AVIS is a private land preservation society in Andover, Massachusetts. Founded in 1894, AVIS is the second oldest land preservation society in the United States. Its goal is to acquire land within Andover and preserve it in its natural state.

The organization controls 29 reservations totaling about 1,100 acres, with 30 miles of trails for hiking, skiing, or other passive recreational use.

The largest AVIS reservations are Deer Jump at 131 acres, Goldsmith at 170 acres, and Rafton at 226 acres.

Motor vehicles, hunting, fires, or camping in these conservation lands are prohibited. Volunteer wardens are responsible for the care and oversight of each reservation.

The Andover Village Improvement Society
P.O. Box 5097, Andover, MA 01810
http://avisandover.org/

Local conservation organizations offer maps, guides and programs for getting outside and having fun in Andover and surrounding communities.

Andover Trails Committee
http://www.andovertrails.org/

Friends of Harold Parker State Forest
http://www.friendsofharoldparker.org/

Trustees of Reservations
http://www.thetrustees.org/

Shawsheen Greenway
http://www.shawsheengreenway.org/

Bay Circuit Trail and Greenway
https://www.baycircuit.org/

Appalachian Mountain Club
Boston Chapter
https://www.amcboston.org

Friends of North Andover Trails
http://www.fonat.org

Boxford Trails Association
https://www.btabolt.org/

Mass Audubon
http://www.massaudubon.org/

Essex County Greenbelt
https://www.ecga.org/

Merrimack River Watershed Council
http://www.merrimack.org/
**Local Recreation Guidebooks from Memorial Hall Library**

**Andover Trails Guide, 5th edition**
by Andover Village Improvement Society & Andover Trails Committee
Call Number: 917.445 Gui 2015
Describes AVIS, Town of Andover, state and Trustees of Reservations land. Includes fold-out trail maps, parking information.

**AVIS A History in Conservation**
by Moffard, Juliet Haines
Call Number: 333.7 MOF Story of the Andover Village Improvement Society, its land conservation and ecology efforts.

**AVIS West Parish Meadow Nature Guide**
Call Number: 917.445 Gui 2015
Self-guided nature walk. Includes seasonal plant info for West Parish Meadow and nearby Indian Ridge esker.

**Bay Circuit Greenway Trail Maps**
by Bay Circuit Alliance
Call Number: Ref 917.445 Master set of quality, reproducible, color maps including BCT Map 3 for Boxford to Andover Trails, BCT Map 4 for Andover to Lowell Trails.

**60 hikes within 60 miles, Boston Coastal and Interior regions, and NH**
Call Number: TRAVEL 917.446104
Includes Boston Harbor Islands and Bay Circuit Trail information.

**Guide to North Andover Trails**
by Friends of North Andover Trails
TRAVEL 917.445 GUI
Details North Andover’s trails and conservation land. Larger PDF versions of maps can be found at fonat.org

**Boxford Trail Guide**
by Boxford Trails Association & Boxford Land Trust
Call Number: TRAVEL 917.4404 BOX
Guide to the Bay Circuit Trail and over 100 miles of trails in Boxford.

**Bicycling on Boston’s North Shore**
Call Number: Travel 917.4404 TUR
Detailed North Shore cycling route maps and information including rides in Harold Parker State Forest and Ballardvale.

**Greenbelt Guidebook A Guide to the Best Hikes River Trips and Natural Resources of the Essex County Greenbelt Association**
Call Number: TRAVEL 917.445 GRE
Maps and information about the best hikes, river trips and natural histories of Essex County Greenbelt properties.

**AVIS encourages public use and quiet enjoyment of protected land.**

**Quiet water Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island : AMC’s canoe and kayak guide to 100 of the best ponds, lakes, and easy rivers**
Call Number: 917.404 Wil
Guide for recreational paddlers including trip planning information for Harold Parker State Forest's Stearns Pond, Ipswich River and Concord River.

**Snowshoe routes New England : Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine**
Call Number: 796.9 BAI
Includes snow shoe trails in North Andover's Weir Hill Reservation and Andover's Harold Parker State Park.

**The official Rails-to-Trails Conservancy guidebook : the definitive guide to multiuse trails in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Rail-trails Southern New England**
Call Number: Travel 917.404 RAI
Describes multiuse public paths along former railroad corridors. Includes trails in many Merrimack Valley towns and cities.