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Celebrating our parks

This year is the National Park Service's Centennial, so I wanted to highlight the importance of our parks to your readers.

Massachusetts is home to dozens of public parks like Highland Park in Greenfield and the Cape Cod National Seashore. With children today spending more time indoors than they did just 20 years ago — in addition to the recognized health benefits of being outside — having access to public lands and parks is crucial.

But too many of our parks here in Massachusetts and across the country are threatened. From local parks to the Grand Canyon, we've seen years of budget cuts and threats from private interests.

The result? Less land for the public to enjoy.

Thankfully, Sen. Elizabeth Warren has traditionally supported our public lands. I hope she will stand up and use her power to keep our public lands in public hands. We need her to ensure they are well-funded, properly maintained, and protected.

Our kids — and their kids — will thank her!

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