

Inventory of Facilities:

Everett Leonard Park

Located at 6 Parker Street, the Everett Leonard Park is Norton's primary recreational facility and home of the Norton Town Pool. There is a parking lot on site. The facility has a playground, basketball court, volleyball court, horseshoe pit, a pavilion with snack stand and staff office, restrooms, and storage. In conjunction with the Norton Youth Baseball program, the baseball field has been restored. The park is available for rentals in the spring, summer, and fall. The pool is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Everett Leonard Park is an activity driven facility that is also used by the community for passive recreation when available. The park can also be rented out for private functions, corporate programs, and the like. The park has an online Rental Calendar that can be browsed to view current bookings and available dates. Go to <https://www.nortonma.org/parks-and-recreation> to view the park's rentals calendar, rental application forms, rules and regulations, a photo gallery, and other useful forms and information.

Inventory of Conservation/Recreation Programs:

Public programs:

Norton Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 70 East Main Street

<https://www.nortonma.org/conservation-commission>

Trail systems at Leo G. Yelle Conservation Area, Lincoln Woods, Rose Farm, Everett Leonard Conservation Area and Johnson Acres. Booklet of trail guides and educational materials available. Hunting on conservation property in season with a proper license EXCEPT at Johnson Acres.

Norton Recreation Department, Town Hall, 70 East Main Street

<https://www.nortonma.org/parks-and-recreation>

- Open swimming, evenings and weekends
- Halloween parade
- Festival of Lights
- Easter egg hunt – Town Forest-Plain Street
- Mom and Dad dance
- Fishing derby
- Founders day

Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee

On Facebook @CanoeRiverAquiferAdvisoryCommittee

Canoe River Awareness Day (May) in Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield, Easton or Norton

Additional programs held during the year

Norton Council-On-Aging/Senior Center, 55 West Main Street

<https://www.nortonma.org/council-aging-norton-senior-center>

Meals on wheels Bingo Organized day trips, Whist

Easton Conservation Commission,

www.easton.ma.us/departments/conservation_commission

Other Programs

Norton Public Library (www.nortonlibrary.org)

School athletic teams

Items in *italics* are included in the Glossary found in Section 12.

Private Programs:

Land Preservation Society of Norton (private land open to the public)

www.nortonlandpreservation.org

Trail systems on Woodward Woods, properties for walking & cross-country skiing

Earth Day nature walk and report card evaluation of the town's progress in land protection.

Norton Historical Society (private land open to the public)

<http://cs.wheatoncollege.edu/nhs/>

Trail systems on land off Great Woods Circle.

Wheaton College

www.wheatoncollege.edu

- Use of baseball field on Mansfield Avenue
- Pool (minimal charge) Friday night family swim
- Use of fitness course behind gymnasium
- Use of 2.2-mile path off Pine Street for
- Skiing, walking, mountain bikes, etc.
- Tennis courts (minimal charge)
- Walking in Wheaton-owned woods
- Use of indoor track for formal school meets
- Observatory, concerts, lectures
- 2 pools for public use

Winslow Farm, Norton (A private, educational animal sanctuary/farm)

www.winslowfarm.com

Animal Sanctuary, animal rehabilitation projects, Native American programs

Attleboro YMCA

www.attleboroymca.org

Downtown YMCA, 63 North Main Street, Attleboro, MA

- Wellness Center
- Cardio & Strength Equipment
- Free Weights
- 3 Gymnasiums
- 2 Pools
- Group Exercise Studio
- Group Cycling Studio
- Kickboxing Studio
- Racquetball courts
- Indoor Track
- Free parking passes for members
- Sneakers Full-Day Child Care
- Y Way Preschool & Pre-K
- School's Out Afterschool Program
- Youth & Teen Center

Norton Outdoor Center, 290 West Main Street, Norton (seasonal)

- Camp Finberg
- Outdoor sports
- 80 acres of fields, woodlands, and trails
- 8-lane outdoor pool
- Challenge Course with low, intermediate, and high ropes elements
- Corporate & School Retreat Programs

Pleasant Street YMCA, 537 Pleasant Street, Attleboro, MA

- Wellness Center
- Cardio and Strength Equipment
- Free Weights
- Gymnasium
- Pool
- Group Exercise Studio
- Group Cycling Loft
- Indoor Track
- Gymnastics Academy
- Dance Studio
- Outdoor Athletic Fields
- Outdoor Pavilion

Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield (private land open to the public)

<http://nrtma.org/>

Hiking, riding trails in Great Woods

Natural Resources Trust of Easton (private land open to the public)

www.nrtfeaston.org

Hiking, birding, photography (professional photography requires fee)

Sheep Pasture and Carriage house

Summer camp

Mass Audubon (fee to enter properties unless a member)

www.massaudubon.org

Visit the website to see a listing of sanctuaries, programs, activities, and uses on the website or call sites listed below:

- Moose Hill, Sharon 781-784-5691
- Stony Brook, Norfolk 508-528-3140
- Oak Knoll & Attleboro Springs, Attleboro 508-223-3060

Capron Park Zoo, Attleboro, MA (fee to enter properties unless a member)

www.capronparkzoo.com

Animals, volunteer work, scheduled events, educational programs, memberships, playground.

State programs:

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

<https://www.mass.gov/visit-massachusetts-state-parks>

Massasoit State Park, East Taunton, MA (1500 acres)

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/massasoit-state-park>

- Swimming
- Canoeing and kayaking
- Boating (non-motorized)
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Mountain biking
- Biking
- Hiking
- Cross-country skiing
- Educational programs
- Boat ramp
- Dogs allowed

Borderland State Park, North Easton, MA (1,843 acres)

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/borderland-state-park>

Borderland State Park is a history and nature preserve with public recreational features located in the towns of Easton and Sharon, Massachusetts. The state park has more than 20 miles of wooded trails and surrounds a three-story, stone, historic mansion built in 1910. \$5.00/MA resident (\$10.00 non-resident) parking fee

- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Canoeing and kayaking
- Disc golf
- Fishing
- Boating (non-motorized)
- Cross-country skiing
- Horseback riding
- Tennis
- Educational programs
- Tours of historic Ames Mansion
- Dogs allowed
- Handicapped accessible

MassWildlife- a Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

<http://maps.env.state.ma.us/dfg/masswildlifelands/>

Hockomock Swamp Wildlife Management Area (6157 acres)

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/ecology-acec/hockomock-swamp.html>

<http://maps.env.state.ma.us/dfg/masswildlifelands/pdf/HOCKOMOCK%20SWAMP%20WMA.PDF>

The Hockomock Swamp and associated wetlands and water bodies comprise the largest vegetated freshwater wetland system in Massachusetts. The Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) owns approximately 5000 acres of the Hockomock Swamp, within six communities, including Norton. The Hockomock Swamp Wildlife Management Area provides public access to the swamp and to several recreational areas. Additional public and nonprofit lands are located within the ACEC.

- Hunting
- Fishing
- Boating
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Wildlife observation

Erwin S. Wilder Wildlife Management Area (end of Toad Island Road, Taunton MA)

<http://maps.env.state.ma.us/dfg/masswildlifelands/pdf/ERWIN%20S.%20WILDER%20WMA.PDF>

The Wilder Management Area straddles the Taunton/Norton boundary. The parking lot and trail itself is entirely in Taunton. The road to access the property is in Norton.

- Hunting
- Fishing