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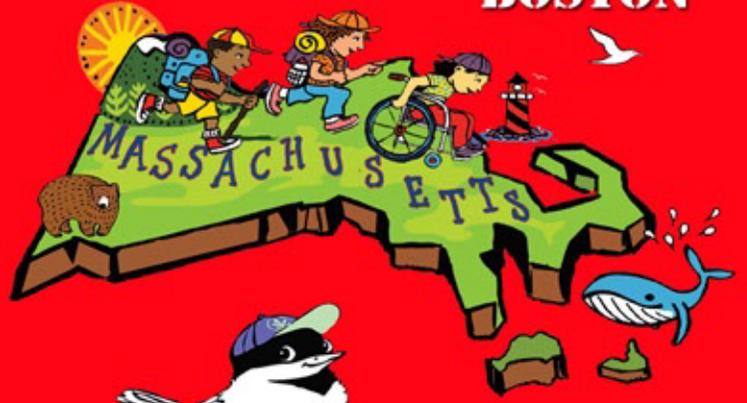
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21 Special Event Stamps!



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My Favorite Parks

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WELCOME

Dear Park Passport Holder:

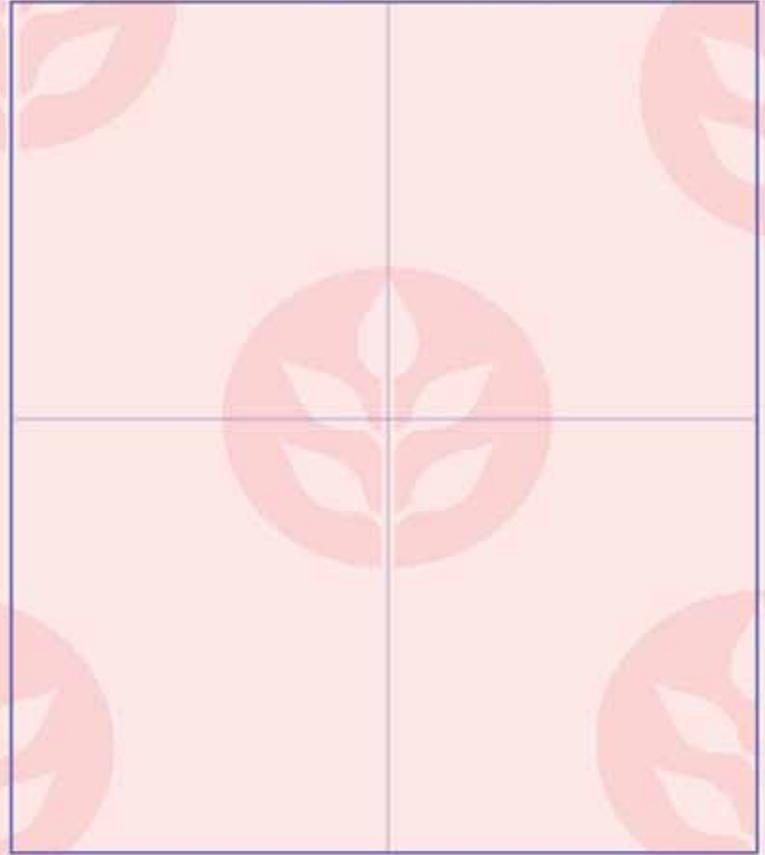
Lace up your hiking boots and come out to explore Massachusetts State Parks! Our 450,000 acre park system offers something for everyone. From coastal beaches to scenic mountain tops, rich forests, family camping and active day use areas, our state parks provide the perfect setting to spend an hour, a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



22 New Passport Park Stamps!



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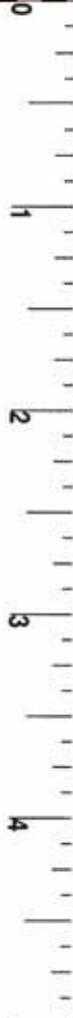
DCR MISSION

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.

