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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 temproary 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

Center,	Falls, MA
30 Rockwell Rd, Lanesborough, MA	
Walden Pond Discovery Center, 915	Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center at Worcester
Walden Street, Concord, MA	3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester, MA
Fall River Heritage State Park Visitor	Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitor Center, 221
Center, Davol Street, Fall River, MA	Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA
Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitor	Halibut Point State Park Visitor Center, Gott
<b>Center,</b> 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA	Avenue, Rockport, MA
Mount Holyoke Range State Park Notch Visitor Center, 1500 West Street, Amherst,	<b>Borderland State Park Visitor Center,</b> 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA
MA	
	Breakheart State Reservation Visitor Center, 177
Roxbury Heritage State Park Visitor	Forest Street, Saugus, MA
<b>Center</b> , 183 Roxbury Street, Boston, MA	
	Maudslay State Park Visitor Center, 74 Curzon
Middlesex Fells State Reservation Botume House Visitor Center, 4 Woodland Road,	Mill Road, Newburyport, MA
Stoneham, MA	
	Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park
	<b>River Bend Farm Visitor Center</b> , 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge, MA

<b>Wompatuck State Park Visitor</b> <b>Center</b> , 204 Union Street, Hingham, MA	Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Visitor Center, 345 Mountain Road, Princeton, MA
<b>Purgatory Chasm Reservation Visitor</b> <b>Center</b> , 198 Purgatory Road, Sutton, MA	<b>Western Gateway Heritage State Park Visitor</b> <b>Center</b> , 9 Furnace Street, North Adams, MA
<b>Dunn State Park Visitor Center,</b> 289 Pear Street, Gardner, MA	Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Visitor Center,
Quabbin Reservoir Visitor Center,	131 Waquoit Highway, East Falmouth, MA
100 Winsor Dam Road, Belchertown, MA	
	Beartown State Forest Campground,
Melnea A. Cass Recreation Complex,	Beartown State Forest Campground, 69 Blue Hill Road, Monterey, MA
Melnea A. Cass Recreation Complex, 120 M.L.K. Jr. Boulevard, Boston, MA	
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260 Central Shaft Road, Florida, MA

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