

DCR Blue Hills Reservation Recommended Color-coded Hiking Trails



| Trail Name/Trailhead Location/ Map site on back | Description | Round Trip Distance/Time | Difficulty |
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|  Great Blue Hill Red Dot Trailside Museum SOUTH Lot kiosk, 1904 Canton Ave, Milton <i>(See map, #1 on back)</i> | A family favorite and the most popular trail in the park. This rugged rocky trail leads to the Eliot Observation Tower at the summit of Great Blue Hill, with a panoramic view at 635 feet elevation. | 1.32 mile 1 - 1.5 hours | Moderately strenuous and rocky. At intersection 1082, look closely to stay on red dot trail. |
|  Wolcott Green Dot Trailside Museum NORTH Lot kiosk, 1880 Canton Ave, Milton <i>(See map, # 2 on back)</i> | A pleasant woodland walk along Wolcott Path and Puddle Path, with a large vernal pool near intersection 1092. Listen for frog calls in spring. | 2.7 miles 1.5 hours | Moderate, rolling terrain. |
|  Skyline Loop Begin hike at park office, 695 Hillside St, Milton. Parking at Houghton's Pond, 840 Hillside St. <i>(See map, # 3 and # 4 on back)</i> | A popular sampling of the Skyline Trail, linking the North and South branches between the Reservation Headquarters and Eliot Tower atop Great Blue Hill. This challenging route summits 5 hilltops over rocky terrain with great views. | 2.64 miles 2 - 2.5 hours | Difficult, rocky and steep. |
|  Houghton's Pond Yellow Dot Houghton's Pond kiosk, 840 Hillside St, Milton <i>(See map, # 3 on back)</i> | An easy picturesque stroll around scenic Houghton's Pond. Enjoyable for all ages. | 1.15 miles .75 - 1 hour | Easy, mostly level with some exposed tree roots. |
|  Tucker Hill Green Dot Houghton's Pond kiosk, 840 Hillside St, Milton <i>(See map, # 3 on back)</i> | A rolling woodland ramble around the base of Tucker Hill and along an old carriage road. | 2.87 miles 1.5 hours | Moderate terrain. |
|  Buck Hill Red Dot Houghton's Pond kiosk, 840 Hillside St, Milton <i>(See map, # 3 on back)</i> | A moderately strenuous trek to Buck Hill and back. Buck Hill boasts a sweeping panoramic view atop a sun-baked, rocky summit. | 3.83 miles 2 - 2.5 hours | Moderately strenuous, some rocky sections. |
|  Forest Path White Triangle Loop Houghton's Pond kiosk, 840 Hillside St, Milton <i>(See map, # 3 on back)</i> | A long, rambling, woodland hike in the Houghton's Pond section. Begin by following white triangles east along Hillside St. Marked in one direction, counterclockwise. | 6.11 miles 2.5 - 3 hours | Long, moderate hike |
|  Breakneck Ledge Yellow Triangle Loop Houghton's Pond kiosk, 840 Hillside St, Milton <i>(See map, # 3 on back)</i> | A rugged woodland route crossing through the Great Blue Hill section. Begin by following yellow triangles east along Hillside St. Marked in one direction only, counterclockwise. | 4.51 miles 2.5 - 3 hours | Moderately difficult hike with rolling hills |
|  Ponkapoag Pond Green Dot Rte 93, Exit 3, Ponkapoag Trail. Park near kiosk. Do not block the gate or park on the ramps. <i>(See map, # 5 on back)</i> | An easy to moderate 4-mile hike around scenic Ponkapoag Pond. The route passes through the Ponkapoag Golf Course and borders the AMC Camp Ponkapoag. Enjoy a scenic view at Fisherman's Beach near intersection 5321. | 4.25 miles 2 - 2.5 hours | Moderate route on wide trails, with one narrow section over a stream. |
|  Braintree Pass Red Dot Parking lot at Route 28 and Chickatawbut Rd, Quincy <i>(See map, # 6 on back)</i> | A moderate hike which starts easy and rolling, then a rocky trail climb around Kitchamakin Hill on Sassaman Notch and Slide Notch, and back again on Braintree Pass Path. | 3.39 miles 1.5 - 2 hours | Moderately difficult |
|  Chickatawbut Overlook Yellow Dot Chickatawbut Overlook, Chickatawbut Rd, Quincy <i>(See map, # 7 on back)</i> | An easy, short woodland loop around Chickatawbut Tower and pavilion constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corp in the 1930's. Enjoy a popular vista of the Boston Skyline. | 0.62 miles .5 - 1 hour | Easy Note: tower currently closed for safety |
|  St. Moritz Green Dot Shea Rink Parking lot, 651 Willard St, Quincy <i>(See map, # 8 on back)</i> | A woods and wetlands loop which passes by St. Moritz Ponds, a once popular winter carnival site from 1929 to the 1930's. <i>Use caution crossing Wompatuck Road.</i> | 3.22 miles 1.5 - 2 hours | Moderate, fairly level |
|  West Street Yellow Dot West St, Braintree <i>(See map, # 9 on back)</i> | A short wetland walk in a lesser known area of the park near Great Pond in Braintree. | 1.08 miles .5 - .75 hours | Easy, some pavement |

