

WALKS SCHEDULE SPRING 2015

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PHOTOS LEFT TO RIGHT : SUZETTE BARBIER, MATT BAKKER, SUZETTE BARBIER, DON LUBIN

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

Sunday, May 10 at 8:00 AM

NAHANTON PARK MOTHER'S DAY BIRD WALK

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 both migratory and resident songbirds. Likely finds include brightly colored warblers, vireos, and orioles. Also expect bluebirds, scarlet tanagers, swallows and brown thrashers. Enter the park at the Nahanton Street entrance next to the river. Parking is available inside the park. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Boots are recommended. Walk will be cancelled in steady rain. Co-sponsored with Friends of Nahanton Park.

Trip Leaders: Alison Leary (617-821-5619), Haynes Miller (617-413-2419)

Saturday, May 16 at 8:00 AM

BIRD WALK AT COLD SPRING PARK (RAIN DATE: MAY 17TH)

This 67-acre parcel has ample wooded areas, open fields, a brook and wetlands. It is one of the places in Newton where you may hear the call of the Great Horned Owl and observe spectacular songbirds like the rose breasted grosbeak and the indigo bunting. Also frequently found at the park are

many favorite migrants such as the red eyed vireo, the wood thrush, and a variety of wood warblers. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Enter the park at the Beacon Street entrance. Turn left, and go to the far end of the parking lot to meet group.

Trip Leader: Pete Gilmore (617-969-1513)

Saturday, June 20 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FERN WALK AT WEBSTER WOODS (RAIN DATE: JUNE 21)

The Webster and Cohen Conservation areas and the DCR Reservation form a large wooded expanse that stretches from the shopping malls of Route 9 almost to Newton Centre. The woods extend on both sides of Hammond Pond Parkway and both sides of the MBTA Riverside tracks and are home to 20 species of ferns and related plants. We will visit the southeast corner near Hammond Pond and see about a dozen kinds of ferns. Wear long pants to protect against poison ivy and bugs. If you have a hand lens, bring it. Bring any native fern you would like me to identify. Park and meet near the woods behind the shopping center, between the pond and Hammond Pond Parkway.

Trip Leader: Don Lubin, (617-254-8464), <http://nefern.info>

More walks will be added in the Spring issue of the newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar!

New Comprehensive Conservators Event at Nahanton Park on June 6

Everyone is Welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors, too!

Come to enjoy this park, which includes riverfront, community garden plots, meadows, wooded hillsides, wild blackberry bushes, wetlands, a pond, and a plateau overlooking the river valley.

Enjoy talking with other Conservators and learning from our board members and advisors.

Bird Walks starting early in the morning

- Fern Walk led by Don Lubin • Canoe and Kayak Tours • Introduction to Native Plants • Walk to meet the Trees of Nahanton Park • Introduction to Invasive Plants of Newton • Invasive-Plant Pull • Scavenger Hunt for Children

See the Spring Newsletter for more information!