



## Massachusetts

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## Kids Visit

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# Park Passport CENTRAL



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## 29 Special Event Stamps!



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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Region: \_\_\_\_\_

### My Favorite Parks

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# WELCOME

Dear Park Passport Holder:

Lace up your hiking boots and come out to explore Massachusetts State Parks! Our 450,000 acre park system offers something for everyone. From coastal beaches to scenic mountain tops, rich forests, family camping and active day use areas, our state parks provide the perfect setting to spend an hour, a day or a week enjoying any number of recreational activities.

Consider this booklet your passport to adventure and start exploring the 76 participating parks and beaches. At each park, stamp your passport to chronicle your experience. Enjoy these special places. After all, It's your nature!

## Have fun on the trails!



# MassWildlife Pocket Guide to MA Animal Tracks

|               |                                  |                          |
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|               |                                  |                          |
|               | White-Tailed Deer<br>2 1/2" - 3" | Moose<br>4 1/2" - 5 1/2" |
| Track Pattern | H:  F:                           | H:  F:                   |
|               | Dog 2 1/4" - 4"                  | Coyote                   |
| Track Pattern | H:  F:                           | H:  F:                   |
|               | Red Fox                          | Gray Fox                 |
| Track Pattern | H:  F:                           | H:  F:                   |
|               | Bobcat 2"                        | House Cat 1 1/8"         |
| Track Pattern |                                  |                          |
|               | Otter: 3 1/4"                    | Fisher: 2 1/4"           |
| Track Pattern |                                  |                          |
|               | Mink: 1 5/8"                     | Weasel: 1/2" - 1"        |

### Tracks Not To Scale

Tracks will show considerable variation depending upon conditions of ground (snow, mud, dust, sand, etc.) and movement of animal. F: Front Track H: Hind Track T: Tail marks may be present

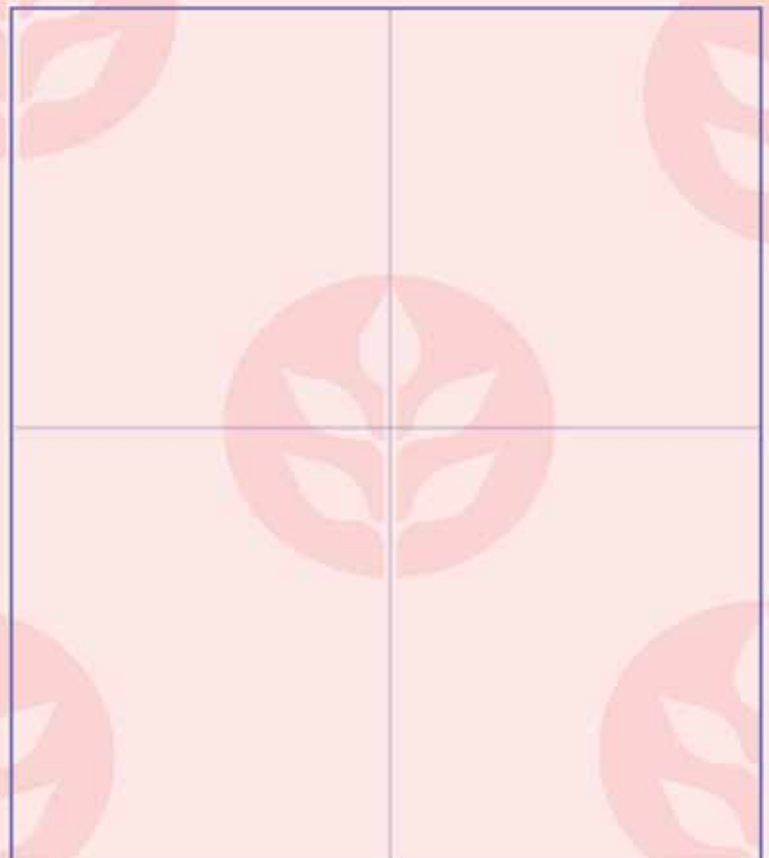
## DCR MISSION

To protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources.



No Child Left Inside is a national movement to reconnect families and children with nature and is supported by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

## 28 New Passport Park Stamps!





## Hike Smart, Hike Safe

Recommended items to bring on you hike:

1. A buddy
2. Water
3. Healthy Snacks (fruit, nuts, etc.)
4. Appropriate clothing and shoes (dress for the weather)
5. Map and compass
6. Rain poncho
7. Sunscreen
8. Bug spray
9. Cell phone
10. Whistle



