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## **Take Beginners Paddle on Mother Brook Mill Pond June 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Part of the summer-long Boston Natural Areas Network Neponset River Greenway Festival*

**BOSTON, MA – June 13, 2011** – If you always wanted to learn how to maneuver a canoe, join Boston Natural Areas Network and the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation for a free paddle through Mother Brook Mill Pond in Hyde Park on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> during one of three scheduled opportunities: 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.. This experience is for beginner paddlers only and will focus on learning basic canoe skills. This event is one of more than 30 free events offered as part of BNAN's summer-long Neponset River Greenway Festival through the end of August.

Participants will meet at Mother Brook Mill Pond, Knight Street, Hyde Park. Canoes, paddles and safety vests will be provided. Reservations for the free instruction are required by calling BNAN at 617-542-7696 or visiting [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org).

The Mother Brook was the first canal constructed in the United States, and is capable of diverting stream flow from the Charles River Basin into the Neponset Basin. There are access and trail areas, and several marsh areas, which are home to a variety of wildlife.

Boston Natural Areas Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing together local residents, partner organizations, public officials and foundations to preserve, expand, and enhance urban open space, including community gardens, greenways, and urban wilds. For more information about the organization, becoming a member or the calendar of events, visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) or call 617-542-7696.

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