About DCR

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) operates one of the most diverse park systems in the country—overseeing 450,000 acres of parks, forests, beaches and pedestrian trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways—for the people.

One hundred and twenty-five years ago, DCR’s foundations began with the creation of a regional park system to preserve our natural resources for the public as the city of Boston continued to expand. The first of its kind in the country, the Metropolitan Park System was formed on June 3, 1893 with Beaver Brook Reservation as the first park acquired for all people of the Commonwealth to enjoy recreation and green space.

The state’s acquisition of other treasured properties, including the first wilderness area, now Mount Greylock State Reservation, soon followed. The agency’s critical water supply protection responsibilities also date from the beginning. DCR’s diverse portfolio solidifies its stewardship and leadership in conservation and recreation for the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your support of DCR. With your partnership, we will continue this rich legacy—to preserve, protect and promote our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all.

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Celebrate 125 Years of Stewardship!

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This view is atop a mountain that used to shoot scenes for the film Edge of Darkness in 2008.
Seek.

This limestone megalith, deposited by a glacier is balanced precariously.

A quaint stone building built by the CCC—it’s only natural to visit here.

High above the river valley, this is a revolutionary getaway from the summer’s heat.

Find.

A delightful roadside park with trails, known for a fountain that once graced this pond.

With all the monumental grandeur towering around don’t miss this carved granite detail.

A stone’s throw from New York is Massachusetts’ highest single drop waterfall.

Selfie.

This signature oxbow view was the aspect of Hudson River School painter Thomas Cole.

Discover a Great Hall, formerly a tool shop for nearby mills powered by water.

The tower is 80 feet high and on clear days you can see Mt Greylock to the West.

Selfie Scavenger Hunt Destinations:

Beartown State Forest
69 Blue Hill Road, Monterey
(413) 528-0904

Bish Bash Falls State Park
143 East Street, Mount Washington
(413) 528-0330

DAR State Forest
78 Cape Street, Goshen
(413) 268-7098

Great Falls Discovery Center
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls
(413) 863-3221

J. A. Skinner State Park
10 Skinner State Park Road, Hadley
(413) 586-0350

Mohawk Trail State Forest
175 Mohawk Trail Route 2, Charlemont
(413) 339-5504

Mount Greylock State Reservation
30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough
(413) 499-4262

Mount Tom State Reservation
125 Reservation Road, Holyoke
(413) 534-1186

Mount Sugarloaf State Reservation
300 Sugarloaf Street, South Deerfield
(413) 665-2928

Quabbin Reservoir
100 Winsor Dam Road, Belchertown
(413) 323-7221