

ABOUT WOMPATUCK STATE PARK

Wompatuck State Park spans 3,526 acres, stretching from Hingham into the neighboring towns of Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell. The park has more than 70 miles of roads, multi-use trails and bike paths, offering a myriad of activities such as hiking, road biking, mountain biking, running (road and trail), horseback riding, dog walking, hunting, fishing, camping, scouting, geocaching, snowshoeing, skiing and snowmobiling.

The park is also home to Mt. Blue Spring, a popular source of fresh drinking water.

Wompatuck State Park is named after Chief Wompatuck, who deeded the land in 1665 to English settlers. During World War II, the park was used as an ammunition depot. Many features from this period remain visible in the park.

HOURS

The park is open from sunrise to sunset. Visitor center hours are 8am-8pm (summer) and 8am-3:30pm (winter). The yellow gate on Union St. closes at 3:30pm wintertime.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor vehicles are allowed on Union St. and in the campground only. Off-road vehicles are prohibited. Snowmobiles are allowed on park roads east of Union St.

PARKING

P Parking is available at the visitor center, transfer station, campground, Mt. Blue Spring and at the Doane St. entrance. The S. Pleasant St, Leavitt St. and Mt. Blue St. entrances have very limited parking.

Free parking for park visitors is also available at the Cohasset commuter rail station, which is linked to Wompatuck State Park through the *Whitney Spur Rail Trail*.

TRASH

W Wompatuck is a carry-in carry-out park. No trash barrels are provided.

WATER

W Water is available at the visitor center and in the campground. Notably, spring water is available for free at Mt. Blue Spring (tested monthly for water quality).

RESTROOMS

R Restrooms are available at the visitor center and in the campground (seasonal).

DOG RULES

D Dogs are welcome in Wompatuck, but please be courteous and follow these rules:

- Dogs are allowed on all park roads and trails
- Dogs must be leashed unless the owner has full voice control over his/her dog.
- Owners must pick up and bring out dog feces.
- All dogs must be leashed along Union Street, around the Visitor Center, Campground, Transfer Station and on Doane Street east of the power lines.
- Dogs are not allowed at Mount Blue Spring.

PARK USAGE

ROAD AND TRAIL USAGE

All park roads and trails are open for all non-motorized usage. Please stay on designated roads and trails to protect sensitive nature areas.

For equestrian use, the "Bridle/Multi use" trails are recommended. Trail construction and modification is prohibited without prior approval from park management.

HIKING AND RUNNING

H All park roads and trails are suitable for hiking and running. Please allow bicyclists and equestrians to pass.

ROAD AND MOUNTAIN BIKING

B Wompatuck is a popular destination for both road and mountain bikers. Bicycling is allowed on all park roads, paved bicycle paths and trails. Announce yourself, be courteous and yield to other trail users. State law requires helmets for bicyclists age 16 and under.

The *Whitney Spur Rail Trail* links the Cohasset commuter rail station with Wompatuck State Park through Whitney and Thayer Woods.

SKIING

S Wompatuck is popular with skiers in the wintertime. All roads and trails west of Union St. are open for cross-country skiing, conditions permitting.

HORSEBACK RIDING

H Horseback Riding is a popular activity at Wompatuck. Most of Womp's trails are quite suitable for this activity though some of the parks bridges and boardwalks are not built to support equestrians. Trails particularly suitable for horseback riding are marked on this map as "Bridle/multi-use trails". The best places to park trailers are in the parking lots near the Visitor Center.

SNOWMOBILING

S Snowmobiles are welcome in Wompatuck whenever the snow depth is 4 inches or greater. Snowmobiles are limited to the eastern side of the park. It should be noted that snowmobiles will be sharing the trails with other trail users such as cyclists, snowshoers and cross country skiers.

FISHING AND BOATING

F Fishing is allowed throughout the park. The Aaron River Reservoir, in particular, offers good fishing opportunities. Non-motorized boats, kayaks, paddleboards and canoes are allowed in the Aaron River Reservoir which has a dock. They are also allowed in the much smaller Holly Pond, which has a small dock, and in Boundary Pond.

For vehicle access to the boat ramp in the Aaron River Reservoir, contact the campground office (summer) or park management (winter).

HUNTING SEASON

H All park users are recommended to wear bright clothing and be alert during hunting season. This is particularly important in the south section of the park (the "Wildlife Management Area").

Hunting season information is posted in the visitor center. There is no hunting in Massachusetts on Sundays.

CAMPGROUND

C The Wompatuck campground has 262 campsites. Electrical hookups are available. Additional facilities include water, restrooms and showers. The approximate season is early May through mid October. All reservations are made through reserveamerica.com.

PHONE NUMBERS

Park mgmt/campground:	781-749-7160
Hingham Police:	781-749-1212
Hingham Fire:	781-749-2424
All emergencies:	911

THE FRIENDS OF WOMPATUCK

The Friends of Wompatuck (FOW) is an all-volunteer, non-profit (501c3) organization founded in 2006. Our goals are to educate the public about park uses and history, as well as to preserve, maintain and improve the features of Wompatuck State Park.

The FOW works closely with the Department of Conservation and Reservation (DCR) to enhance the park and its resources beyond what would be possible through DCR alone.

- We organize several trail work days every year, where we cut back overgrown trails, maintain and re-route damaged trails and build bridges over wet spots.
- We install and maintain information kiosks around the park.
- We maintain and sponsor the *Wompatuck Trail Watch* program to assist visitors and patrol the park.
- We support and organize park activities, such as history walks, pow-wows, scouting and horseback riding events.
- We organize the yearly *Landmine Classic* Mountain Bike race - our main fundraiser event.
- We produce and print this map.

www.friendsofwompatuck.org

 Friends of Wompatuck



JOIN US!

This map, and many of the features and improvements throughout the park, were created and funded by the Friends of Wompatuck. We can only maintain this great park with your support. If you use and enjoy Wompatuck, please consider giving back:

- **Join the Friends of Wompatuck** at www.friendsofwompatuck.org
- **Attend one of our trail maintenance days.** Upcoming events are posted on our website at www.friendsofwompatuck.org.
- **Come to a meeting** and hear about what we do and what happens in the park. Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Visitor Center. Date and times may change, so check our website. All are welcome!

We are a group of people who love the outdoors. We enjoy the teamwork and the social atmosphere of working together to improve the environment, and get great satisfaction from giving back to our community.

DCR

Wompatuck State Park is part of the *Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation*, an Agency of the Executive Office. DCR manages one of the largest (over 450,000 acres) and most diverse state parks systems in the nation.

Please visit this link for more information on Wompatuck State Park:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/wompatuck-state-park.html>

The Agency partners with Friends groups such as The Friends of Wompatuck in presenting a safe, informative and quality recreational experience for the public. DCR thanks the Friends of Wompatuck for producing this map.



TRAILWATCH



TrailWatch Wompatuck - a collaboration between FOW and DCR - is made up of a group of volunteers who frequently use the park and are familiar with the trail system. We are mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, runners and geocachers.

Our goal is to make Wompatuck a friendly and safe place to be by patrolling the trails and giving guidance to park users. If you see us around the park feel free to say - though we will likely say it first!

JUNCTION MARKERS



Most road and trail intersections in the park are numbered. Match the number on the sign with the map to find out where you are.

When you are facing the sign, you are facing north, i.e. up on the map.

The Friends of Wompatuck would like to thank our corporate sponsors:



Fog over Aaron River Reservoir in Wompatuck State Park.