

# Winter 2014 Hikes and Happenings

## DCR Boston Region Sites

- Stony Brook Reservation
- Brook Farm Historic Site
- Chestnut Hill Reservation
- Hammond Pond Reservation
- Hancock Woods Reservation
- Hemlock Gorge Reservation
- Neponset River Reservation
- Charles River Reservation
- Mystic River Reservation
- Beaver Brook Reservation



- Quincy Shores Reservation
- Dorchester Shores Reservation
- Alewife Brook Reservation
- Melnea Cass Recreation Complex
- Roxbury Heritage Park
- Southwest Corridor Park
- South Boston Beaches
- Dorothy Quincy Homestead
- Castle Island
- Camp Meigs

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014**

### DCR Blue Hills Reservation First Day Hikes 2014

**Free hot & hearty soup at noon. All hikes begin at 1:00 pm**

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

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/blue-hills-reservation.html>

Celebrate the New Year in the Blue Hills. This is the twenty-second year of our New Year's tradition! Join the fun. Warm up with a free cup of hearty soup, and then stretch your legs on a variety of guided hikes suitable for all ages and abilities. A great way to jump start the year! For more information, call the DCR Blue Hills Reservation at 617-698-1802.

*Special Venue!*

**Thursday, January 9 and Saturday, January 11** \*Note times and locations below

### The Mystery of Captain Wollaston (Talk and Walk)

**Talk: Thursday, January 9 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

Meet at the Quincy Historical Society, 8 Adams Street, Quincy (parking in rear of building) <http://quincyhistory.org/>

**Walk: Saturday, January 11 10 am - 11:30 am**

Meet at DCR Caddy Memorial Park across from Wollaston Beach. From Furnace Brook Parkway, turn left on to Quincy Shore Drive and take your first left into the parking lot. [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/quincyshore.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/quincyshore.htm)

In January 1625 Captain Wollaston landed near Wollaston Beach. In the talk, Quincy Historical Society Executive Director Ed Fitzgerald will explore what we know about the Captain and his adventures in Quincy. On the walk we will tour early American sites in Quincy including DCR Caddy Park, the Capt. Wollaston Monument, Maypole Park, the site of Thomas Morton's May Day festival and the remains of colonist Edmund Quincy's tide mill. Co-sponsored by the Quincy Park Department, the Quincy Historical Society and the DCR.

**Saturday, January 11 9 am - 2 pm**

### Winter Trails Day

Meet at the Weston Ski Track at Leo J. Martin Golf Course at 200 Park Road in Weston.

Call 781-891-6575 for more info. [www.skiboston.com/skitrack/skitrack.php](http://www.skiboston.com/skitrack/skitrack.php)

New to snow sports? Try snowshoeing and cross country skiing at Weston Ski Track and discover the great fitness and social benefits with these easy-to-learn winter sports. Free demos, additional rentals for a fee.

Visit [www.skiboston.com](http://www.skiboston.com) or call the number above for more information.

**Thursday, February 20 11 am- noon**

### Winter Birds of Squantum Point Park

Meet at the white shelter by the pier at Squantum Point parking lot in Quincy. From Quincy Shore Drive, turn onto East Squantum Street. Turn left onto Victory Road in Marina Bay. Proceed straight through the first rotary and take the next left on the Haul Road to Squantum Point. <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/squant.htm>

Rafts of eider and brant are a common sight during the winter months. Join us at Squantum Point Park as we take a closer look at the ducks and seabirds that weather New England winters.

Bring binoculars if you have them. We will have some loaner pairs available. 1 hour

**Saturday, February 22 1pm - 3 pm**

### DCR Stony Brook Frozen Fun Fest featuring the Boston Snow Dogs

Meet at Bajko Skating Rink at 75 Turtle Pond Parkway in Hyde Park. [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/stony.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/stony.htm)

Discover the world of Urban Mushing! Keep active in winter! Join the Boston Snow Dogs and the Yankee Siberian Sled Dog Club in a fun, educational presentation on dog sledding in New England.

- Meet the Mushers and get friendly with some furry sled dogs
- Watch and cheer the canine athletes as they run
- Visit the MIX Radio Winter Wellness Van for great music and free give-aways
- Free Ice Skating at Bajko Rink from 2:00-3:50 pm (bring your own skates)

Demonstrations with wheeled rigs, carts and bicycles or sleds, if snow permits.

### Things to know before you go

- All programs are free
- Wear sturdy footwear and dress in layers
- Carry drinking water on all hikes
- We will hike unless the weather creates unsafe conditions
- If weather conditions are questionable, please call the DCR on the day of the program at 617-333-7404, extension 104.
- Reasonable accommodations available. Please email [Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us](mailto:Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us)

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