



Newton Conservators E-Bulletin

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Newton Conservator Walks - Fall 2012

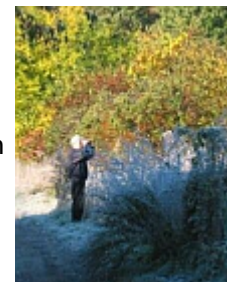
Sunday, September 23, 1 pm The Canoe Trip at Nahanton Park

This canoe/kayak trip will start at the Nahanton Park area. This is a beautiful section of the Charles River from which you can go upstream to the far reaches of Needham, Dedham and Wellesley. Interested nature lovers can bring their own canoe or kayak to use or can rent one of them at the new canoe/kayak/water stand rental that is now located at Nahanton Park. The area upstream is a region of significant beauty with almost pristine conditions of local marshes and tree lines. Cutler Marsh is particularly impressive in depth with different patterns of wildlife overlapping the background tree line and marsh views. The fall is a good time to follow the massive numbers of turtles and other wildlife that have successfully been born to this unique stretch of water. We also will be observing the numerous birds that make their spring/summer/fall homes in this appealing habitat. We will pass by Powell's Island, Millennium Park, the large Dedham Ditch and then will stop for lunch on Cow Island. The trip back will be similar except that we will have the current helping to carry canoeists and kayakers back. Bring lunch/snacks, drinks, sunscreen, and a hat. Bring binoculars if you have them. Thunderstorms will cancel the trip. Trip Leader: Bill Hagar (617-964-2644)



Sunday, September 30, 8 am Fall Birdwalk at Nahanton Park

Nahanton Park offers a mix of woodlands, wetlands, edge habitat, and meadows along the Charles River, making it one of the best birding spots in Newton for fall migrants as well as for resident species. Meet at the Nahanton Street entrance off of Nahanton St. between the JCC and the Charles. Parking is available inside the park. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Walking shoes are recommended. Co-sponsored by Friends of Nahanton Park and the Newton Conservators. Trip cancelled in steady rain but okay if light rain or drizzle. If in doubt, call Trip Leader Haynes Miller (617-413-2419). Trip Leaders: Haynes Miller and Alison Leary.



Sunday, October 14, 8 am
Fall Birdwalk at Nahanton Park

Follow up to earlier bird walk (see above walk description). Meet at the Nahanton Street entrance off of Nahanton St. between the JCC and the Charles. Parking is available inside the park. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Walking shoes are recommended. Cosponsored by Friends of Nahanton Park and Newton Conservators. Trip cancelled in steady rain. If in doubt, call Alison Leary (617-821-5619). Trip Leaders: Alison Leary and Haynes Miller.



Saturday, October 20, 8 am (Rain Date: Sunday, October 21)
Fall Birdwalk at Cold Spring Park

Fall is an excellent time to look for birds. We'll explore the various habitats at Cold Spring Park in search of resident and migrating birds. Turn left inside the Beacon Street entrance. Meet at the end of the parking lot. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Boots are recommended. In case of steady rain, rain date is Sunday October 21. If in doubt, call Trip Leader Pete Gilmore (617-610-2477).



Sunday, October 21, 2 pm
Aqueducts Bike Ride

This very popular bike tour follows the Aqueduct Trail through Newton, Needham and Wellesley. While mostly leisurely, it is sometimes strenuous. The tour is for ages 12 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and all riders must wear helmets and use bikes that are able to travel off road. The tour runs through established paths, pinewoods, meadows and hills. You will travel near backyards, and riders should be respectful of the privacy of homeowners. Meet in front of the Starbucks near the Waban MBTA Station. Trip leader: Henry Finch (617-964-4488)



Sunday, November 11 at 2:00pm
Newton Aqueducts Hike

This is a very popular 4-6 mile hike through woods, meadows and fields along the Newton sections of the Sudbury and Cochituate aqueducts. Parts of the paths traverse close to backyards, so hikers do need to be respectful of private property. This is a steady, but not fast, hike. Participants should be in sufficiently good shape to keep up with the group. See the loop map. (There are cutoffs for those who wish to shorten the hike.) Meet in front of the Starbucks near the Waban MBTA Station. Trip leader: Henry Finch (617-964-4488).

