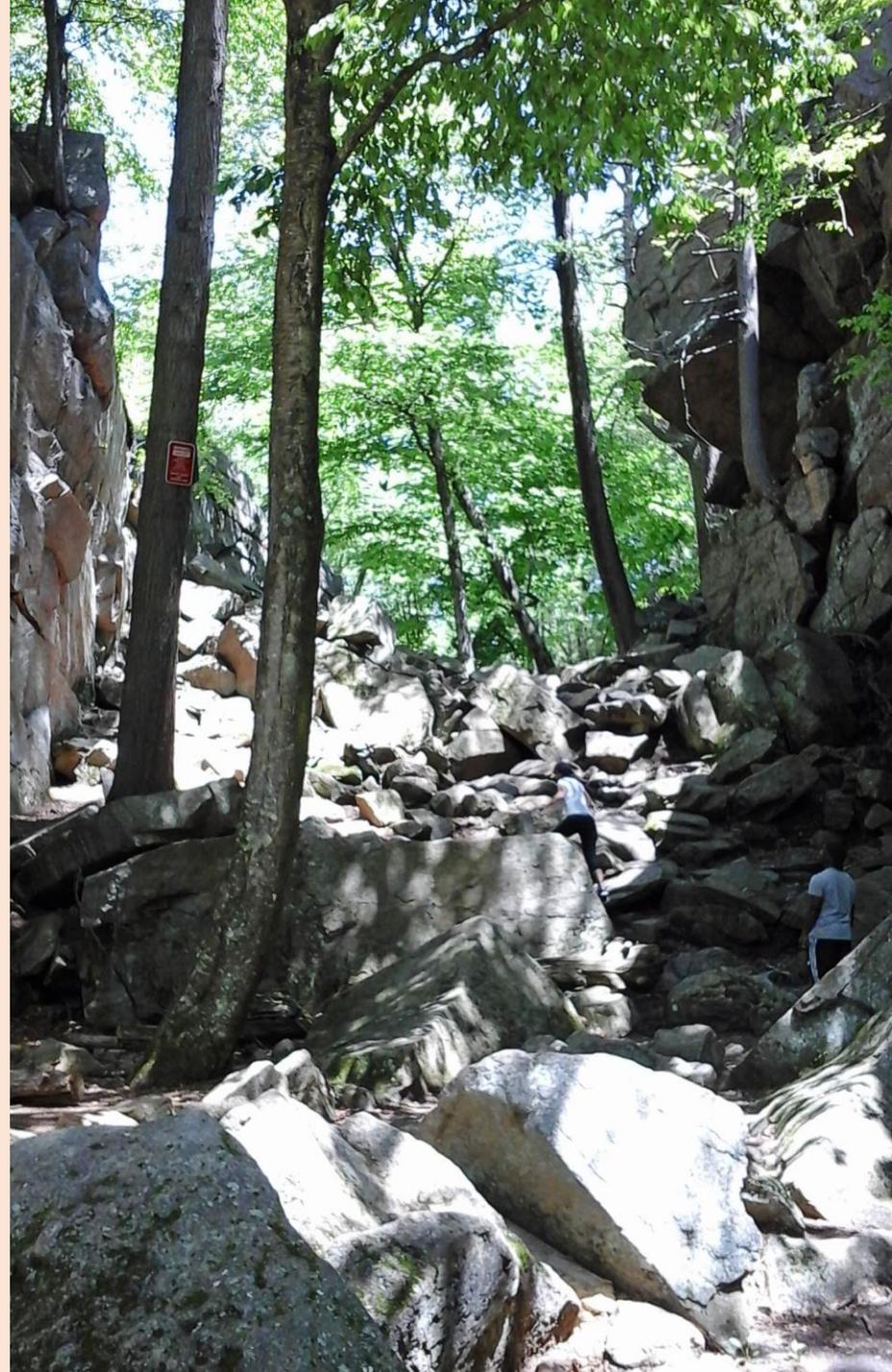


## Reimagining RMPs

- **1<sup>st</sup> Approach**
  - Revise process
  - Keep product
  - Minimal gains (2-4 weeks)
- **Revisit Legislation**
  - What is an RMP?
  - What does “all reservations, forests and parks” include?
  - Re-examine RMPs & FRMPs
- **How many RMPs?**
  - 46 completed, 13 in progress, 201 remain
  - # workdays in 5 years = 1,151
  - # properties remaining = 201
  - 5.7 days/RMP
- **Design Parameters**
  - Develop format that meets Chapter 21, Section 2F and can be prepared at the rate of approximately 1/week

# Reimagining RMPs (continued)

- **NPS Foundation Document**
  - Useful sections
  - Combined RMP with NPS
- **Straw men**
  - Varied in length and detail
  - Briefest iteration
    - Dashboard
    - Land Stewardship Zoning text
    - LSZ map
- **Borderland SP Proof of Concept**
  - Proposed format going forward





# Borderland State Park

South Region

South Coast District

Blue Hill Complex

## PARK OVERVIEW

Date Established:	1974
Location:	Easton, Sharon
Landscape Designation (acres)	
Parkland:	1,843
Reserve:	0
Woodland:	0
Park Size (acres)	1,843
Forest:	1,282
Lakes and Ponds:	153
Wetlands:	331
Other:	77
Boundary Length (miles)	12.7
Annual Attendance (2015):	318,485
Regulatory Designations (acres)	
• Area of Critical Environmental Concern – Canoe River	2
• National Register Historic District	1,270
• Priority Habitat (MESA)	1,662

## LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS

- Historic Curatorship Ground Leases
  - Smith Farm-Residence - expires 2052
  - Wilbur Farm-Non-Profit - expires 2047

## CONCESSIONS

- None

## PARTNERS & FRIENDS

- Borderland State Park Advisory Council
- Friends of Borderland State Park  
<http://www.friendsofborderland.org/>
- Borderland Disc Golf  
<http://www.borderlanddiscgolf.com/>
- New England Mountain Bike Association, Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter  
<https://www.nemba.org/chapters/semasanemba>

## FEATURES OF INTEREST

- Ames Mansion and grounds
- Carriage paths and walking trails through designed landscape
- Disc Golf course
- Lawrence Newcomb Visitor Center

## ACTIVITIES

- Bicycling mountain
- Disc Golf
- Dog walking on leash
- Dog walking off-leash area
- Fishing fin fish
- Geocaching
- Heritage tourism
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Mansion Tours (\$)
- Nature study/photography
- Orienteering
- Picnicking
- Running/jogging
- Skiing cross country
- Sledding/tubing
- Tai Chi (\$)
- Tennis

S - A fee may be associated with this activity.

# REVISED RMP

Dashboard

Introduction

Park Identity and Significance

Defining Resources and Values

Interpretive Themes

Visitor Experience

Threats and Opportunities

Climate Impacts

Applied Land Stewardship Zoning

Property/Landscape Designation/Land

Stewardship Zoning map

Consistency Review

Indicators of Consistency

Management Recommendations

Recommendations Table

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# Comments And Questions