



## Outings and Overnights

Hale Reservation has two beaches ideal for picnics and outings. Activities offered include swimming (only with Hale lifeguards on duty), rowing, canoeing, hiking, fishing and playing games on the beach. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Each user group must have an organizational affiliation or sponsor.

Hale has numerous cabins for day use as well as campsites available for overnights. Our facilities include:

- Ropes Course
- Outdoor Wildlife Viewing Area
- Butterfly Garden
- 4 Ponds
- 4 Fields
- 2 Beaches
- Pavilions
- Cabins
- Campsites
- 20 Miles of Hiking Trails

**“We had an excellent time. Everyone was very accommodating and able to schedule a program at short notice. The facilitators were excellent. I would recommend Hale to others without hesitation.”**

— Crissy Palmieri, The Montachusett Opportunity Council

**Booking a Program** Call and speak to a member of our team. Hale's flexible and knowledgeable staff will work with you to structure a fun and informative program, 781-326-1770.

### Off Site Programs

If getting to Hale is a problem, let Hale come to you. Staff will be happy to visit your school or organization for many of our programs. Call today for details.

### Corporate Teambuilding

We welcome groups and organizations to experience a day on our challenge course. The programs are designed to help you get to know one another, work on communication and listening skills and encourage group cohesion.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We encourage individuals, organizations, and corporations to become involved at Hale Reservation as volunteers. Whether clearing trails, painting a shelter or improving walkways, all service projects contribute to the safety, maintenance, and preservation of this unique, private, non-profit educational organization.

### Other Programs Offered

Programs range in length from single to multi-day visits. Each program is customized to meet the needs of individual schools or groups. A program can encompass a full spectrum of activities, from ecology to teambuilding, or focus on one specific goal.

## Sample Program Types

### One Day Adventure

Bring out your groups cooperation, teamwork and community spirit through a day of teambuilding and ropes course challenges.

### One Day Science Exploration

Board the floating classroom, visit vernal pools, examine local geology and search for sign of life in the woods. Environmental science has never been so fun and interactive.

### Bring Your School to Camp

A three to five day experiential program gives students an opportunity to learn in a truly interactive classroom. Combine science, math, writing, fitness and teamwork for the ultimate outdoor education experience.



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**Hale**  
Education & Adventure

HALE RESERVATION is a private, non-profit educational organization that manages over 1,100 acres of woodlands, including four ponds and over twenty miles of trails in Westwood and Dover, Massachusetts. Hale is most widely recognized for its summer day camp programs which annually serve over 4,400 children from 70 communities in the Greater Boston area. Hale Reservation also offers a family program, outdoor and environmental education experiences for children and adults, and open space for casual recreational use.

The essence of Hale Reservation can be found in Robert Sever Hale's original desire for the organization he founded in 1918.

The current programs and land management practices are the legacy of his wish "to provide education which will develop intelligent, capable and responsible citizens" and to use the land "so long as it is charitable and benevolent in nature." The goal of today's programs is to develop intelligent leaders and environmentally educated citizens. We believe that the diversity of the natural environment must be reflected in the diversity of the people who experience Hale Reservation, and we strive to provide programs and opportunities for people of any race, background, religion, or economic status.





# HALE RESERVATION

## Explore the Possibilities!

LOCATED IN THE MIDST OF WESTWOOD AND DOVER on 1,100 acres of unspoiled woodlands, winding streams, hiking trails, and scenic ponds, Hale Reservation is home to an outdoor classroom like no other. For over 40 years, Hale Reservation has provided environmental education and adventure programs for hundreds of schools, colleges, and organized groups. Which programs will you explore?

The philosophy that people learn best by doing has remained the cornerstone of our education programs. Participants will have fun while engaging in a lasting learning experience such as “Crossing the Poison Peanut Butter Pit” or searching the forest for salamanders.

Hale provides high-quality, educational, day programs for hundreds of organizations just like yours. We are the perfect outdoor classroom for non-traditional learning. In fact, education has never been this fun! Our experiential approach to education can be the ultimate outdoor complement to any curriculum. Similarly, our adventure based programs, which include high and/or low ropes course elements and teambuilding activities, aid character development and improve interpersonal skills. Combining both programs provides an unforgettable experience with positive lifelong results.

