



Events, Updates, News, and more!
June 2024

Dear Friend,

The summer is heating up (in more ways than one!) and so are the opportunities to get outside in MA! In a recent announcement, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) detailed the agency's [Universal Access Program \(UAP\) summer programming](#), designed to offer outdoor recreational opportunities at state parks for visitors of all abilities.

Meanwhile in the state house, **the MA Senate will be voting today on bills related to energy and climate and reducing single use plastics**. Let's keep the heat on our legislators to take bolder action for climate!

[Send a message to your State Senator!](#)

Check out the rest of this newsletter to see upcoming opportunities and recent highlights of Sierra Club staff and volunteers getting out in our communities!

Upcoming Chapter Events

TONIGHT! LGBTQ+ Affinity walk at Beaver Brook Reservation

Thurs, Jun 20
6:30pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us for an LGBTQ+ affinity walk through the beautiful Beaver Brook Reservation and Rock Meadow Conservation Area. This 2-mile walk will take us through both woods and a meadow with minimal elevation loss or gain (~150ft) and will loop us back to the start. This walk will provide us the opportunity for open conversations about what Pride means to us. Optional social afterwards at Mighty Squirrel Brewing Company.

Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

Sun, Jun 23
7:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us to learn how to make delicious plant-based food in the comfort of your home. Special Guest Chef Glorya Fernandez will show you how to make two Juneteenth-inspired recipes. The founder of gogobytes, as well as Chef-in-Residence at the Boston Public Library Nutrition Lab in Roxbury, she specializes in teaching people how to cook with fresh, whole ingredients to benefit their health. Feel free to ask questions!

Advocacy Hour: The Most Important Municipal Department for Environmental Action

Wed, Jun 26
5:00pm

[RSVP Here](#)

The Department of Public Works just might be the most important municipal department when it comes to environmental action. Join us for a presentation by our Conservation Chair, Clint Richmond, on the small actions our municipalities can take to make our communities less toxic & more healthy.

Walk for Mindfulness and Wellness at Beaver Brook North Reservation

Sat, Jun 29
9:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

During this beautiful walk through the Beaver Brook North Reservation and Victory Gardens at Rock Meadows, we will replenish our peace and meditate (however you like) on emptying our worries. Through this informal walk, we're hoping walkers can leave behind the burdens of our lives or jobs (no worries, we won't talk about this in our introductions!) and temporarily breathe in the fresh air with contentment.

[Rescheduled!] Evans Notch Hike in the White Mountains

Sat, July 13
10:00am

[RSVP Here](#)

The Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire Sierra Club (SC) chapters have joined together to offer a day hike in the scenic Evans Notch area of the White Mountains National Forest. The trail system passes through beautiful hardwood forest and nearby mountain streams and pools and has stunning mountain vistas of the White Mountains and Caribou-Speckled Mountain Wilderness.

Upcoming Committee and Team Meetings

Check out our Events Calendar for all Committee and Team Meetings in addition to special events!

[Events Calendar](#)

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✨ Volunteer Action of the Month ✨

Tell the Army Corps: No permits for Line 5

Last week we held a screening of the [Bad River](#) Film, which tells the story of the Line 5 pipeline, run by the multi-billion dollar corporation, Enbridge, which is moving oil dangerously through northern Wisconsin every day in illegal trespass, violating the Bad River Band's sovereignty. You can help shut down Line 5 by participating in this public input opportunity!

[Click here to send a message to the U.S. Army Corps that the Line 5 expansion should not be permitted!](#) 📧

Support the Chapter



Rallying for Offshore Wind



Over 100 people came out on Global Wind Day to support offshore wind in Massachusetts! We [gathered at Craigville Beach](#) in Barnstable, MA with friends and allies from across the region to learn about the benefits of offshore wind and celebrate some of the landmark successes we've seen so far in 2024.

State Senator Julian Cyr, Barnstable Town Council Member Gordon Star, and representatives from Sierra Club Massachusetts, 350 Cape Cod, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Faith Communities Environmental Network delivered remarks in support of increased development of offshore wind along the coastline.

🎉 A big shoutout to our Climate Research Team for their hard work in putting this event together! If you want to get involved in supporting clean energy in MA, [sign up for the next team meeting](#).

Protecting Natural Resources



Congratulations to [Speak for the Trees'](#) Teen Urban Tree Corps for leading an awesome Teen Tree Summit on June 15th, 2024! Angela Lin, forest protection team volunteer, and Celeste, Sierra Club MA staff, tabled together as well as participating in an environmental poetry workshop, and youth-led sessions such as a tree ID rally.

Want to learn more about our current work?
Check out our [Campaign Updates Document](#) for more information!

Friend & Partner Events

[Climate Resilient Schools Coalition Network Meeting](#)

 **Thursday, June 27th from 4-5pm**

 **Virtual Event**

The Climate Resilient Schools Coalition Organizing Network series is wrapping up for the school year and we're taking on the topic on many people's minds: money. This month, we're excited to be joined by Sara Ross, co-founder of UndauntedK12, to learn how schools can make the transition to clean energy and save money by tapping into these powerful federal tax credits, and how you can build the financial case in your district!

What We're Reading

- Less gas, quicker permits, and a lot more EV chargers — Massachusetts' next climate law is taking shape ([Boston Globe](#))
- Boston could transform its disjointed rail system with a connection that runs through North and South stations ([Boston Globe](#))
- Massachusetts advocates say proposed statewide energy efficiency plan falls short on equity ([Energy News Network](#))
- Climate bill could give boost to nuclear power in New England ([Boston Globe](#))
- Offshore Wind Could Save New England Families \$630M on Electricity Annually ([Renewable Energy Magazine](#))
- Soaring PFAS levels force a reckoning for worried Hyannis residents ([WGBH](#))



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