Track Pattern	<p>Raccoon</p>	<p>Striped Skunk</p>
	<p>Porcupine</p>	<p>Beaver</p>
	<p>Black Bear</p>	<p>Opossum</p>
	<p>Woodchuck</p>	<p>Muskrat</p>
Track Pattern	<p>Snowshoe Hare</p>	<p>Cottontail Rabbit</p>
	<p>Gray Squirrel</p>	<p>White-Footed Mouse</p>
	<p>Crow: 2 1/2"</p>	<p>Turkey: 4"</p>
		<p>Ruffed Grouse: 2"</p>



Protect wildlife and its habitat: Support the Wildlands Fund.

Courtesy of Mass. Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
 1 Rabbit Hill Rd., Westboro, MA 01581
 508.389.6300 • www.mass.gov/masswildlife



MassWildlife Pocket Guide to MA Animal Tracks

Track Pattern		White-Tailed Deer 2 1/2" - 3"		Moose 4 1/2" - 5 1/2"
		Dog 2 1/4" - 4"		Coyote
		Red Fox H: 2" F: 2 1/4"		Gray Fox H: 1 3/4" F: 1 1/2"
		Bobcat 2"		House Cat 1 1/8"
	Track Pattern		Otter: 3 1/4"	
		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

Instructions

Welcome to the Park Passport Program. Use this booklet as a tool to visit as many state parks as you can. This passport will help guide you to parks, forests, beaches, cultural and historic resources as well as lakes, trails and summits. When you get to a Passport park, look for the Passport Stamp Box. Once you find it, unlock the lock with the secret combination and stamp your passport. Please remember to put the cover on the stamp and re-lock the box so other people can enjoy the passport program.

Visit www.mass.gov/dcr/passport for more instructions and directions.

Have fun exploring your parks!

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.



It's Easy Being Green

Here are 10 simple ways to help take care of the environment.

1. Turn off lights and appliances when they are not being used.
2. Don't leave the water running while you are brushing your teeth.
3. Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle - the 4 R's!
4. Bring your own bags to the grocery store.
5. Take a shorter shower.
6. Plant a tree or small vegetable garden.
7. Ride your bike or walk to school.
8. Learn as much as you can about the environment.
9. Share what you learn.
10. Treat the earth and the parks like they're your home.



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.

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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           |                            |

## 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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### Greater Boston

There are lots of great DCR Parks to visit within a 20 minute drive from Boston. Ride your bike on the paths along the **Charles River** and you'll go right by the **DCR Hatch Shell**. Every year on the 4th of July, close to 500,000 people come to the Hatch Shell to see the Boston Pops Orchestra and watch the fireworks. You may have seen this very same show on TV! This year come and see it live! Go to the **Blue Hills Reservation** and visit the **Trailside Museum** to see live animals. The animals were brought there because they were either sick or injured, and the staff at Trailside helps them get better. In the winter, try skiing or snowboarding at the **Blue Hills Ski Area**. In the spring, go to **Mystic Lakes** for the annual 2-day "Bucket Brigade" to help thousands of herring get over the dam! In the summer, take the ferry to the **Boston Harbor Islands** and visit **George's Island** where you can tour an old military fort. And in the Fall, visit **Breakheart Reservation** during the annual Fall Festival for pumpkin decorating, scarecrow making, games, and more!

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## 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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Check off the parks as you visit them

1. The Blue Hills Reservation
2. Breakheart Reservation (CCC)
3. Castle Island
4. Charles River Reservation
5. Lynn Shores & Nahant Beach Res.
6. Middlesex Fells Reservation
7. Pope John Paul II Res./Neponset
8. Quincy Shores Reservation
9. Revere Beach Reservation
10. Stony Brook Reservation
11. Carson Beach
12. Georges Island (May-Oct.) BHI
13. Nantasket Beach Reservation
14. Southwest Corridor Reservation
15. Spectacle Island (May-Oct.) BHI



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