



### **Start an Interest Group on Alewife Reservation**

Alewife Reservation is the largest untouched urban wild in the Boston Area. This beautiful space is home to more than 20 different mammals and 90 species of migrating birds. The land and water bodies are in need of support and stewardship, and you can help. By increasing our presence on this land we send the message that the Alewife Reservation is an asset to our community and should be protected.

#### **What you can do:**

Bring people on to the land and to the water, and help them enjoy and learn from the wilderness. You can do this by starting your own interest group affiliated with Friends of Alewife Reservation, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving and stewarding this reservation. All you need to do is come up with an idea and find people interested in going on the reservation, whether once a year or a week. Once you come up with an idea, contact FAR and we will help you to make the most of your group using our resources and those of the DCR. By bringing people on the reservation, you contribute to the health of your group and our community by enjoying this natural wild and sending the message the reservation gives value to our communities. By attending at least one of our Interest Group meetings a year we can support each other to protect Alewife Reservation and the Silver Maple Forest.

#### **Examples of previous interest groups:**

- A Neighborhood grouping brings families to walk, hike and enjoy the natural wildlife
- An educational grouping provides a venue for environmental learning such as our summer ecology group
- Church groups bring members of their congregation on to the reservation
- A local bird expert brings a group on a bird watching tour.
- A photographer brings friends on a photography.
- Youth from Boston groups clean and maintain the trails in the Spring
- Scouts earn their badges from this area
- University groups and classes do community service work
- Classrooms have field trips
- Art groups sketch and paint
- Environmental groupings take field trips and study aspects of flora and fauna
- Survival groupings learn about surviving by natural plants
- Foraging groupings learn recipes from young plant growth and berries

#### **What FAR offers**

- Additional participants to your group
- Information on the history of the reservation, ecological concerns, and a detailed guide on the wildlife of the area
- Docent training if there are enough people
- Access to a tool shed with various materials and equipment for community service and projects that can assist

#### **Get Started:**

- Come up with a reason to bring people on to the reservation to enjoy the land
- Talk about your idea with friends and relatives and find people who are interested
- Contact FAR at [info@friendsofalewifereservation.org](mailto:info@friendsofalewifereservation.org) and let us know about your group and we will let you know how we can help