

JANUARY 1ST

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parking at the lot on Route 20 across from Bannish Lumber
Chester, MA 01011

FIRST DAY HIKE AT SANDERSON BROOK FALLS

Hike Rating: Easy 2 miles in and back

**Join us for our second annual First Day Hike to Sanderson Brook Falls at the
Chester Blandford State Forest!**

Celebrate the New Year 2023 outdoors with us and join the nationwide initiative led by America's State Parks to encourage people to get outdoors. On New Year's Day, hundreds of free, guided hikes will be organized in all 50 states. Hikers across America will be participating in First Day Hikes, getting their hearts pumping and enjoying the beauty of a state park. Last year nearly 55,000 people rang in the New Year, hiking over 133,000 miles throughout the country! The Chester Blandford State Forest includes remnants of small mining operations and the 60-foot cascade at Sanderson Brook Falls. It is managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The state forest was established in 1924 when local lumber companies sold the land to the state. The Civilian Conservation Corps was active in the forest from 1934 to 1940. Their work included the construction of a campground, pavillions, trails, ski runs, and the road and bridges that lead to Sanderson Brook Falls. The trail is gravel and wide which gently climbs upward. We will cross three girder bridges and follow along Sanderson Brook then take the more narrow trail to the right which takes us to the bottom of the waterfall. Be prepared for ice, snow and mud, bring walking sticks and crampons if there is snow/ice on the ground. We will hike rain or shine.

Friendly dogs are welcome. More details are on www.hilltownhikers.com.



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