

DCR Offers Adaptive Skating Programs in Brockton, Fall River

Agency Seeks to Provide Access for People of All Abilities

Boston – Tuesday, February 16, 2016- Today, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Leo Roy announced that [DCR's Universal Access Program](#) will offer accessible skating opportunities at Asiaf Skating Rink in Brockton and Driscoll Skating Rink in Fall River for individuals with disabilities, their families, and their friends. Adaptive equipment, teamwork, and staff instruction will be made readily available to assist with the skating program.

“DCR’s Universal Access Program is an excellent example of the Baker-Polito Administration working to ensure that our state’s parks, forests, and facilities provide worthwhile activities for everyone to enjoy,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton. “We remain committed to providing these types of recreational opportunities for people of all abilities to partake in.”

DCR’s Universal Access Program works cooperatively with partners, such as All Out Adventures who is administering the skating program, to expand accessible recreational opportunities for all.

“Remaining active is important to the wellbeing and development for everybody, and the adaptive skating program offered by DCR’s Universal Access Program presents an excellent opportunity for people to do just that,” said DCR Commissioner Leo Roy.

A partial list of DCR’s Universal Access Program’s winter activities, include:

WHAT: Adaptive Skating Program in Brockton

WHEN: Sundays: February 21, 28, and March 6, 2016

1:30PM-3:20PM

WHERE: Asiaf Skating Rink

702 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301

(508) 583-6804

WHAT: Adaptive Skating Program in Fall River

WHEN: Wednesday, March 2, 2016

11:00AM-12:50PM

Sunday, March 13, 2016

2:00PM-3:50PM

WHERE: Driscoll Skating Rink

272 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA 02120

(508) 679-3274

For the past two decades, DCR's Universal Access Program has worked diligently to increase the accessibility of the Massachusetts State Parks system. Additionally, the program has also been able to provide specialized adaptive equipment, and has greatly expanded the adaptive recreational program for people of all abilities. The adaptive skating programs are free, but pre-registration is required. Please call All Out Adventures to sign up: (413) 584-2052 or email atinfo@alloutadventures.org.

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