



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, March 5, 2-3pm** **VISIONS FROM THE PAST**

During the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir, photographers were hired by the state to document the destruction of the Swift River Valley and the creation of the reservoir. Join us for an exploration of these rarely seen photographs as we compare the historic images with contemporary views taken from the same spot as the originals over 75 years ago.

### **Sunday, March 12, 2-3pm** **THE LOST APPLES OF THE QUABBIN RESERVOIR**

The Lost Apples of the Quabbin Project has spent the last year researching and exploring for heritage apples that remain in the Quabbin. We will talk about what we found, our techniques, the apple history of the Quabbin and our next steps in this quest to discover these lost agricultural resources. The Lost Apples of the Quabbin Project team are two apple enthusiasts who don't mind spending hours wandering in the woods looking for apples never left.

### **Sunday, March 19, 2-3pm** **CONTINUOUS FOREST INVENTORY: 50 YEARS OF MONITORING GROWTH AND CHANGE IN QUABBIN'S FOREST**

Every 10 years since 1960 Quabbin foresters have collected tree measurements from over 360 permanent sample plots located throughout the Quabbin watershed forest. In preparation for the next round of measurements in 2020, data from all previous visits has been newly compiled and scrutinized. Join DCR Natural Resource Analyst Brian Keevan as he presents a view of this forest revealed so far by the results from this ongoing and remarkable program.

### **Sunday, March 26, 2-3pm** **QUABBIN AQUATIC LIFE- DROUGHT, ADAPTATIONS AND DECONTAMINATION**

2016 was a year of severe drought for much of Massachusetts, including Quabbin Reservoir. Join DCR Aquatic Biologist Paula Packard as she discusses the interesting adaptations many aquatic plants have in response to this situation. As Quabbin Reservoir heads into its 9<sup>th</sup> year of the Quabbin Boat Seal program she will also discuss how instituting this program has prevented the introduction of new aquatic invasive species and protected the watershed and the fisheries of the reservoir.

### **Sunday, April 2, 2-3pm** **QUABBIN TIME TRAVEL TRIP TO PRESCOTT**

Take a trip back in time with Jon Melick to visit Prescott, MA. Explore the town as it was before the fate of the Swift River Valley was sealed in 1927. A native of Newton, MA, Mr. Melick is a longtime resident of Boston and has led or helped to lead many historic hikes and bus trips through the Quabbin Reservoir.

**Venue Change: Jon Melick's presentation will be at the Belchertown Senior Center, 60 State Street, Belchertown, MA. Program will be from 3-4PM. Light refreshments from 2-3PM.**