



Massachusetts



Quabbin Reservoir

485 Ware Road
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April Vacation Programs at the Quabbin Visitor Center

Behind the scenes at Quabbin Reservoir

At first glance Quabbin Reservoir presents a peaceful scene of natural beauty. But it takes the hard work of many professionals to protect and maintain these 81,000 acres of land and water and to provide drinking water to 2.5 million people in the state. Join us to explore just a few ways that this work is done. **Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear shoes that are good for hiking.** Call the Quabbin Visitor Center at 413-323-7221 for more information.

Surveying the Quabbin Reservoir

Tuesday, April 18, 10am-12pm

The first step to building Quabbin Reservoir was surveying the land to be flooded. Explore the equipment and techniques used by the original engineers in the 1930's and learn how current DCR engineers use similar techniques today to protect this vital resource. Presented by DCR DWSP Engineers Kim Hulse and Jeff Gagner.

Managing the Quabbin Reservoir Forest

Wednesday, April 19, 10am-12pm

Quabbin Reservoir watershed land plays a critical role in protecting the water quality. In the years since the reservoir was constructed, the management of the forest has changed. Explore a piece of the Quabbin forest that was planted in the 1940's and learn how the watershed forest management has evolved. Presented by DCR Natural Resource Analysts Brian Keegan and Ginny Dautreuil.

Algae Sampling at Quabbin Reservoir

Thursday, April 20, 10am-12pm

Measuring phytoplankton helps the DCR Quabbin Reservoir Environmental Quality staff keep a close eye on the health of the water. Join Aquatic Biologist Paula Packard for a look at how, why and where we sample phytoplankton and get a close-up look at the interesting organisms that live in our water.