



Wachusett Reservoir Watershed

Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection

Headquarters: 180 Beaman Street, West Boylston MA 01583

April-May Programs

Programs are free and open to the public. In the case of inclement weather to check on event status please call **617-352-4044** or email Kathryn.Parent@mass.gov

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Program

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-7:30pm

SPECIAL EVENT, FRESHWATER MACROS!

Find out why we care about these aquatic creatures big enough to see without a microscope. Get your hands on samples to identify with Outreach staff. Part of "Watershed Wednesday" series. All ages are welcome. **Meet at DCR Water Supply Protection Headquarters Building, 180 Beaman Street, West Boylston.**

Saturday, April 27, drop in between 12:00-3:00pm

WATER SCIENCE

Explore the wonders of water through fun interactive activity stations. Journey through the water cycle and collect beads to create your own unique bracelet. Aim to predict the weather by observing cloud formations and painting your own cloud chart. All ages welcome to this family friendly event. Dogs are not allowed. **Meet at Stillwater Farm, 228 Redemption Rock Rd., Sterling.**

Saturday, May 11, 12:30-1:30pm

NORTH DIKE TO DAM GUIDED WALK

This guided 1-mile one-way walk along the North Dike will lead to the Wachusett Dam in Clinton. Once you reach the dam, take some time to explore the area on your own. The walkway across the dam will be open for walking at 2:00 pm. No dogs allowed.

Meet at Gate 39, located at the intersection of South

Meadow Road and Route 110 in Clinton. Overflow parking at Clinton High School.

Saturday, May 11, 2:00-5:00 pm

DAM DAY

The DCR will open the top of the Wachusett Dam for the public to access, walk across, and enjoy! DCR Watershed Rangers will be on hand to provide information regarding the agency's watershed protection program. Parking is available along Route 70, and thanks to the Clinton Public Schools, will also be available at the Clinton Middle School or Clinton High School for a 1-mile easy walk to the Dam along the North Dike Path. *Due to increased security, backpacks and large bags will not be allowed. No restrooms. No dogs allowed. Wachusett Dam, Rt 70, Clinton

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-7:30pm

WATERSHED WEDNESDAY, CLIMATE

Discover how climate change affects our environment and the places we love to visit. Join DCR's Director of Climate Resilience to learn how to build resilience and protect our natural, cultural, and recreational resources for generations to come. Meet at DCR Water Supply Protection Headquarters, 180 Beaman Street, West Boylston.

Saturday, May 18, 10:00am-12:00pm SPRING TIME HIKE with Boylston Library

Join DCR Watershed Rangers for this fun hike to Scar Hill Road as we enjoy the sights of spring on the Wachusett watershed! This 3 mile guided hike will lead us to shoreline views of Scar Hill Bluffs on easy-to-moderate terrain. There will be a few inclines on paved road as well as dirt access road, and we'll navigate over forest trail and sandy shore. Come and enjoy the changing season with us! **Meet at Boylston Library, 695 Main Street Boylston.**

Saturday, May 25, drop in between 10:00am-1:00pm

WATER SCIENCE

Explore the wonders of water through fun interactive activity stations! Discover a healthy freshwater stream through an accessible touch tank designed to allow observers to see freshwater macroinvertebrates move in a simulated river environment. Observe and identify the insects while discovering how they indicate water quality and support a healthy freshwater ecosystem. All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event. Dogs are not allowed. Meet at Stillwater Farm Interpretive Site, 228 Redemption Rock Rd., Sterling.