January 2024 cont'd

Saturday, January 20, 1pm-3pm Blue Hills Reservation ▲▲

2.7 miles on the Wolcott Green Dot trail through rolling terrain. Meets at the North Lot kiosk at 1880 Canton Avenue, Milton (just north of the Trailside Museum). 617-698-1802

Sunday, January 28 1pm—3pm Blue Hills Reservation ▲▲

3 mile walk with some hills. Bugbee Path to Headquarters Path, return on Tucker Hill Path. Meet at the Houghton's Pond parking lot, 840 Hillside Street, Milton. 617-698-1802

February 2024

Saturday, Feb. 3, 9am—10:30am Nickerson State Park ▲▲

1.5 mile walk around Flax Pond, with vistas of winter landscape. Meet at the Flax Pond Public Swimming Area. From park entrance at 3488 Main St. in Brewster take your first left on Flax Pond Road, and just after the Picnic Area on the right will be the parking lot. 508-896-3491

Sunday, Feb. 11, 10am—1pm Freetown-Fall River State Forest ▲▲

4 mile walk to Copicut fire tower. Take in an incredible view from the top. Meet at Southern MA Bioreserve Loop Trail Parking Area (approx. address: 2400 Blossom Rd, Westport). 857-276-5365

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1pm—3pm Blue Hills Reservation ▲▲

3 mile hike up Burnt Hill and beyond. Meet at Houghton's Pond Visitor Center, 840 Hillside Street, Milton. 617-698-1802

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1pm—3pm Blue Hills Reservation ▲▲ No restrooms available

Moderate, 3.5 mile walk on Meadow Rd. to Madden Rd. and return on Acton Path. Meet at the Donovan School at 123 Reed Street in Randolph. (617) 698-1802

Things to Know Before You Go!

- Wear sturdy footgear and dress for the weather (layers, avoid cotton, consider traction devices if icy).
- Carry drinking water and snack.
- Consider bringing a walking stick.
- We will hike unless the weather creates unsafe conditions.
- Described routes may change.

If you would like to receive this brochure via email, please send an email request to simon.schreier@mass.gov.

Southeastern MA Adult Walking Club

Winter 2023-24





Welcome

The DCR Southeastern Massachusetts Adult Walking Club meets most weekends on either a Saturday or Sunday for social recreational walks. Meeting times vary. Please see descriptions. This club is open to people of 16 years of age and older, and there is no fee to join. Walks average 2 to 5 miles and terrain is varied. New walkers are always welcome. Come for one or come for all!

The terrain can vary:

- ▲ EASY (mostly level terrain)
- ▲▲ MODERATE (hilly, sandy, rocky terrain)
- ▲▲ ▲ DIFFICULT (strenuous & steep or long)

Walks will be led by DCR park staff or a Walking Club volunteer leader.

The Walking Club meets at DCR sites across Southeastern Massachusetts. Some DCR sites charge a parking fee which is noted in the hike description. For more info, visit www.mass.gov/dcr

Share the Trails!





December 2023

Saturday, Dec. 2, 9am—11am Nickerson State Park▲▲

3.5 miles, walk around Cliff Pond. Meet at the end of Flax Pond Road. From entrance at 3488 Main St. in Brewster, go up the road, take your first left on Flax Pond Road, and follow to the end. 508-896-3491

Saturday, Dec. 9, 1pm—3pm Blue Hills Reservation▲▲

4 mile hike up to Buck Hill summit. Small inclines to the scenic view at the top. Meet at Houghton's Pond Visitor Center, 840 Hillside Street, Milton. 617-698-1802

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1pm—3:30pm Borderland State Park▲

4 mile loop along old carriage roads around Upper and Lower Leach Ponds. Meet at visitor center, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton. Parking fee. 508-238-6566

January 2023

First Day Hikes

Monday, Jan. 1, 10am—12pm Waquoit Bay ▲

A walk along a salt marsh, beach, and upland trail. Views of Martha's Vineyard and Washburn Island. Hot chocolate at the end. Meet at WBNERR Visitor Center 131 Waquoit Highway, East Falmouth. 508-457-0495.

Monday, Jan. 1, 11am-3pm Blue Hills Reservation \blacktriangle , \blacktriangle

Snacks, hot chocolate, live animal program, and merry warming fire at 11am. Two guided and one self-guided hike will begin at 12pm. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main Parking lot at 840 Hillside Street, Milton. 617-698-1802

Saturday, Jan. 6, 9am—10:30pm Nickerson State Park ▲▲

1.5 mile walk around Little Cliff Pond. Meet at the end of Flax Pond Road. From the entrance (3488 Main St., Brewster), take your first left on Flax Pond Road, and follow to the end. 508-896-3491

Saturday, January 13, 11am— 1pm South Cape Beach ▲▲ No restrooms available

2.2 mile walk on Dead Neck Trail, along beach barrier dunes. Meet at Mashpee Town Beach parking lot; Beach Access Rd, Mashpee. 508-457-0495