



Massachusetts



Quabbin Reservoir

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Upcoming Programs at the Quabbin Visitor Center

Quabbin Reservoir will offer several free presentations this winter. All ages are welcome. Please call (413) 323-7221 for more information.

Sunday January 29, 2-3pm

HOTSPOT FOR COOL CREATURES

The southern CT Valley is the foremost reptile & amphibian biodiversity hotspot in Massachusetts. Join State Herpetologist Michael T. Jones for a presentation on these fascinating creatures.

Sunday, February 12, 2-3pm

THE INFLUENCE OF WEATHER PATTERNS, FOREST ECOSYSTEMS, AND HUMAN USE ON WATER SUPPLIES

Southern New England is typically described as a “well-watered” temperate forest landscape. This is generally accurate until prolonged periods of low rainfall and/or mild winters substantially alter the water balance. Reservoir water levels begin to decrease when rates of withdrawal and use exceed rates of inflow from streams and aquifers. In extreme cases, such as the 1960s, the effect can persist for years. Please join Dr. Paul Barten, Professor of Forestry and Hydrology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, to learn more about the vital and dynamic connection between the forest ...and the faucet.

Sunday, February 19, 2-3pm

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WINSOR DAM

Quabbin Reservoir is so noted for its natural beauty and pure water that we often forget that it is a constructed landscape created by the Winsor Dam and Goodnough Dike. Join DCR Interpretive Services staff Maria Beiter-Tucker to learn more about how the dam and the dike were constructed and how they formed the Reservoir.

Sunday, February 26, 2-3pm

2100 Miles in the Quabbin Reservoir

Hiking 2100 miles within “The Quabbin” has rewarded this outdoor enthusiast with exciting wildlife experiences and photo opportunities. Come join us as Jim Morelly (Hiking Camera) shares his passion for nature while wandering the trails and roads of this Accidental Wilderness. Jim is a lifelong Massachusetts sportsman who enjoys nature and outdoor activities including hiking, camping, fishing & photography.