

How will my route be affected during the Kingsley Restoration?



The **primary detour** is along the bike path next to the treatment facility. The **Lower Loop** is open but not wheel accessible. *Please use extra courtesy* as all users will be sharing limited space.

All dogs must be kept on leash on both detour routes.

There is no ADA-compliant detour; paths will be accessible once construction is complete.



The **bike pathway** remains open but is shared with pedestrians - speed is limited to a walking pace.

Please share the road and go slow!



Cars will be sharing the entrance and exit drive with pedestrians and cyclists. Please share the road and go slow - limit your speed to 10 MPH.

Kingsley Park Closure: April-September 2014

Parking will be limited; public transit and carpooling is recommended. Buses 72, 74, 75, and 78 stop within a 10 minute walk of Fresh Pond Reservation. Alewife Station is a 15 minute walk. On **weekends only**, parking will be available at the Tobin School on 197 Vassal Lane.

Questions? Contact us at (617) 349-6489 or fpr@cambridgema.gov.

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Kingsley Park will be **CLOSED** to all users during restoration work from April 1-September 1, 2014.

What's happening to our park at Fresh Pond Reservation?

The closure is part of Phase I of the Kingsley Park Restoration Project, which aims to preserve and improve the historic, recreational and ecological resources of Kingsley Park. This phase will improve accessibility, pathways, drainage, native species habitat, and historic overlooks. **You can find out more details about the whole project, Phase I, and current status of the restoration online at www.cambridgema.gov/Water/Projects.**



Is this necessary?

Kingsley Park is beautiful, but the burden of intensive use has strained its ecosystem and historic structures. **Signs of increasing stress include:**

- **Severe soil compaction** that hinders vegetation and exacerbates muddy runoff,
- **Impairment of native forest habitat** by invasive plant species,
- **Cracking masonry** in the historic overlooks, and
- **Worn-out** swing-set, pathway surfaces, and benches.



What are we actually getting out of this?

- **Re-surfaced and re-graded pathways** to improve accessibility and recreation,
- **Repair to the overlooks** and new seating,
- **A healthy forest** free of invasive trees, re-planted with over 500 native trees and shrubs, and
- **A new, naturalized free-play area** for children (to be completed in 2015).

Thank you for your cooperation, patience and support during restoration of Kingsley Park.

We all will be sharing limited space during the closure; please take extra care to show common courtesy to others. **Get ready for the changes by checking out the detour map on the reverse.**

For your own (and all pets') safety, keep out of the fenced project area. All pets must be leashed on the detours around the work site.

And, for the long-term success of this project, **please respect temporary fencing around new vegetation areas post-restoration.**