

Ranger Newsletter

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Welcome to the Ranger Newsletter!

In each issue, we will look to cover all things Prospect Hill Park, 314 Totten Pond Rd, Waltham, MA 02451, from events and programs, to stories on the trails and fun places to visit.

Want to contribute a story or picture to feature in the newsletter?

Contact the Park Ranger at

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What We're Seeing

Average local rainfall is currently at a deficit putting our area in the Significant Drought category. Local water systems are strained and the forest floor is dry and fragile.

Please be aware that fire pits and grilling of any kind ARE NOT permitted outside of the base area. We ask the public be extra vigilant as these drought conditions could lead to a significant wild fire in the park.

Dogs off-leash and not under owner control has been a rising concern and complaint recently. As a reminder all dogs must be leashed at all times while in the City of Waltham which includes all city properties.

There has been an increase this season in vandalism throughout the park. If you or anyone you know has any information please reach out to the Park Ranger.

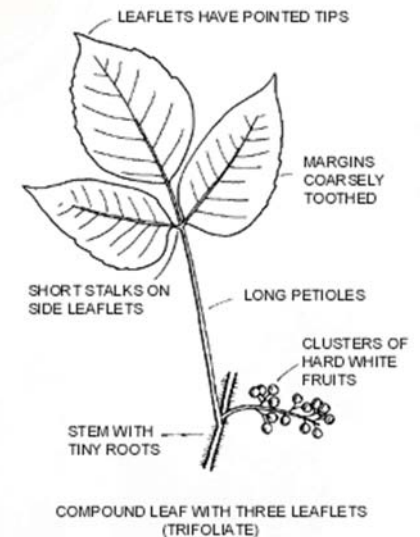
Trail Reports

Poison ivy and other various plants are encroaching on certain trails as we reach the height of the growing season. Dry conditions have left some areas with an abundance of loose soil so be mindful creating suspect footing when out on the trail. Please be aware of your surroundings as you make your way through the park as hanging branches pose potential risks.

Poison Ivy

If you come in contact with any poison ivy, steps can be taken to help control or even prevent the spreading of the developing rash. Consult a physician first and follow their professional advice if you get a rash.

To help prevent a reaction, immediately wash the skin where urushiol oil is suspected. Use rubbing alcohol, dishwashing liquid or a special soap made for use after contact with poison ivy. Do not scrub the area when washing, because that can cause the oil to spread further onto more skin. Rinse thoroughly with cool water.



Upcoming

Events & Programs



Special Thanks!

We would like to recognize Sam Silver for choosing Prospect Hill Park for his Eagle scout service project. Sam chose to lend his services to our Trail revitalization program. Sam and his team helped install signage and posts on various trail intersections throughout the park. We are thankful for his time and effort!

We would like to recognize Girl Scout troop 82544 for their recent silver award project which they chose to complete in Prospect Hill Park. The troop designed and installed a pollinator garden and bench near little prospect. It was an amazing project and we are honored to have worked with them!

Programs at Prospect Hill

Summer Programs are in full swing!

Prospect Hill Base Area Amenities are used by summer programs M-F 9:00am-3:00pm for the months of July and August.

Picnic Permits

Picnic Permit Reservations will be available within Prospect Hill Park at the following locations: Sunset Shelter, The Valley Pavilion, Summer House, and Base Area Pavilion!

For more information visit www.city.waltham.ma.us and follow the link to the Recreation Department.

Events at Prospect Hill

- Summer Programs Daily 9:00am-3:00pm

Amusements!

JULY/AUGUST 2022 HOURS
SATURDAY AND SUNDAYS
12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.



Looking to Volunteer?

Are you looking to get involved at Prospect Hill Park or any other parks within the city of Waltham? Contact the Park Ranger!

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