

# Forest Walk: Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth, MA Sat. October 28, 2023, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Hello Friends and Massachusetts State Forest Land Protectors,**

**Please join us** for a walk and talk to learn more about the Pine Barrens "ecosystem restoration" in Myles Standish State Forest (MSSF).

The MSSF covers approximately 12,437 acres, and is the largest public recreation area in southeastern Massachusetts. It is one of our "reserve" forests — a designation that is meant to provide the highest level of protection from human impacts on our state lands.

The project area covers over 2,000 acres, 1,171 of which are administered by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation. Most of the rest is administered by MA Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, with some land privately owned.

So far this project has been completed on a total 876 acres of land, which was done in 2019-2020.

Project details here: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/myles-standish-10-year-pine-barrens-restoration>

**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

**Topic:** Pine barrens restoration project at Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth MA

**Location:** [Myles Standish State Forest near Charge Pond](#)

**Speakers**     **Michael Kellett**, Executive Director of RESTORE: The North Woods  
                  **Dr. Bill Stubblefield**, biologist, forest advocate and Wendell resident  
                  **And friends**

**Discussion:** The history of the area  
                  What are reserves?  
                  What is a pine barrens restoration?  
                  Extensive tree cutting and mowing  
                  Prescribed burns

What are the costs?  
Are there benefits?  
Why we need wildlands

**To Do:** Spread the word. Bring your questions!

**References:**

“Native People did not use fire to shape New England's Landscape”  
<https://theconversation.com/native-people-did-not-use-fire-to-shape-new-englands-landscape-129429>

“Forest-clearing to create early-successional habitats: Questionable benefits, significant costs”  
<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/ffgc.2022.1073677/full>

“Wildlands in New England: Past, Present, and Future”  
<https://wildlandsandwoodlands.org/resources/wildlands-in-new-england/>

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Hope to see you there!

Bill, Michael, and Janet

<https://www.savemassforests.com/>



Meeting area street view



Pine Barrens Restoration Myles Standish State Forest



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