

# Massachusetts

Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage

#SaveLWCF

America's most important conservation and recreation program will expire in less than a year unless Congress acts. For 52 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has protected national parks and open spaces in every corner of the United States. But in less than 52 weeks, it could be gone forever and along with it, future protection of the places we love.

[LWCF](#) has invested more than \$223 million to protect Massachusetts' outdoor places, historic sites, increase sportsmen's access, and to build close to home parks. From national wildlife refuges and working forests to ball fields and community parks, LWCF has protected Adams National Historical Park, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, New England National Scenic Trail, and Cape Cod National Seashore.

Massachusetts' \$16.2 billion [outdoor recreation industry](#) is an economic powerhouse – supporting 120,000 jobs which generate \$5.9 billion in wages and salaries and produces \$911 million annually in state and local tax revenue.

## Cape Cod National Seashore

Just a day-trip away from Boston, Providence, and millions of people on the east coast, Cape Cod National Seashore is visited by more than 4.5 million people annually who spend more than \$185M per year at the seashore and in the surrounding communities, supporting more than 2,200 jobs. The Seashore offers six swimming beaches, over 11 miles of self-guided nature trails, a variety of picnic areas, scenic overlooks, historic building tours, and many fishing opportunities. In 2010, funding from LWCF acquired part of the 58-acre North of Highlands Campground and purchased the historic Biddle Property, completing the final inholding of the National Seashore and its 40 miles of beaches and coastline. Over \$39 million in LWCF funding has gone to Cape Cod National Seashore, protecting this coastal area from development so all can enjoy the natural beauty of the beach.



*Cape Cod NS, Credit: NPS/Karen Regan*

**“It is crucial that Congress permanently reauthorize the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, which has helped preserve natural areas throughout the Bay State, including the Cape Cod National Seashore and Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. In supporting these vital open spaces and many others across the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, the LWCF has provided invaluable support for Mass Audubon’s commitment to land protection for people and wildlife.”**

**-- Gary Clayton, President, Mass Audubon**

## Minute Man National Historical Park

Massachusetts is a key state in the birthplace of the U.S. and with over \$12.5 million in investments, LWCF is a large factor in ensuring that history is not lost. Minuteman National Historical Park is visited by more than 947,000 people each year with total visitor spending at approximately \$52 million annually, supporting about 700 jobs. Responding to an urgent need, LWCF funds were used in 2009 to save Barrett’s Farm from potential housing development and add it to the park. An integral part of the Minuteman story, the farm was site of an arms cache that the British Soldiers were marching to confiscate as the Battles of Concord and Lexington broke out, heralding the start of the American Revolution. Without LWCF, this piece of our heritage could have been lost forever and the park’s resources greatly diminished.



*Barrett's farm Minute Man NHP, Credit: NPS*

**#SaveLWCF to protect the places we love in Massachusetts!**

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