




Good Hikes with Children

Developed by the Princeton Open Space Committee

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	<p><u>Beaver Pond</u> in area of Russel Corner Trails: Follow the blue dot trail from Route 62 Princeton Land Trust parking area.</p> <p>https://www.town.princeton.ma.us/open-space-committee/pages/princeton-land-trust-russell-corner-trails</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p><u>Crow Hill</u>: off of route 31. Short hike from the parking lot to see rock climbers in action. Great view from the top of the Crow Hill cliffs.</p> <p>https://www.town.princeton.ma.us/open-space-committee/pages/crow-hill-redemption-rock</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p><u>Mass Audubon at Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary</u>: has many kid friendly trails. Favorite destinations are Otter Pond or Brown Hill. Glacier Boulder Trail to Brown Hill to Otter Pond Trail is a good choice!</p> <p>https://www.town.princeton.ma.us/open-space-committee/pages/wachusett-meadow-north-loop</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p><u>Cobb Brook</u>: has 2.5 miles of trails heading down from Worcester Road near Monti's. Park at the Kiosk just off the road and hike down to two large beaver ponds.</p> <p>https://www.town.princeton.ma.us/open-space-committee/pages/cobb-brook-trails</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p><u>Four Corners</u>: Walk down to the walking bridge over the East Branch of the Ware River. In spring, it is perfect to play “Pooh Sticks”, (drop branch on one side and watch it come under the bridge on the other side).</p> <p>https://www.town.princeton.ma.us/open-space-committee/pages/four-corners</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	

	<p><u>Princeton Land Trust Bullock-McElroy Trails:</u> Start at Krashes Field upper field or in the parking area off Bullock Lane and hike the loop trail through the meadows and out to the Esker.</p> <p>https://www.town.princeton.ma.us/open-space-committee/pages/princeton-land-trust-bullock-mcelroy-trails</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p><u>Wachusett Mountain Options</u></p> <p>Wachusett is a fun option for all kids, and there are many interesting ways to hike the mountain!</p>	
	<p>The Pine Hill Trail starting at the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Building is a direct route to the top. Some kids like the steep rocky trails like West Side Trail and Harrington Trail. Families also may enjoy a mellow walk down on the road.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p>A short hike is just to Echo Pond accessible by Administration Road and Echo Lake Road or from the Echo Lake Road parking area on Mountain Road.. This is great to combine with a stop at Mountainside Cafe for a picnic. There is a trail off to the left as you head down Echo Lake Rd towards Mountain Road that heads directly to the cafe.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p>Another short hike is from Administration Road, past Echo Lake to the High Meadow. This spot has a nice open field and views.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p>Another interesting way to hike <u>Wachusett Mountain</u> is from the <u>Echo Lake Trail to High Meadow</u> and then Jack Frost to the summit. Kids enjoy the view from the top but also this goldfish pond on top!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	
	<p><u>Harlow Lookout on Mount Wachusett</u>- approximately 1/2 mile from Wachusett State park visitor center via road or Bicentennial to Pine hill trail and then sharp right on the road.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed</p>	