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Baker-Polito Administration Announces Temporary Closure of Certain State Conservation and Recreation Managed Facilities

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BOSTON - Out of an abundance of caution due to the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has announced the temporary closure of certain agency managed facilities effective Saturday, March 14, 2020 through Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at which time DCR will reassess circumstances. Additionally, during the temporary closure all associated events at these locations are cancelled.

Importantly, all state parks and comfort stations across the Commonwealth remain open and available for the public to utilize. DCR reminds residents and visitors to avoid gathering in large groups, maintain social distancing, and practice healthy personal hygiene to stop the spread of the virus.

The temporary closures of certain facilities is consistent with the State of Emergency **declared** (/news/governor-baker-declares-state-of-emergency-to-support-commonwealths-response-to-coronavirus) by Governor Baker on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 and guidance that conferences, seminars and other discretionary gatherings, scheduled and hosted by Executive Branch agencies involving external parties are to be held virtually or cancelled. Additionally, Governor Charlie Baker **issued** (/news/governor-baker-issues-order-limiting-large-gatherings-in-the-commonwealth) an emergency order prohibiting most gatherings of over 250 people to limit the spread of the COVID-19.

For information about the Baker-Polito Administration's ongoing efforts to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, please visit the Department of Public Health's (DPH) **website** (/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19).

DCR Facilities

CLOSED until April 1, 2020 – Effective Immediately

Mount Greylock State Reservation Visitor Center,

30 Rockwell Rd, Lanesborough, MA

Walden Pond Discovery Center, 915 Walden Street, Concord, MA

Fall River Heritage State Park Visitor Center, Davol Street, Fall River, MA

Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitor Center, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA

Mount Holyoke Range State Park Notch Visitor Center, 1500 West Street, Amherst, MA

Roxbury Heritage State Park Visitor Center, 183 Roxbury Street, Boston, MA

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 Avenue A, Turner Falls, MA

Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center at Worcester

3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester, MA

Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitor Center, 221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA

Halibut Point State Park Visitor Center, Gott Avenue, Rockport, MA

Borderland State Park Visitor Center, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA

Breakheart State Reservation Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus, MA

Maudslay State Park Visitor Center, 74 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, MA

Middlesex Fells State Reservation Botume House Visitor Center, 4 Woodland Road, Stoneham, MA

Wompatuck State Park Visitor Center, 204 Union Street, Hingham, MA

Purgatory Chasm Reservation Visitor Center, 198 Purgatory Road, Sutton, MA

Dunn State Park Visitor Center, 289 Pear Street, Gardner, MA

Quabbin Reservoir Visitor Center,

100 Winsor Dam Road, Belchertown, MA

Melnea A. Cass Recreation Complex,

120 M.L.K. Jr. Boulevard, Boston, MA

Daughters of the American Revolution Campground,

78 Cape Street, Goshen, MA

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge, MA

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Visitor Center, 345 Mountain Road, Princeton, MA

Western Gateway Heritage State Park Visitor Center, 9 Furnace Street, North Adams, MA

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Visitor Center,

131 Waquoit Highway, East Falmouth, MA

Beartown State Forest Campground,

69 Blue Hill Road, Monterey, MA

Mohawk Trail State Forest Campground,

Cold River Road, Charlemont, MA

Scusset Beach State Reservation Campground,
22 Scusset Beach Road, Sagamore Beach, MA

Savoy Mountain State Forest Campground,

260 Central Shaft Road, Florida, MA

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