

ARLINGTON RESERVOIR MASTER PLAN

WALKABOUT GUIDE

please answer as you see fit

Activities and facilities that would improve Arlington Reservoir include: _____

The best things about Arlington Reservoir are: _____

I wish Arlington Reservoir had more: _____

I wish Arlington Reservoir had less: _____

What is missing in Arlington Reservoir? _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional): _____

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<http://www.arlingtonma.gov/departments/recreation/capital-projects>
<http://arlingtonreservoir.org/reservoir-master-plan/>



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- Access-ible
- Bicycle
- Fishing
- Picnicking
- Play-ground
- Playing Field
- Swimming
- Trails
- Wildlife Viewing

Arlington Reservoir

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. The Res is fed by Munroe Brook, which enters from Lexington in the northwest, and it feeds Mill Brook, which runs through Arlington Heights parallel to the Minuteman Bikeway.

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 summer swimming area 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 to enjoy 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.

