



Connecting Communities

Along Our Trails 2015

IN WESTMINSTER – MARCH 21



WHAT'S A GLACIAL ERRATIC? SPRING HIKE TO BALANCE ROCK

Wachusett Mountain rises 2,000 feet above the Nashua River valley and surrounding forests. From the summit, there are views of Boston to the east and Mt. Monadnock in NH to the north. Wachusett Mountain is home to diverse habitats and unique features including Old Growth Forest with trees dating over 350 years, alpine meadows, even a perched bog. Join the Friends of Wachusett Mountain and Dept. of Conservation & Recreation staff for a hike to explore the sights, sounds, and smells of spring in the woods on Wachusett Mountain! We'll be exploring the trail that will take us past a beaver dam to Balance Rock, a unique glacial erratic at the foot of mountain. You'll have a first-hand view of the power of moving glaciers thousands of years ago that left these two large boulders stacked one on top of the other. Families welcome!

**SATURDAY
MARCH 21
1:00 - 3:00 PM
RAIN OR SHINE
OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

Organizers & Contributors: Organized by the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation Mass Parks, Dept. of Conservation & Watershed Management, & the Friends of Wachusett Mountain.

Distance, Time and Difficulty: Moderate 1.5 mile hike from Bolton Road to the Balance Rock Trail. Be prepared for muddy conditions on this spring hike.

Directions/parking: Take Rt. 2 to Exit 25 (Rt. 140 south). Follow Rt. 140 South for 2 miles. Turn right onto Mile Hill Road and follow for ½ mile to a split in road. Take right towards the ski area. Bolton Pond Trailhead parking is on right.

Dog Policy: For the comfort of all, no dogs are allowed on this hike.

RSVP and Contact Information: No registration is necessary. For information about this hike, please contact Denise Morrissey, Park Supervisor at 978-464-2987.

Connecting Communities is offered by the Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition and Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, in collaboration with trail stewards, land trusts, community leaders, historical organizations, naturalists, and volunteers, and provides free trail-inspired events.



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