

Wildlife Habitat Garden



This project of the Reservoir Committee of Arlington Vision 2020 was created in 2011 on land made available after construction of the new spillway and reinforced earthen berm.

The garden is planted with native shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers to provide habitat and food for a wide variety of wildlife, including rabbits, turtles, toads, birds, butterflies, bees, dragonflies and many other insect species.

To learn more about the Reservoir Committee, visit arlington2020.org/reservoir/ or send an email to ArlRes-owner@yahoo.com

Birding at the Res

The Res is a popular birding area, especially during the spring and fall migratory seasons. The Menotomy Bird Club offers regular trips and is a good source of information on the species found at the Res. For more information, visit mrines.com/menotomy/.

Reservoir Beach

Located on Lowell Street in Arlington Heights, the Reservoir Beach features a swimming area with filtered/chlorinated water, an accessible ramp, bathhouses, picnic areas, a concession stand and a playground. The beach is supervised by certified lifeguards and other beach staff while open from mid-June through late August.

Boston.com lists Arlington's Reservoir Beach among the top 10 swimming holes in the state.



Anyone over one year of age is charged admission to the beach area. Individual and family season passes are available. For more information, visit the Arlington Recreation website at arlingtonrec.com/info/



Town of Arlington: arlingtonma.gov/

Arlington Reservoir



Arlington Reservoir (the Res) was built as part of a municipal water supply system, but has served for more than a century as a recreational area for walking, swimming, fishing, and boating. A perimeter path of just under a mile is enjoyed by walkers, joggers, and bird watchers throughout the year.

The total area of the Res and its shoreline is about 65 acres. Although all of the Res is owned by the Town of Arlington, about half of it is located in Lexington.

The Res is part of the watershed connecting Arlington's Great Meadows in Lexington to the Mystic Lakes and Mystic River via Mill Brook.

Parking is available at Lowell Street and at Hurd Field. There is easy pedestrian and bike access from the Minuteman bikeway and Mass Ave.

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Bicycle
Parking



Fishing



Picnicking



Play-
ground



Playing
Field



Swimming



Trails



Wildlife
Viewing



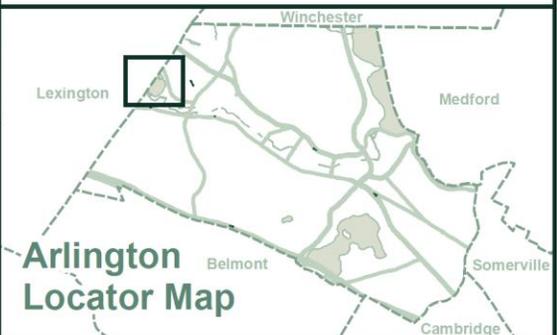
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The "Res" is a man-made reservoir and was built as part of Arlington's water supply system in the late 19th century, but that use was soon discontinued when Arlington joined the metropolitan system. Even though about half of the Res is located in Lexington, the Town of Arlington owns all of the water and surrounding shore area. The fenced Beach area along Lowell Street is a popular swimming area in the summer with lifeguards and treated water.

A perimeter path of about 0.9 miles circles the Res and is a regular stroll for many walkers. While taking this walk stop at the Wildlife Habitat Garden adjacent to the overflow spillway with many attractive native plants. The water area is a habitat for several types of fish and some very large snapping turtles. The Res is also a hot birding spot in the Spring and Fall and nearly 150 species of birds have been spotted here. The Res is fed by Munroe Brook which enters from Lexington in the northwest and feeds Mill Brook which runs through Arlington Heights parallel to the Minuteman Bikeway.

- Bench
- Bridge
- Parking
- Trail
- Scenic viewpoint
- Wildlife Habitat Garden
- Playground
- Contour (10ft)
- Town Boundary
- Building
- Open Space Property
- Beach
- Water
- Wetland
- Wooded
- Driveway
- Stream

0 100 200 300 400 500 Feet



Arlington Locator Map