

Conservation and Recreation Areas

We invite you to enjoy the many joys this park and conservation lands have to offer the residents and visitors of Billerica.

- Softball & Baseball Fields
- Kohlrausch Walking Path
- Children's Playgrounds
- Picnic Gazebo at Kohlrausch
- Canoe Access on the Concord River
- Middlesex Canal and Museum
- Ancient Indian Burial Grounds
- Photography & Nature Study
- Hiking & Dog Walking
- Mountain Biking
- Rod and Fly Fishing at Mill Pond

Park Rules and Regulations

- No Smoking or Alcoholic Beverages
- No Littering: Carry in-Carry out facilities
- No Camping or Camp Fires
- Dogs must be leashed
- No Vandalizing or plant removal

Directions

Concord River Access is most easily accessed via biking or walking. However, there is a small parking lot by the Middlesex Canal Museum located at 71 Faulkner St, North Billerica.

Kohlrausch Memorial Park 12 Colson Street, Billerica

Hajjar Elementary School 59 Rogers St, Billerica



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History

Kohlrausch Park was donated by the wife of Charles H Kohlraush (1848-1912) in honor of his memory. During the 15 years Charles Kohlraush held his position in Billerica, he gained the reputation of being one of the best parliamentarians in the County of Middlesex.

The Middlesex Canal is the oldest canal in the United States, which flowed through Billerica between 1795 and 1853. It was used to transport goods between Lowell and Boston and because of this transportation corridor, Billerica earned the moniker "Gateway to Lowell".

Just 27 miles in length, the canal played a major role in the Industrial Revolution. Its success led to the building of the Erie Canal in 1817.

The town of Billerica originated from a Native American village of the early 1630s. At that time it was known as Shawsheen. The Native American **Indian Burial Grounds** located in the Concord River Access date back to 1000 B.C.

In 1638, Lt. Governor Thomas Dudley and Governor Winthrop were granted the land of present day Billerica and for the first time the town was settled by colonists. They named the land Shawsheen Plantation. In 1655, the town of Billerica was incorporated.



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Kohlrausch Memorial Park Concord River Access Hajjar Elementary School 20 Acres





