

Security Issues

- Notify officials if anything seems out of the ordinary.
- Report violations of DCR Regulations, suspicious activities or abnormal environmental conditions to DCR Rangers or the MA State Police.
- National security conditions or other issues may require the temporary closure of the reservoir to all public access.
- Notices will be posted at all access points if closure is necessary.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Emergency
911

Wachusett Watershed Rangers
978-365-3800

MA State Police - Holden
508-829-8410

MA Environmental Police
800-632-8075

Other Important Numbers

Wachusett Administration Building:
508-792-7423

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and
Wildlife:

508-389-6300

www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw



Department of Conservation and Recreation Wachusett Reservoir

All programs are run by DCR Watershed Rangers and Education Staff, are FREE, and are open to the public.

For more information, directions, or accessibility questions please contact the Wachusett Watershed Rangers at 978-365-3800 or Jim Lafley at 508-792-7423 x 231

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www.mass.gov/dcr



JANUARY

Sunday, January 14th 1:00 P.M.

Animal Adaptation

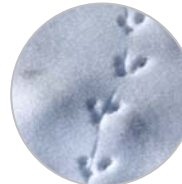


Mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians have all evolved to develop unique survival adaptations that allow them to withstand the cold and snow of a New England winter. Come learn about these animals through a fun and informative presentation then go with the Rangers to see some signs of what the critters are doing to get through the winter. **Meet at John Augustus Hall, West Boylston.**

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 3rd 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Animal Tracks



Searching for animal tracks and other signs can tell us a lot about animal behaviors and activities. Come to learn how to track an animal and interpret their behavior at this time of year. **Meet at the Stillwater Farm** and be prepared to take a short walk outdoors for part of this program.

Monday, February 19th 1:00 P.M.

Presidents' Day Snowshoe/Hike



Take a walk/snowshoe to the shoreline of the Wachusett Reservoir with Watershed Rangers. Along the way we will explore the wooded, winter wonderland that surrounds the reservoir. We will also discuss the survival techniques of New England's wildlife. The walk will last about an hour and the terrain will be easy to moderate. Meet at the **Gate 8 parking lot at the intersection of Cross St. and Route 70 in Boylston.**

To Report Asian Longhorn Beetle sightings call **866-702-9938**



MARCH

Saturday, March 3rd 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Bald Eagles & Wachusett Reservoir



After the successful program at Quabbin Reservoir to bring back Bald Eagles as a nesting species, a pair chose Wachusett Reservoir in 2006 as a nest site. This program will illustrate the life history of Bald Eagles and describe the reintroduction program. We will also share information about some of the best locations to see the birds in the state. Meet at **John Augustus Hall, West Boylston.**

Saturday, March 17th 1:00 P.M.

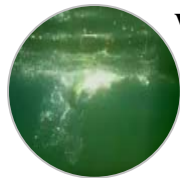
Tick Talk



Ticks are a growing problem here in New England. Thousands of Massachusetts residents have been impacted by tick-borne diseases. The Rangers will discuss the tick lifecycle, dangers that ticks pose, and efforts we can take to reduce our exposure to these problematic arachnids. This informational session will be hosted at **John Augustus Hall, West Boylston.**

Sunday, March 25th 10:00 A.M.

History of Fishing at Wachusett Reservoir



Wachusett Reservoir is a premiere place to fish in the Northeast, with nine state fishing records. Many wonder, how did it get that way? During this presentation we will look at the history of fish management at the Reservoir and the different species in the Reservoir. Meet at **John Augustus Hall, middle entrance.**

APRIL

Sunday, April 15th 12:00 P.M.

Vernal Pool Investigation



Vernal pools are a vital part of the ecosystem within the Wachusett Watershed. These pools dry up later in the year, but are teeming with life in the spring. Participants will learn how to identify a vernal pool in the field and search within the pool for organisms that rely on them for habitat. Meet at **Stillwater Farm, Sterling.**

Saturday, April 21st 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Stonewalls



Have you ever wondered about stonewalls? Come explore the variety of walls in the watershed and discover what their design tells us about their purpose. We'll discuss the history and materials of these structures unique to our part of the country. Meet Jim Lafley at **Stillwater Farm** to begin this journey

MAY

Saturday, May 12th 7:00 A.M.—9:00 A.M.

Wachusett Watershed Birds



Lands protected by the DCR at Wachusett Reservoir provide excellent areas for finding and watching birds. We will identify birds by sight and sound. Beginners and those with experience are welcome for a fun morning. Hiking boots or sneakers are suggested for this walk. We will meet at the grass triangle near the **Old Stone Church at the intersection of Routes 12 and 140 in West Boylston.**

Saturday, May 12th 2:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Clinton Dam Day



The walkway across the top of the Dam will be open for enjoying the view of the Reservoir. DCR Rangers will answer questions about the Reservoir's history and the importance of watershed protection. Come learn about the Division of Water Supply Protection's role in ensuring that the reservoir is a pristine drinking water source.

Saturday, May 19th 8:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M.

Cache In/Trash Out Sudbury Reservoir



Combine the fun of geocaching with cleaning up the environment. The DCR Rangers will place caches around the area of the Sudbury Reservoir. Participants will pick up trash along the way to the caches. Trash bags will then be placed along the roadside for pick up by the DCR staff. Meet at **911 Field, Acre Bridge Road, Marlboro.** This event will be posted on www.geocaching.com.

Street Addresses For Programs:

Stillwater Farm, 228 Redemption Rock Rd.(Route 140), Sterling, MA

Old Stone Church, Junction of Beaman St. and Sterling St., West Boylston, MA

John Augustus Hall, 180 Beaman St. West Boylston, MA