



South Region

Hikes and Happenings

Fall 2010

Saturday, September 4 2 pm – 6pm
First Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival

Meet at the DCR Martini Shell at 1015 Truman Parkway in Hyde Park.

Celebrate the end of summer with a free concert in a great outdoor setting. Bring a blanket and a picnic basket and enjoy a mix of live music at the Hyde Park Jazz Festival at the DCR Martini Shell Park. The concert will include a diverse offering of music featuring Grammy winning drummer/composer Mark Walker and the Rhythm of the Americas Sextet, Daniel Ian Smith and a Collective Directive, and the Nick Grondin Quintet. Limited parking. Public transport encouraged.

Saturday, September 4 & Saturday, October 2 9 am - 1 pm
Trail work Days with Friends of Blue Hills

Get Out, Get Dirty, Give Back!

Email: For directions and detailstrailwork@FriendsOfTheBlueHills.org

Join Friends of the Blue Hills on trail work in the Blue Hills Reservation. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot at 840 Hillside Street | Milton. Please wear work clothes and sturdy footwear. Pre-registration is not required.

Sunday, September 19 1 pm
Wilson Mountain Wander

Meet at the Wilson Mountain parking lot on Rt. 135 in Dedham. Call 617-698-1802 x212 for detailed directions.

Enjoy a scenic ramble at Wilson Mountain Reservation as we meander through wetlands and hike among hillsides of mountain laurel and hemlock. Leashed dogs welcome. 1.5 hours

Saturday, September 25 11 am to 3 pm
Veterans Appreciation Day
at DCR Houghton's Pond Recreation Area, Blue Hills Reservation

Meet at the Houghton's Pond main

parking lot on 840 Hillside Street in Milton.

To register visit: www.mass.gov/veterans or call 617-210-5761.

Calling all Veteran's! Come out and have fun with your family. Enjoy the natural beauty of Houghton's Pond. With specialized accessible equipment, enjoy hiking, fishing and geo-caching. Meet Smoky Bear, encounter live wildlife from the Trailside Museum, meet a DCR Mounted Ranger or learn to Hike Safe with Scout the DCR Search Dog. Also learn about Veteran's benefits available across the state. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Department of Veterans Services and DCR.

Wednesday, September 29 6:30 pm
Meet the Beetles: An Asian Long-horned Beetle Update

Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton.

Over 6000 trees were cut in Worcester since July 2008 to eliminate the Asian Long-horned beetle. On July 7, 2010 the beetle was discovered in Jamaica Plain. Learn what you can do to help combat this recent invasive insect. Join Alexandra Echandi, our DCR Natural Resource Specialist for a talk and slide show on beetle identification, reporting information and updates on recent sitings.

Saturday, October 2

10 am - 4 pm

Blue Hill Weather Observatory Open House & Kite Festival

For details and parking information, call 617- 696-0562. Learn more at www.bluehill.org

Things are looking up atop Great Blue Hill! Enjoy the amazing view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continually operating Weather Observatory in the country. Join us for an open house and fun festival for all ages. Free admission to events. Donations for materials for some activities requested. Rain or shine.

Head to the Hills on Columbus Day Weekend!

Enjoy dazzling fall foliage close at home.

It's a great time to take a hike in the DCR Blue Hills Reservation.

Purchase a DCR Blue Hills trail map at the park headquarters at 695 Hillside Street or Blue Hills Trailside Museum at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton and hit the trail!

Thursday, October 14

5 pm

Chestnut Hill Reservation Weekday Walk and Talk

Meet in the large parking lot by the Reilly Memorial Recreation Center on Beacon Street in front of Gatehouse #1.

Join the DCR park staff in a walk around Chestnut Hill Reservation to discuss upcoming improvements, ongoing maintenance and future ideas for the park. We'll explore the Chestnut Hill Healthy Heart trail along the way.

For Healthy Heart info visit www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/hht

Saturday, October 23

10 am - 3 pm

Blue Hills Discovery Day at the Trailside Museum

Meet at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum at 1904 Canton Avenue in Milton.

Do ducks get cold feet? Do deer have hollow hair? Join the Mass Audubon staff to discover how local wildlife prepares for winter. Programs and activities will feature live animals. Rediscover the Trailside Museum. Free admission on October 23rd!

Sunday, October 24

1 pm

Brook Farm Season in Utopia

Brook Farm is located beside the Gethsemane Cemetery on Baker Street in West Roxbury. Take the VFW Parkway to Baker Street. Go west on Baker Street to Brook Farm Historic Site on the left. Call (617) 333-7404 for more details.

Join a DCR Ranger and the West Roxbury Historical Society as we explore Brook Farm, the site of a Utopian community in the mid-1800's. We will explore the quiet woodlands and wetlands that inspired the likes of Nathaniel Hawthorne and George Ripley. 1.5 hours

Saturday, October 30

1 pm

Resource Management in Action

Meet at Brookwood Farm in the Blue Hills Reservation at 11 Blue Hill River Road in Canton.

Alexandra Echandi, the DCR Natural Resource Specialist will lead an informative walk through scenic Brookwood Farm.

Learn about the many resource projects in progress in the Blue Hills, including purple loosestrife biocontrol, field management, insect pest control and bringing back the bluebirds.

Sunday, November 7

9 am

Skyline Hike

Space is limited, pre-registration is required. Call 617-698-1802, ext. 212 to register.

Join us on this rugged eight mile jaunt over the peaks and valleys of the Skyline Trail in the Blue Hills.

Wear hiking boots and bring water and lunch. We will car caravan to the starting point. For ages 16 and up. 5-7 hours

Saturday, November 13

1 pm

Quincy Quarries: Taken for Granite

Space is limited. Preregistration required. Please call 617-698-1802, voice mail 213 for meeting place and directions.

Join a DCR ranger and Les Tyralla, a registered geologist as we explore the geology and quarry history to understand why the granite of Quincy was so valuable. Additionally, we will look at glacial features that remain at the edges of the quarries.

Sturdy footwear is necessary, and the ability to climb rugged, narrow trails. 1.5 hours

Saturday, November 20 1 pm - 3 pm

Dog Sled Fun Run

Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on 840 Hillside Street in Milton.

Meet a furry sled dog up close and personal! The Yankee Siberian Husky Club with the Boston Snow Dogs will present an educational exhibit on dog sledding in New England. Demonstrations with wheeled rigs, if weather permits. Bring cameras for a great photo opportunity. (Demonstration only. No rides given.)

Sunday, December 5

Holiday Toy Drive & Mountain Bike Ride or Hike

Toy Drop & refreshments 10 am – 1 pm

Mountain Bike Ride 10 am

Houghton's Pond Hike 1 pm

Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot at 840 Hillside Street in Milton.

Join the DCR Park Rangers and volunteers from Blue Hills TrailWatch and New England Mountain Bike Association for our annual holiday toy drive collection. Bring a new unwrapped toy, then go on a guided or self-guided ride or hike. All toys will be donated to Interfaith Social Services which help deserving families during the holidays. Gifts for children ages 11-16 are most needed and appreciated. Call 617-698-1802 x 212 for more information.

Things to know before you go

- Wear sturdy footwear and carry drinking water on all hikes
- Dress in layers for maximum comfort
- We will hike unless the weather is inclement. If weather conditions are questionable, please call the reservation headquarters at (617) 698-1802
- Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For accessibility questions, please call the park rangers the South Region Headquarters at 695 Hillside Street in Milton at (617) 698-1802.