Outdoors Rx®

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What's Outdoors Rx?

Fun, local family programs for 0-13 year olds

Boston, Chelsea, Framingham, Revere, and Waltham

Free, public, year-round

Easy pathways to outdoor exploration

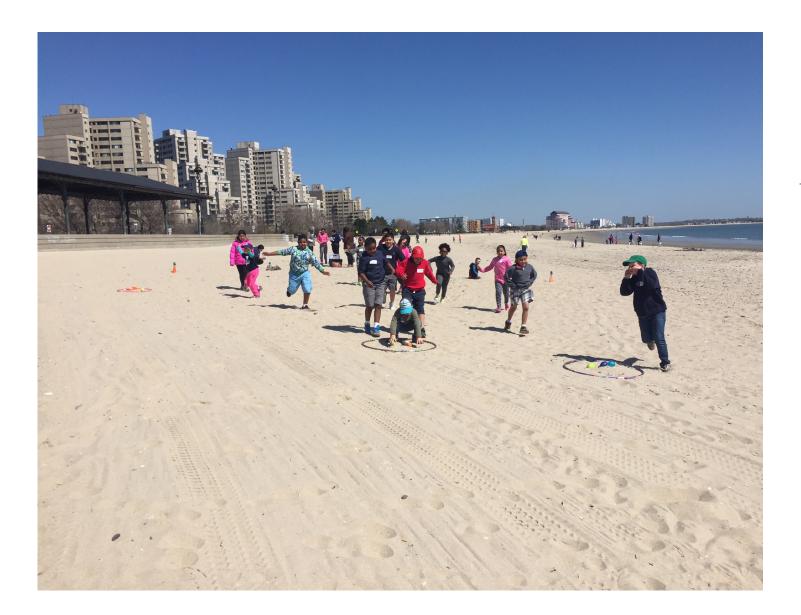
No previous experience, special clothing, or equipment is necessary!



Cognitive Benefits of Nature

Variation

Improvements in mood and self-esteem Increases happiness and lowers stress Reduces anxiety and anger Increases creativity and problem solving skills Improves concentration and focus Builds connections with friends and family Treatment option for depression



Physical Benefits of Nature

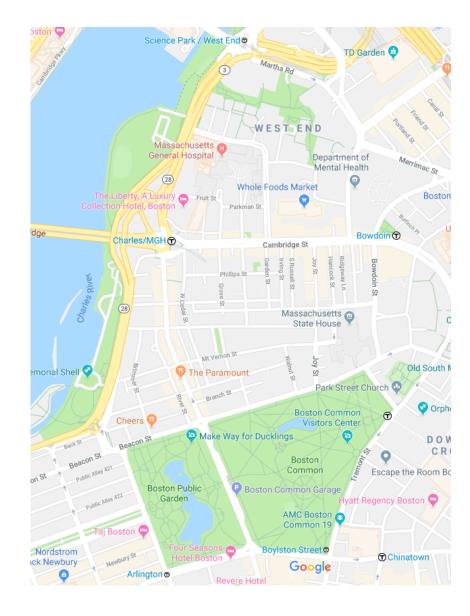
Balance

Coordination

Sleep

Lower blood pressure (2%), heart rate (4%), and cortisol production (16%)

Improved immune function



Oh the places you'll go!

Outdoors Rx - http://www.outdoorsrx.org/

AMC Family Chapters - https://www.outdoors.org/chapters/

Meet Up Groups

Google maps

Local Parks and Rec

Mass Audubon - https://www.massaudubon.org

DCR - <u>https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-</u> <u>conservation-recreation</u>