

**Please note walks meet at different times. Some trips are weather dependent.
Please call trip leader if in doubt.**



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Saturday, September 28 at 8:00 AM

Fall Birdwalk at Cold Spring Park with Pete Gilmore

Trip Leader: Pete Gilmore (617-610-2477)

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. Parking is available inside the park. 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 Oct 23. If in doubt, call Trip Leader, Pete Gilmore.

Sunday, September 29 at 8:00 AM

Fall Birdwalk at Nahanton Park with Haynes Miller

Trip Leader: Haynes Miller (617-413-2419)

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 resident species. Meet at the Nahanton Street entrance off 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 Newton Conservators. Trip cancelled in steady rain but ok if light rain or drizzle. If in doubt call Trip Leader, Haynes Miller.



PHOTO: DAN BRODY

Sunday, September 29 at 1:00 PM

The Canoe Trip at Nahanton Park with Bill & Dottie Hagar

Trip Leader: Bill & Dottie Hagar (617-964-2644)

This canoe/kayak trip will start at the Nahanton Park area at 1 pm. This is a beautiful section of the Charles River from which you can go upstream against the current 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 canoe/kayak rental stand that is located at Nahanton Park. The area up-stream is a region of significant beauty with almost pristine conditions of local marshes and tree lines. Cutler Marsh is particularly impressive with different patterns of wildlife overlapping the background tree line and marsh views. The trip from Nahanton Canoe/Kayak dock towards Millennium Park goes through several bends in the river where canoes and kayaks glide silently through the isolated wilderness areas of Massachusetts. You will slowly paddle upstream towards the park whilst passing by numerous wonders of nature. The fall is an especially good time to view the massive numbers of turtles along the shore along with other wildlife that have successfully been born to this unique stretch of water. There are numerous fish in this part of the Charles, including pickerel, bass and carp. Pickerel and bass when they are larger are piscivores and have other fish in their diet, but carp even as adults are primarily bottom feeders. You can see the tails of carp out of the water while their head is poking through the mud looking for food. 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, and the large Dedham Ditch and then stop for lunch on Cow Island. The trip back will be similar except we will have the current helping to carry canoeist and kayakers back. It is an interesting trip for adults and children that usually is completed within three hours.



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Saturday, October 5 at 2:00-5:00 PM

Take a real hike in Newton! Discover the Newton Aqueducts with Henry Finch

Trip leader: Henry Finch (617-964-4488)

This popular 5.7 mile hike follows Newton sections of the Cochituate and Sudbury aqueducts. It is a mostly flat route on trails through woods and parks with about 1 mile of connecting roads. **The hike starts at Newton Centre Playground at the intersection of Centre Street and Tyler Terrace.** It passes through Waban at about 2.4 miles and through Eliot MBTA at 3.9 miles for those who want to shorten the route with a streetcar ride back to Newton Centre. This is a steady, but not fast hike. Participants should be in sufficiently good shape to keep up with the group. Rain does not cancel—lightning does cancel.



PHOTO: HENRY FINCH

Save the Date! Sunday, October 6 starting at 10:00 AM

Tour De Newton Bike Ride

For details, visit: <http://bikewton.org/services/tour-de-newton-registration/>. Co-sponsored with Bike Newton. Please save the date for a 15- to 20-mile "No-rider-left-behind" tour of Newton's 13 villages.