All school programs are individually crafted to meet the specific needs of each group and will reinforce state curriculum standards and frameworks. Activities are adaptable for groups ranging from Pre-K to high school and college. We also provide companies with adventure and team building activities.



## Make our backyard your school yard

Believing that there is no better place to learn than the natural world, Hale provides an ideal outdoor year-round setting for learning and exploration.

### Environmental Education Programs

#### Aquatic Study

Discover the life cycle of organisms and the ponds and wetlands where they dwell. Explore habitats of animals and plants through hands-on activities.

#### Animal Tracking

View the skins, skulls, scat and tracks of different animals found in the region. Identify local wildlife and then head out on the trail to find signs and clues in the natural environment.

#### Wild Edibles

Discover some of Hale’s most wonderful plants and delight in the delicious snacks they can provide!

#### Floating Classroom

Tour Noanet Pond on our accessible pontoon boat for in-depth learning about aquatic environments, using water quality monitors, depth detectors, computers, binoculars, wildlife guide books, and more.



#### Predator and Prey

Examine the techniques predators use to catch their prey and the methods different prey animals use to avoid capture. See the web of life and how food supply controls animal populations.

#### Archaeology

Explore Hale and its hidden treasures. See the past come to life at two archaeological sites and witness the creation of stone tools used in the daily lives of Native Americans.

#### Other Education Programs offered:

- How Animals Prepare for Winter
- Vernal Pool Exploration
- Insects
- Seeds
- Forests
- Geology

#### Design Your Own Program

Working with your school, Hale will create a program that integrates your curriculum needs in any subject—math, science, reading, writing or history.



### Adventure

#### Rock Climbing

Climb boulders in a natural setting. Learn about balance, positioning one’s body in space and adapting to what the rock has to offer.

#### Map and Compass

Put your class on the map! Orienteering is a wonderful way to bring classroom concepts to practical use. Discover how to navigate to new positions and how to identify your location; plan your route using compasses and topographic maps.

#### Geocaching

Go on a high tech treasure hunt at Hale Reservation. Use GPS software, maps, and compasses to pinpoint the location of hidden objects. Not only can you find hidden items, geocachers can then hide something else for the next group of adventurers.



#### Shipwreck

Test survival skills in the great outdoors learning the basics to thrive in the forests of New England. Learn how to build a shelter, start a campfire, boil water and catch a fish. Be amazed at nature’s own creative tools. Take part in a real life “Survivor” team competition.

#### High Ropes

Fly through the treetops, swing from way up high or move along a rope strung between trees. Hale’s course includes 11 high ropes elements that require teamwork and communication. The course is universally accessible for all participants, including those with cognitive or physical disabilities. Set your own limits with our “Challenge by Choice” philosophy.

**“Hale Reservation provides the ideal setting, staffing, and leadership for a team building event. When I was a middle school principal, we annually sent our eighth grade students to Hale for team building. The friendships, and camaraderie developed between teacher and student and student to student made a positive difference for the climate and culture in our building.”**

—Peter Sanchioni, Superintendent, Natick Schools

#### Teambuilding/Low Ropes

Develop leadership skills working with others on problem solving activities that emphasize cooperation, communication, and building trust. As students find themselves walking through an imaginary alligator pit or trying to debug a giant super-computer, they learn that working as a team gets results. Leaders utilize over 40 activities to achieve desired outcomes.

#### Other Adventure Programs offered:

- Mountain Biking
- Winter Survival
- Raft Building



**“...I wanted to thank you so much for your help in putting together our staff retreat. I can’t even tell you how awesome the facility was, the staff was amazing and our activity was UNREAL! We learned so much about each other as a team and were so uplifted and motivated. There was fear, excitement, belly laughing...it was a blast. Again, thank you! Cheers to Hale! We will be back.”**

— Amy Lamontagne -Weymouth Club