

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Fall 2007

Pull and post this section of the Friends of the Blue Hills Newsletter and join us for some exciting events in the Blue Hills Reservation!

Saturday, October 6, 10:00 am – noon

Take a Kid Mountain Biking

Join the nationwide celebration with the Blue Hills Rangers, TrailWatch and NEMBA. Bring along your kids, their bikes and helmets - we'll supply the fun! We'll practice our riding skills and learn new ones before setting out for an easy trail ride. Along the way, we'll learn how to fix a flat tire and read a map. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot. Call 617-698-1802 for details.

Sunday, November 4, 9:00 am - Skyline Hike

Join DCR on this rugged eight-mile jaunt along the Skyline Trail in the Blue Hills. Explore the peaks and valleys of the surrounding countryside. Wear hiking boots and bring water and lunch. We will car caravan to the starting point. For ages 16 and up. 5-7 hours. Pre-registration is required. Call 617-698-1802, ext. 212 to register.

Sunday, November 11, 1:00 pm - DCR CCC History Hike

Celebrate the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Blue Hills. You will admire the Chickatawbut Overlook, a CCC project from the 1930's, then hike to the site of the CCC Camp. 1.5 hours. Meet at Chickatawbut Overlook on Chickatawbut Road in Quincy. Call 617-698-1802 for details.

Sunday, October 14, 2007

(Register before October 1)

Colonial Road Runners 4th Annual

Houghton's Pond Trail Race

Start: Houghton's Pond, 9:00 am

Volunteer to help at the race – or put on your running shoes and enjoy a rolling course over dirt roads and forest paths in the scenic Houghton's Pond section. The course avoids steep hiking trails, but this is a trail race, with plenty of small rocks and tree roots along the way! Registration fee: \$20. T-Shirts for all Runners. Register online before October 1: www.signmeup.com/57575. Due to permit restrictions registration is limited. Pre-registration required. No race-day registration. A portion of the proceeds donated to FBH.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 10:00 am - Houghton Section Hike

FBH joint hike with AMC. 7 mile hike on a variety of trails with several views and lunch atop Buck Hill. 5.5 hours. Meet at Houghton's Pond lot. Leader: Steve Olanoff, 781-326-6585.

FBH Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 20, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 1508 Washington Street, Canton

Fill your senses with winning photos from the Blue Hills from FBH's 2007 photo contest; delicious tastes and mouthwatering aromas of dinner, desert and drinks; and live music by the folk-and-baroque violist, Carl Woolf. We hope you'll join us to celebrate the Blue Hills! RSVP: 781-828-1805 or info@FriendsoftheBlueHills.org.

Sunday, December 2, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Annual DCR TrailWatch

Holiday Mountain Bike Ride and Toy Drive

Houghton's Pond Visitor Center

Call 617-698-1802 for details.

Sunday, December 9, 10:00 am

Chickatawbut Section Hike

FBH joint hike with AMC. 7 mile hike in the wildest and most remote area of the Blue Hills. 5.5 hours. Meet at Shea Ice Rink. Leader: Steve Olanoff, 781-326-6585.

Saturday, December 15, 10:00 am

Little Blue Hill Nature Walk

FBH joint hike with AMC. 3-mile hike in the least-known section of the Blue Hills to look for signs of birds and animals in winter. 2 hours. Meet at rear of Park-&-Ride lot on Rte. 138. Leader: Steve Olanoff, 781-326-6585.

Saturday, October 27, 1:00 pm

Bunker Hill Quarry Exploration

A DCR ranger will lead a moderate hike to uncover this hidden historic treasure in West Quincy. 1.5 hours. Meet at the bulletin board at the Shea Rink parking lot on Willard Street. Call 617-698-1802 for details.

DCR Blue Hills Adult Walking Club

The DCR Blue Hills Adult Walking Club is a group of adults that meets on a weekly basis for recreational walks. The purpose of these walks is social exercise. There is no fee to join and everyone 16 or older is welcome. Walks are normally 2 - 5 miles with varying terrain. Call 617-727-4573 for details.