



December 12, 2012

Dear Park & Recreation Directors:

We are excited to invite you to be a part of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) "Use Nature as Your Guide" program. Now in its **5th** year, this program has allowed people across the state to enjoy the Commonwealth's special public places.

As in the past, we are offering the Parks & Recreation Departments across the Commonwealth one free **2013 Massachusetts ParksPass**. The ParksPass entitles the bearer to free parking at over 50 facilities in the Massachusetts state parks system that charge a day-use parking fee. (Quabbin Reservoir is excluded). A parking fee of \$2.00 to \$9.00 is charged at over 50 locations between Memorial Day and Columbus Day.

We hope that your recreation department will take advantage of DCR's "Use Nature as Your Guide" program and encourage your residents to experience the wonders of nature and the exhilaration of outdoor recreation in DCR's outstanding parks. If you wish to participate in this program for **2013**, please complete and return the attached application by **January 18, 2012**.

We are interested in receiving feedback from your patrons about their visits. Please ask them to complete the on line survey at the website listed on the ParksPass so we may learn about their experiences. The link is <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parkspass.htm>

See you in the parks!

Sincerely,

Priscilla Geigis,
Director of State Parks/
Assistant Commissioner

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cc: Sam Overton, Deputy Director of State Parks

Attachment: Application

Park & Recreation Letter 12-12-2012 for 2013 Season

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**USE NATURE AS YOUR GUIDE PROGRAM
2013 PARKSPASS APPLICATION**

Yes! Our parks and recreation department would like to participate in the 2012 ParksPass Program.

Parks and Recreation Department Name	Contact Person
Address	Telephone Number
City, State, Zip Code	Email address

- The 2013 Parks and Recreation ParksPass Stamps can be affixed to your green plastic hangtag that you have.
- We will use hangtag already assigned to us. Yes No
- We will need a new hangtag for 2013. Yes No

1. Did your recreation department participate in the 2012 Use Nature as Your Guide Program? Yes No

2. How often was the ParksPass borrowed? _____

3. Did you set up a borrowing system or did you give your pass to the community's library to lend? _____

4. How did you advertise the ParksPass program? _____

5. Did any of your parks and recreation programming involve a visit to a state park? If yes, please describe.

6. Which DCR facilities did your residents visit with the ParksPass? Please list facilities below:

7. Please share any comments or suggestions you received from individuals using the ParksPass.

8. Please share any comments/suggestions you have for the ParksPass Program. (use additional sheet if needed)

*For information on the **Bus Pass Program** for DCR, please contact one of our Regional Offices listed below.*

*South Regional Office - 508.866.2580
Central Regional Office - 413.545.599*

*North Regional Office - 978.937.2092
West Regional Office - 413.442.8928*

Note: Please make sure we have the correct email address for your Parks and Recreation Department.

Please return the Use Nature as Your Guide Application to:

**Lynne Worrell-McCray, Program Coordinator
Department of Conservation & Recreation
Division of State Parks & Recreation
251 Causeway Street, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02114**

*If you have any questions or comments on the program, please contact
Lynne Worrell-McCray @ 617.626.4969
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Thank you for your participation!