Rangers recommend wearing sturdy hiking boots and carrying water, a trail map, and a cell phone on all hikes.
In Case of Emergency: Call 911 DCR Park Concerns: Call DCR 24-Hour Dispatch at (508) 820-1428

Blue Hills Reservation Recommended Color-Coded Hikes Trailhead Map

Things to know

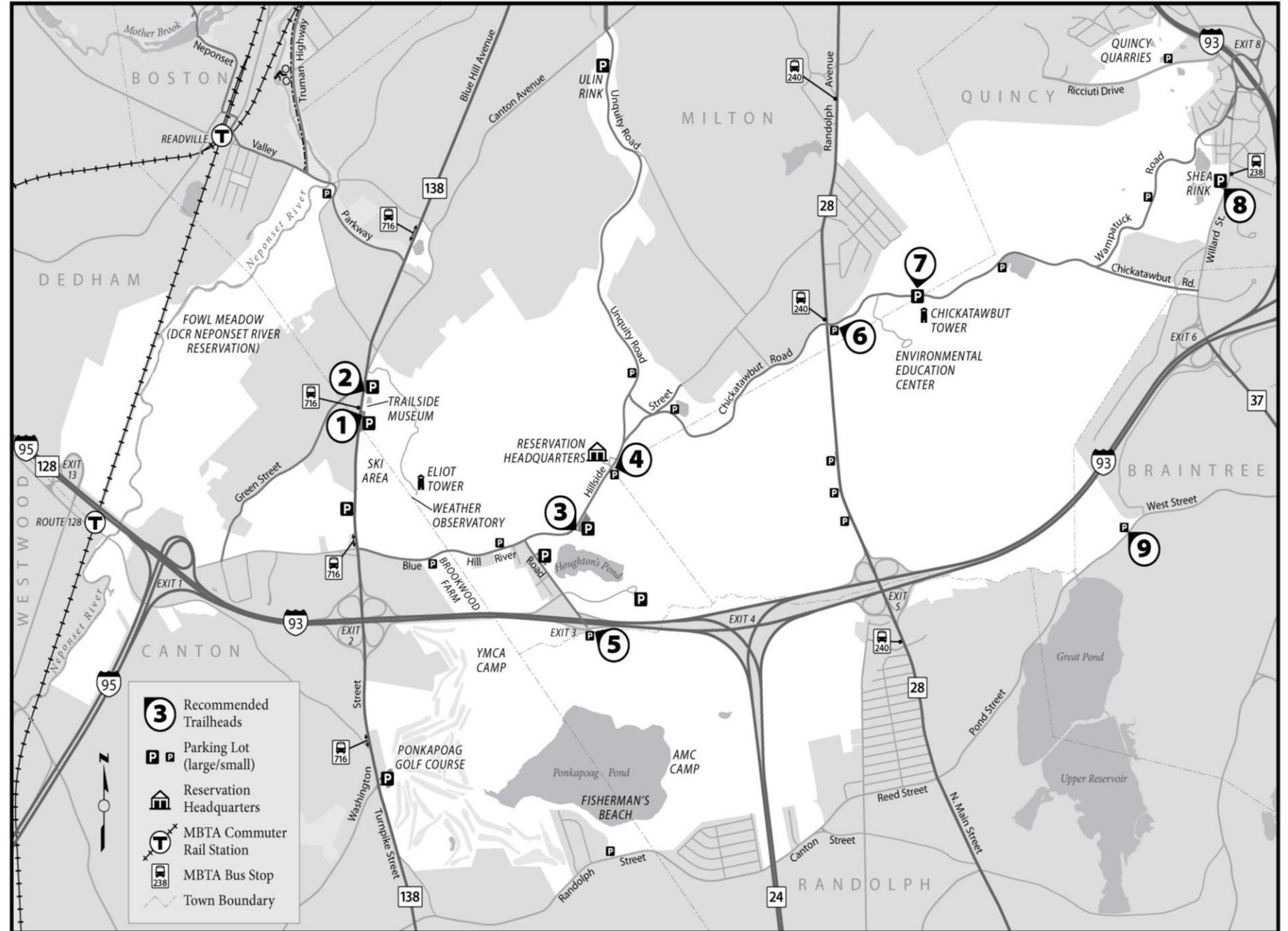
- Wear sturdy footwear.
- Carry drinking water, a trail map and a cell phone on all hikes.
- Dress for the weather. Layers are recommended for maximum comfort.

Go Green to the Blue Hills!

Public transportation and ride sharing are strongly encouraged. Public parking is limited—expect heavy use, especially on weekends, and plan accordingly.

The Blue Hills Reservation is serviced by three main MBTA bus lines. Schedules vary. **For more information, visit www.mbta.com or call the MBTA at (800) 392-6100.**

- West Area (Trailside Museum, Blue Hills Ski Area, Great Blue Hill, and Houghton's Pond): Take the Mattapan Station–Cobbs Corner (Canton) bus, Route 716 (this route has an unusual schedule—see website)
- Central Area (Chickatawbut Overlook): Take the Ashmont Station–Avon Square bus, Route 240
- East Area (St. Moritz Ponds and Shea Rink): Take the Quincy Center–Holbrook/Randolph bus, Route 238



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