

WALKS PREVIEW FALL 2018

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

Saturday, Sept. 29 at 1:00 pm

CANOE AND KAYAK TRIP AT NAHANTON

This canoe/kayak trip will start in Nahanton Park. We'll paddle upstream on the Charles against the current to the far reaches of Needham, Dedham, and Wellesley. Bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent one at the canoe/kayak rental stand in Nahanton Park. The area up-stream is a region of significant beauty and almost pristine conditions. Fall is a good time to view the many turtles and other wildlife along this stretch of water. We should see numerous fish, including pickerel, bass, and carp. We also will see many birds that make their spring/summer/fall homes in this habitat. We'll pass by Powell's Island, Millennium Park, and the large Dedham Ditch, then stop for lunch on Cow Island. On the return trip, the current will help carry us back. It's an interesting trip for adults and children and usually is completed within three hours.

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

Sunday, Oct. 7 at 8:00 am

COLD SPRING PARK BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY WALK WITH BROOKS MATHEWSON

Birds make outstanding photographic subjects. Each species presents both unique challenges as well as enormous opportunities to create inspirational, visually compelling work. In this walk Brooks will discuss the basics of bird photography and the elements involved in creating an exceptional avian image. Topics covered include choosing the right lens, understanding light, creating sharp, properly exposed images, important compositional techniques, where and when to find different species of birds in Newton and beyond, and creating ecologically meaningful images.

Park at the Beacon Street parking lot and meet at the circle. Beginners as well as experienced birders — and photographers of all levels are welcome. Boots are recommended. If in doubt about the weather, please call.

Trip Leader: Brooks Mathewson (617-851-3513)

Saturday, Oct. 13 at 8:00 am

NAHANTON BIRD WALK WITH HAYNES MILLER



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. 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 & Newton Conservators. Meet at the Nahanton Street entrance between the JCC and the Charles. Parking is available inside the park. Cancelled if steady rain. If concerned about the weather, please call.

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

Sunday, Oct. 14 at 8:00 am

FALL BIRD WALK AT COLD SPRING PARK



Fall is an excellent time to look for birds. We'll explore the various habitats at Cold Spring that are available inside the park. Park at the Beacon Street parking lot and meet at the circle. Bring

binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Boots are recommended. If in doubt about the weather, please call.

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

Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2:00 pm

NEWTON AQUEDUCTS HIKE

Join a five-mile hike through woods, meadows, and fields along the Newton sections of the Sudbury and Cochituate aqueducts. This is a steady but not fast hike. Participants should be in sufficiently good shape to keep up with the group (there are cutoffs for those who wish to shorten the hike). Meet in front of the Starbucks coffee shop near the Waban MBTA station.

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

Saturday, Oct. 27 at 9:00 am

BEDROCK GEOLOGY OF NEWTON AND ENVIRONS

The geology of the Newton area tells a fascinating story of a time about 585 million years ago when Newton was part of the great southern continent of Gondwana and not far from the south pole. The rocks record a history of great volcanic eruptions and sedimentary basin deposits (the famous puddingstone!) in areas between the volcanoes. Join us and learn a bit about how the rocks tell us their story.

This trip will not be one of the usual Conservator "walks" since we will need to carpool to different sites in and around Newton to see the different rock types. If there is time and interest, we may choose to go a bit beyond Newton to view rocks within a volcanic caldera from that time.

Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the Hammond Pond MDC Reservation area-east, at the west end of Hammond Pond off of Hammond Pond Parkway near Rt. 9. This is behind "The Street" complex near the movie theatre (see *Newton Conservators' Walking Trail Guide*, pg. 35). We will visit rocks in the woods near here, then carpool to the other exposures. Trip will about 3 hours. If there is moderate rain or worse, the trip will be cancelled. You can call the leader the evening before if in doubt.

Trip Leader: Chris Hepburn (617-964-1137)

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