

DEER ISLAND HOTLINE: 617-660-7633 DIHotline@MWRA.com



LOOK FOR MUTT MITTS

Public Access Area Rules

Dog owners are reminded that dogs must be kept on a leash at all times and to clean up after their dogs. Mutt Mitts are available. The Winthrop Dog Officer routinely patrols the area.

Alcoholic beverages, camping, open flames, motorized or self-propelled vehicles (except motorized wheelchairs) and skateboards are prohibited. At the present time, fishing is permitted along the shoreline of the Public Access area, as well as from the fishing pier.



WALK OR BIKE

Visitors are asked to stay on trails and to stay off vegetated areas. Bicyclists are advised to wear a helmet, stay only on paved trails and to respect pedestrians. Bicyclists are reminded to be courteous, keep right and to not impede

other trail users. There is no admittance to the fenced-off wastewater treatment facility without prior approval.

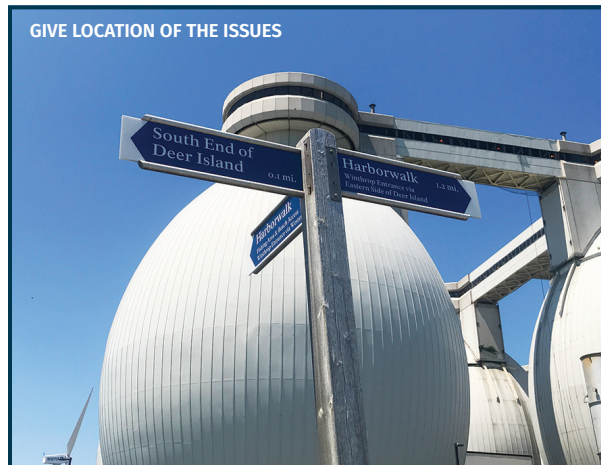
Security

The Deer Island Public Access Area is patrolled regularly by MWRA. The Massachusetts State Police, Environmental Police and the Winthrop Police also patrol the area. In addition, the public access area is monitored by video cameras supported by a 24-hour command center. Emergency call boxes and additional cameras are installed around the park.

How To Report An Issue Or An Odor Complaint

As Deer Island's closest neighbors, Winthrop residents are apt to notice anything unusual or odors that might be coming from the plant. The Deer Island Hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Although our Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators continuously monitor the treatment process and are trained to respond quickly to odor-producing problems, they need to hear from you. Visitors are encouraged to report anything out of the ordinary on public access to the Deer Island Hotline by telephone or email.

GIVE LOCATION OF THE ISSUES



Please Be Sure To:

- ▶ Call 911 if it is an emergency
- ▶ Report the issue or the odor as soon as possible
- ▶ Please include the location and time.

National Park

Deer Island, along with Nut Island in Quincy, became part of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area through an Act of Congress. To learn more, visit www.bostonharborislands.org.



LEARN THE ISLAND'S HISTORY

Deer Island Tour Program

Public tours of the treatment plant are given during normal business hours. These fascinating tours explain the treatment plant's role in the transformation of Boston Harbor from

the dirtiest harbor in America to one of the cleanest. Advance reservations are required. Large groups should call well in advance. For more information or to book a tour, please call 617-660-7607.

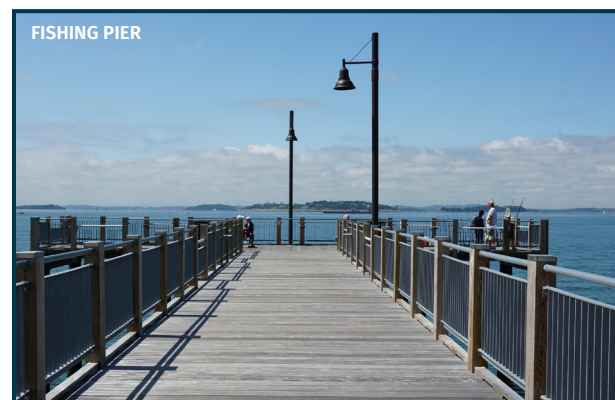


VIEW BOSTON HARBOR

Deer Island Treatment Plant

MWRA's Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant is the centerpiece of MWRA's \$3.8 billion program to protect Boston Harbor against pollution from metropolitan Boston's sewer systems.

The plant removes human, household, commercial and industrial pollutants from wastewater that originates in homes and businesses in 43 communities. In compliance with all federal and state environmental standards and subject to the precedent-setting discharge permit issued for the plant by EPA and DEP, its treated wastewater is released through a deep rock, under-harbor tunnel 9.5 miles out into Massachusetts Bay.



Public Access

Deer Island features five miles of public walkways and trails for walking, jogging, sightseeing, picnicking, fishing and bicycling. The public access area is open to the public year-round, from sunrise to sunset. At Deer Island you'll also find:

- ▶ 60 acres of open space, including 2.6 miles of paved handicapped accessible perimeter path
- ▶ 10 landscaped overlooks with interpretive signage
- ▶ Dramatic views of the Boston skyline and Harbor Islands
- ▶ Spectacular close-up of airport landings and takeoffs
- ▶ Elevated look-in location to learn about the treatment plant
- ▶ An Irish Memorial honoring those that perished in the Great Hunger
- ▶ A new Fishing Pier with additional parking
- ▶ Low maintenance native plant species similar to those on other Harbor Islands



Additional Information

MWRA offers a wide variety of informational and educational materials on its website about the region's drinking water and wastewater systems. To learn more, visit www.mwra.com.



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