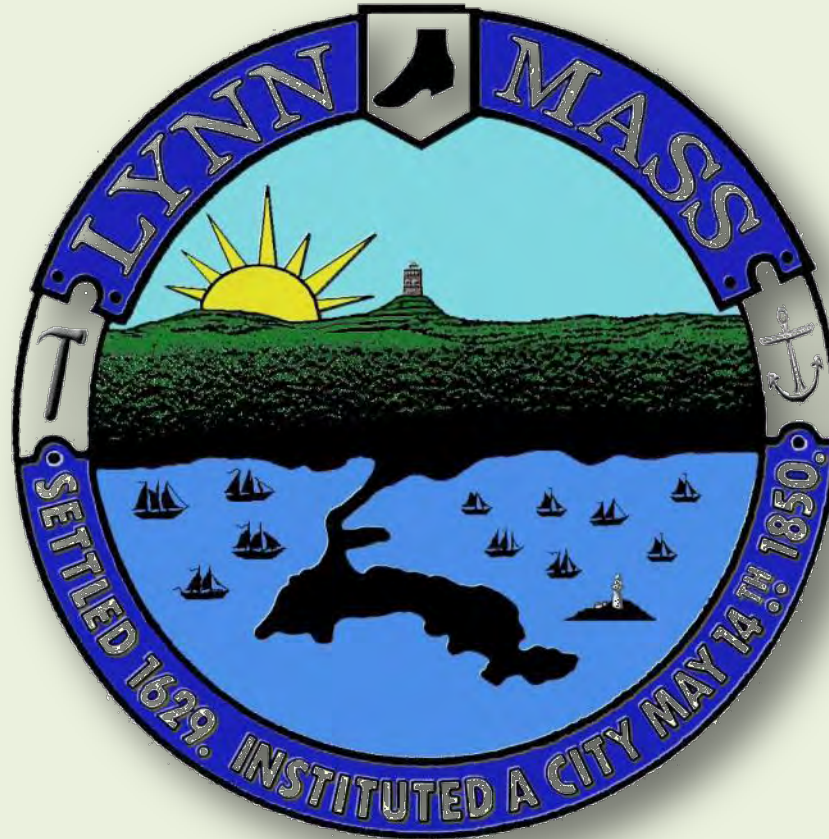


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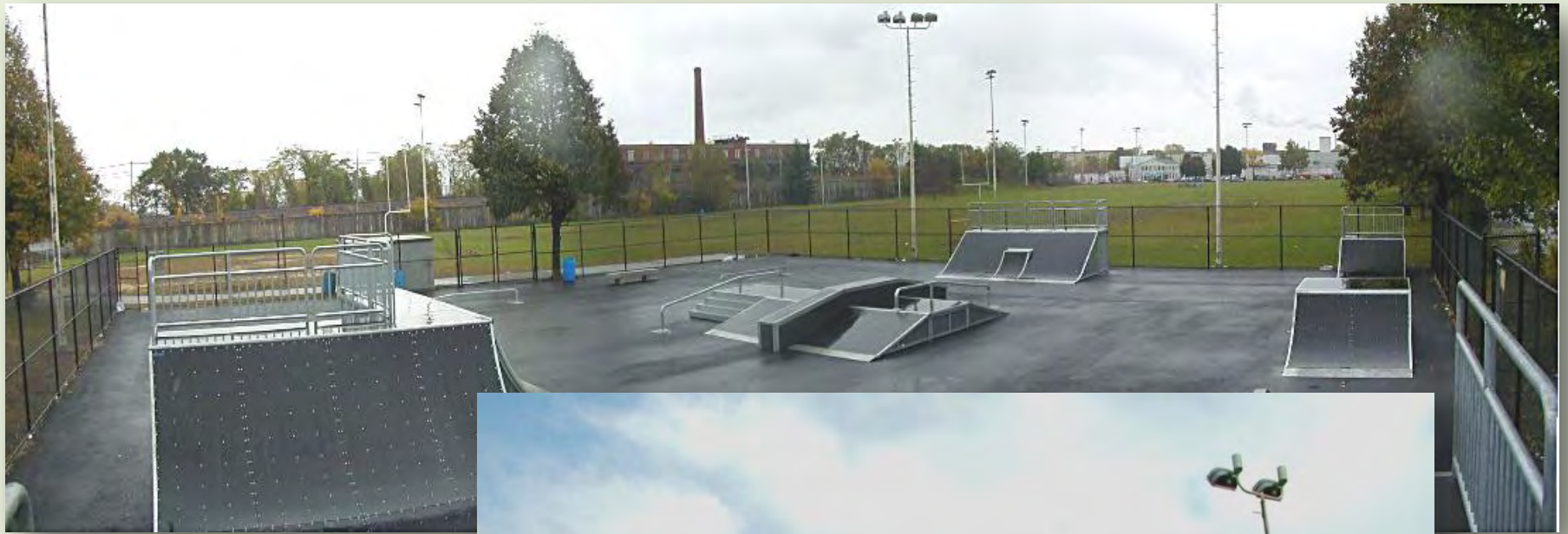
















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Pirate Boulder. Dungeon Rock. Swamp Island. Wolf Pits. These sound like stops on a Disneyland ride to me. But after an afternoon wandering Lynn Woods Reservation, I learn they are names of real life features of this 2,200- acre jewel along side the sprawl of Rte 1. Lynn Woods has hemlock forests, boggy glens a few hills measuring nearly 300 feet tall, four ponds(Lynn's drinking water supply-so no swimming)- and some 40 miles of trails ideal for jogging and mountain biking.

"I run here almost every day," says Michelle Permatteo, 30. "The steep stuff kills me." Permatteo isn't alone." Lynn cops and fireman get in shape, schools run here," says Dan Small, Lynn Water and Sewer Commission ranger. "Wednesday night there are organized races."

As for mountain biking, Lynn Woods is "the grand-pappy of the local places," according to Kip Schultz, a 15-year veteran biker from Cambridge. The south side's wide fire roads are best for fast cruising. For more technical trails-"little snaking that crisscross all over the place"-Schultz, 44, suggests checking out the north side (accessible from the Great Woods Road entrance or the Naked Fish restaurant parking lot off Route 1).

"It's like Moab-style slick rock, crazy integration of the trail and rock," he says. "This is definitely varsity. Some of the technicals will definitely raise the hair on the back of your neck."

In other metro area green spaces, mellow walkers have clashed with barreling bikers. But Lynn, Small says, despite a few "knuckleheads," the myriad users co-exist. He even sees Lynn Woods as under-utilized. "We need to get a few more people to use the place."

I wish I'd brought my bike. And my pirate hat.



















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