



Orienteering—2009



At the Summit—2009 hike



common cathedral



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2nd Annual

Blue Hills Hike

housed & unhoused people hiking together

October 16, 2010



The hike will raise funds to support the programs of Ecclesia Ministries.

Ecclesia Ministries is an ecumenical church community that engages homeless and privileged people, service providers, clergy, seminarians, artists and professionals of all kinds in activities that work to meet the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of homeless people in Boston.

What: A fundraising hike and picnic in the Blue Hills Reservation in Milton. Hikers can choose one of two trails to hike: a hike of less than 1 mile on fairly level terrain around Houghton's Pond, or a hike of about 5 miles on a portion of the more rugged Skyline Trail. Following the hike, we'll all gather to celebrate our success by enjoying a picnic lunch on the grounds of the Reservation.



When: October 16, 2010: 9am-3pm
(rain or shine)

Why: In these difficult economic times, financial resources to serve homeless men and women have diminished, despite the fact that the need for services has continued to grow.

Your support of the hike will provide necessary funds for programs offered by Ecclesia Ministries, including:

- *Common Art:* an open-art studio for poor and unhoused people
- *Common Cathedral:* an outdoor worship service, open to all, that takes place on Boston Common each Sunday
- *CityReach:* an overnight urban outreach program that educates young people and adults about homelessness

For more information about these and other programs of Ecclesia Ministries, visit www.ecclesia-ministries.org.

How can I participate?

A) Join the hike

1) Register for the hike: complete the attached registration form and mail it back with the registration fee of \$10**. Once registered, you will receive a packet of materials including instructions and paperwork for collecting and recording donations, tips for fundraising, trail maps and details of the day's activities.

**Registration entitles hikers to a trail snack pack, the picnic lunch, and a chance to win prizes.

2) Create a team of hikers: Talk with friends, family and colleagues about hiking together. A prize will be given to the largest participating team of registered hikers.

P.S. Solo hikers are also welcome – you'll have a chance to meet other hikers that day.

3) Collect donations: We are asking each hiker to set a fundraising goal of \$200 (but don't stop there!). A prize will be given to the hiker raising the most funds.

B) Support the hike

1) Register as a hike supporter: A number of hikers will need financial support to reach their fundraising goal of \$200. Complete the attached form and return it with your contribution. You can identify a hiker that you'd like to support, or we will assign your contribution to a hiker who needs help to reach their goal.

Sign up now to get involved:

___ I'd love to join the hike! Enclosed is my \$10 registration fee. Please send me the hiker registration packet so I can start collecting donations.

___ Sorry, I can't join the hike but I'd like to support a hiker. Here's my donation:

\$20 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ other : \$ ___

Name of hiker I'd like to support : _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____.
(Make checks payable to Ecclesia Ministries.)

Please charge (circle one): Visa MC AmEx
In the amount of \$ _____

Card number: _____ Exp.Date: _____

Signature: _____

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel.: _____ **Email:** _____

What is the best way for us to contact you?
___ Telephone ___ Email

Please return this form to:

**Ecclesia Ministries, PO Box 51003
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Questions? Call Carol at 617-335-1983, or email: ecclesia_hike@comcast.net. Brochures and forms also available at www.ecclesia-ministries.org.

Cut along this line.