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# DCR Announces School Vacation Programming throughout State Parks

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**BOSTON** — In anticipation of April vacation, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced the availability of family friendly programming that will take place throughout the state parks system. The programming, which has been scheduled in all regions of the

state, include nature hikes, wildlife observation opportunities, mansion tours, crafting, and more. Additionally, many school vacation activities are guided programs offered by agency staff.

“Department of Conservation and Recreation staff are always excited to present unique educational programming that enables children and their families to experience the Commonwealth’s many natural, historical, recreational, and cultural resources,” **said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy.** “The Baker-Polito Administration strives to provide a high level of public access to our state parks, and encourages people of all abilities to get outside and enjoy some of Massachusetts most exceptional locations during this upcoming school vacation week.”

The following parks are providing additional April vacation programming for students and their families: Belle Isle Marsh Reservation in East Boston; Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park in Uxbridge; Borderland State Park in North Easton; Blue Hills Reservation in Milton; Great Falls Discovery Center in Turner Falls; Halibut Point State Park in Rockport; Lawrence Heritage State Park in Lawrence; Middlesex Fells State Reservation in Stoneham; Nahant Beach Reservation in Nahant; Pilgrim Memorial State Park in Plymouth; Purgatory Chasm State Reservation in Sutton; Quabbin Reservoir in Belchertown; Revere Beach Reservation in Revere; Wachusett Mountain State Reservation in Princeton; Wachusett Reservoir in Sterling; Walden Pond State Reservation in Concord; Waquoit Bay Reserve in Falmouth; and Winthrop Beach in Winthrop.

A full list of programs and activities, most of which are free unless otherwise noted, being offered during school vacation week is available on DCR’s [webpage](#). Due to the unpredictability of weather, please dress appropriately by wearing sturdy footwear and suitable outerwear. In the event of inclement weather, please call a location prior to visiting to confirm the program or activity will proceed as scheduled. Furthermore, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

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