

Quabbin Reservoir Watershed Trails, Belchertown, Pelham, and Ware

Quabbin Reservoir offers hiking at each of the 13 gates in the Pioneer Valley Region. Quabbin Park visitors can walk or bicycle on designated paths. A hiking trail to the Big Quabbin Hill lookout tower offers magnificent views of the reservoir. Marked woodland trails, starting at many Quabbin gates, lead visitors to remote woodlands, past old foundations and stone walls, which are evidence of the history here prior to the flooding of the Swift River Valley in the 1930s.

Location:	Quabbin Park: Entrance is on Route 9, located 3 miles east of the intersection of Route 9 and Route 202 in Belchertown. Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System: Designated gates along Route 202, 122, and Route 32A. See DCR maps for public access
Trail Type:	Paved roads, unpaved roads, marked off-road trails
Length/Difficulty:	Quabbin Park: 22 miles; Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System: 100+ miles; Easy to moderate
Permitted Uses:	Hiking, walking, bicycling, snowshoeing, bird watching, fishing, and picnicking
Parking:	Designated parking areas throughout the Reservoir Watershed System
Facilities:	Quabbin Park: Visitors Center, picnic areas, parking, restrooms, lookout tower Quabbin Reservoir Watershed System: Portable toilets near public access gates
Information:	mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/quabbin-reservoir.html