



Universal Access Program

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You are personally invited!



The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Universal Access Program is hosting their annual Accessible Recreation Fair, June 3rd, from 10am–3pm at Herter Park/Artesani Playground in Brighton.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Universal Access Program (UAP) is offering a free, fun-filled day celebrating accessible outdoor recreation in Massachusetts State Parks!

Family-friendly, accessible, and inclusive activities include: cycling with an assortment of adaptive cycles, hiking and letterboxing with all-terrain wheelchairs and walkers, face painting and kite decorating, golf and other equipment demonstrations, bubble blowing and games, music and dancing, and much more!

Light refreshments will be available, generously provided by Legal Seafood's ChowderMobile, Shaw's Supermarkets, Starbucks Coffee, and Whole Foods.

With over twenty organizations attending, this is the best place to come find out about accessible, adaptive, and inclusive recreation programs offered in the greater Boston area and beyond. Enjoy socializing on the banks of the Charles River while learning about inclusive, accessible programs and resources available to people of all abilities around the state and the region.

Join us rain or shine (call 413-545-5353 for recorded status in case of severe weather). Pre-registration is highly recommended, especially for use of equipment. To register, call Gigi at 781-254-4720 or email gigi.ranno@state.ma.us

Please RSVP to request an ASL interpreter.

Volunteers are also welcome! For volunteer opportunities, contact Rachael at 413-992-8048 or rachael.lee@state.ma.us.

The UAP is committed to providing outdoor recreation opportunities in Massachusetts State Parks for visitors of all abilities. Accessibility to our State Parks is achieved through site improvements, free specialized adaptive recreation equipment, and free or low-cost accessible recreation programs. The

UAP strives to increase participation in indoor and outdoor recreational activities in integrated settings.

The Program offers accessible cycling, sailing, boating, hiking, and horseback riding programs in the summer and fall, as well as adaptive skiing, skating, snowshoeing, and other winter activities at various Massachusetts State Park facilities.

For more information on DCR's Universal Access Program and a schedule of activities, call 413-545-5353 or visit www.mass.gov/dcr/universal-access.

Directions

GPS address: 1255 Soldiers Field Rd. Brighton, MA 02135

From the Massachusetts Turnpike, I-90 East or West:

Take exit 18 Allston/Brighton. Remain on the right hand side of the off-ramp split until you come to a traffic intersection (Doubletree Suites on the right). Take a left turn onto the access road for Storrow Drive/Soldiers Field Road Westbound (Do NOT cross the river). Once on Soldiers Field Road remain in the middle lane as the road curves around Harvard Athletic Fields on your left. The parking lot entrance will be 500 yards on the right after the athletic fields.

From I-93 North or South and Boston (Central Artery):

Take Storrow Drive Westbound, for just under 5 miles, following signs to Newton/Arlington. Storrow Drive becomes Soldiers Field Rd. You will come to a sign that reads "Arlington/Route 2 Fresh Pond Parkway and Newton." Bear left at the flashing yellow light (there are 3 flashing yellow lights, all of which you should stay to the left of). 20 yards past the light, go through the traffic signal. Stay left. Harvard Stadium athletic fields will be on your left. Travel ½ mile further along Soldiers Field Rd. The park will be on your right directly across from the Days Hotel.

From Cambridge (US Route 2):

Follow signs toward Boston, Soldiers Field Road and Storrow Drive until you cross the Elliot Bridge over the Charles River. Follow signs for Newton and Points west. The entrance to the park will be 500 yards on your right.

Public Transportation:

From Harvard Square, take the #86 bus (toward Brookline/Cleveland Circle).

From Central Square (Cambridge), take the #70 or #70A bus (outbound to Waltham).

From Cleveland Circle (Brookline), take the #86 bus (toward Cambridge).

Exit any of these busses at the corner of Western Ave and Everett St (382 Western Ave.). Walk towards the Days Hotel and through the Hotel parking lot onto Soldiers Field Road. The park is across the street, to the left of the Herter Community Gardens.

From Dudley Station, take the #66 bus (toward Harvard Square via Allston) and exit at N. Harvard St. and Kingsley St. Walk toward Kingsley St., turn left on Spurr St, continue onto Western Ave and follow the walking directions above.

Also available on The RIDE. (1250 Soldiers Field Road in Brighton)