- ▲ In case of an emergency on your hike, call 911.
- ▲ Be sure to carry a map of the area and stay on marked trails.
- ▲ If you are unsure which trail to take, turn around and backtrack rather than risk getting lost.
- ▲ Plan your hike for daylight hours and always check the weather.
- ▲ Always let an adult know where you're going and what time you plan on being back.

~~~~~ HAVE FUN!!



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## LEGEND

CCC - Civilian Conservation Corps

- Summit Park

SP - State Park

SF - State Forest

RT - Rail Trail

BHI - Boston Harbor Islands

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| - Swimming         | - Universal Access Program |
| - Sledding         | - Sit Skating              |
| - Fishing          | - Swimming                 |
| - Ice Skating      | - Hiking                   |
| - Canoeing         | - Canoeing                 |
| - Mountain Hiking  | - Fishing                  |
| - Camping          |                            |
| - Downhill Skiing  |                            |
| - Biking           |                            |
| - Kayaking         |                            |
| - Wildlife Viewing |                            |
| - Picnicking       |                            |
| - X-country Skiing |                            |
| - Mountain Biking  |                            |
| - Hiking           |                            |

## Notes

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## Have You... Participated in a UA program?

DCR's Universal Access Program helps kids and adults with disabilities have fun and recreate in state parks. Check out the cool equipment at featured programs and learn about how **everyone** can enjoy DCR parks. You can try handcycling, sitskiing, seated ice skating, hiking with wheelchairs and adaptive kayaking! For more information call 413-545-5353.



# Park Passport

## Central Region



## Have You... Met a Park Ranger?

Park Rangers patrol the parks and forests by foot, mountain bike, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), boat, and truck to protect our natural resources and make sure everyone is having a safe and fun time. They give out information, including directions. If people get lost, Rangers help to look for them, sometimes using a search dog. Interpretive Rangers teach you about what you can do or might see in the parks and forests, explain the resources of the park and why it is important to help protect our natural and cultural resources.

Interpretive Rangers also lead guided hikes and special programs like campfires and the Junior Ranger Program. Do you know that you can help protect the parks by becoming a Junior Ranger? Ask a Ranger about it! How can you identify a Ranger? Keep an eye out for that very special hat they wear.



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## Central Region

Check off the parks as you visit them






1. Blackstone River and Canal Heritage SP
2. Chicopee Memorial SP
3. Norwottuck RT/Elwell Rec. Area
4. Douglas State Forest (CCC)
5. Dunn SP
6. Erving SF
7. Great Falls Discovery Center
8. Hampton Ponds SP
9. Holyoke Heritage SP
10. Lake Wyola SP
11. Leominster SF
12. Moore SP



The lock combination for the Central Region is 612

## Central Region

There's tons of fun to be had in the Central Region. Hike or drive to the summit of **Wachusett Mountain**. On a clear day, you can see from Boston to the Berkshires! Check out the Connecticut River by Rollerblading or biking the **Norwottuck Rail Trail**. Visit the **Great Falls Discovery Center** where you can get up close and personal with a full-size bear or moose (stuffed of course). **Purgatory Chasm** has rocks that are millions of years old, boulders big as cars and cliffs that are 80 feet straight up! Time travel to the 1800's when you visit **Holyoke Heritage**. While you're there, take a ride on the merry-go round or visit the Children's Museum. Walk along the towpath at **Blackstone River & Canal** and visit the mill village "ghost town" at **Moore**. If it's hot, take a dip in **Dunn Pond** or **Lake Wyola**. You can take swimming lessons at **Leominster State Forest** and many DCR Pools. Do you like to camp? **Lake Dennison** has lakeside campsites. **Erving** and **Otter River** treat you to evening campfire stories. At **Skinner State Park** stand on the historic **Summit House** porch atop Mt. Holyoke where you can see forever. If you're lucky, you might spot a hang glider or a bald eagle.

- 13. Mt Sugarloaf SR 
- 14. Mt Tom SR (CCC) 
- 15. Mt. Holyoke Range SP 
- 16. Wachusett Mtn. SR (CCC) 
- 17. Otter River SF/Lake Dennison RA
- 18. Purgatory Chasm SR
- 19. Quinsigamond SP
- 20. Robinson SP (CCC)
- 21. Rutland SP
- 22. Skinner SP 
- 23. Wendell SF (CCC)



## Have You... Met a Fire Patrolman?

Wildland Firefighters protect the forests from damaging fires. With help from Smokey Bear, they teach people about fire safety including how to build a safe campfire, stop, drop and roll if your clothes catch on fire, use 911 for emergencies, and to make a safe meeting place outside your home if there is a fire or emergency. Wildland Firefighters use many different types of trucks, all terrain vehicles, pumps that float on the water and hand tools like rakes and shovels to put out fires in the forest. They also watch for fires in very tall lookout towers across the state by looking for smoke rising above the trees. When you visit a park or forest, ask a Wildland Firefighter what you can do to protect the forest from fire. If you are lucky, you may get a visit from Smokey Bear himself. Remember what Smokey Bear says, "Only you can prevent forest fires."



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## Water Supply Protection

Check off the reservoirs as you visit them

- 1. Wachusett Reservoir
- 2. Quabbin Reservoir



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### Water Supply Protection

Did you know that DCR helps to protect drinking water? Did you know that there used to be four more towns in the state of Massachusetts? Their names were Enfield, Dana, Prescott and Greenwich. In 1939 these towns were evacuated and flooded to create the **Quabbin Reservoir** which supplies more than two million people with drinking water. All that water is held by one of the largest dams on the east coast. Here you may see bald eagles, moose, white tailed deer, bobcats and porcupine. You can also rent a boat and go fishing. Do you live closer to Boston? Visit the **Wachusett Reservoir**. Here you can fish many great spots from the shore or you can bike and hike any number of trails with awesome views. The Wachusett dam is considered the largest "Hand Dug" dam in the world today! These sensitive areas are drinking water supplies, so please call ahead to find out special rules and regulations concerning the reservoirs.

**Quabbin Reservoir:** 413-323-7221  
**Wachusett Reservoir:** 978-365-3800

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