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Dear Friends,

This week, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker issued a stay at home advisory, requiring all non-essential businesses to close. He also encouraged people to take walks in parks and nature to maintain physical and mental health. With those directives to guide us, **BNRC will leave most of its trails open to the public for the time being, with the exception of Parsons Marsh Reserve and accessible trail**, as it is impossible to maintain appropriate social distance on the narrow boardwalks.

Top BNRC trail information here:

<https://www.bnrc.org/trails-and-maps/top-berkshire-trails/>

All upcoming hikes and happenings are cancelled until further notice.

Public enjoyment of the natural beauty of the Berkshires is essential to the BNRC mission that you make possible every day. **We urge you to follow these common-sense guidelines for all your outdoor visits:**

- Stay local and avoid high-traffic destinations.
- If you are over 70 or medically vulnerable, stay home. If you are not feeling well, stay home.
- Avoid crowds; conduct your outings solo or with other members of your household.
- Be ready to step aside or move quickly through areas where people congregate such as parking lots and trailheads. If you arrive at a location and there are more than a handful of cars in the parking lot, please come back another time.