



Newton Conservators

E-Bulletin

Friday, April 26, 2019

... Newton's land trust working to preserve open space since 1961



NewtonSERVES Weekend & Annual Meeting!

NewtonSERVES is a Day of Community Service that brings together over 1,000 volunteers of all ages to complete more than 50 community projects for the benefit of numerous non-profit organizations and City of Newton departments. Volunteers work in teams on morning, afternoon or all day projects throughout the city, such as cleaning up parks, planting gardens, building and painting school bookshelves, spring cleaning at non-profit organizations and helping senior citizens. By enhancing the City of Newton's sense of community, NewtonSERVES helps to foster a culture of year-round volunteerism.

The Newton Conservators are participating in NewtonSERVES this Sunday with 4 invasive removal sessions at Blue Heron Bridge, Cold Spring Park, Dolan Pond, and Houghton Garden. **Please note that the location of the Houghton Garden project has been corrected in the listing below. The entrance to Houghton Garden is near 210 Suffolk Road in Chestnut Hill.**

Other outdoor projects are taking place at Kennard Park, the Upper Falls Greenway, Quinobequin Park, Bullough's Pond, East, West, and South Burying Grounds, Farlow Park, Wellington Park, Burr Park, and more! Online registration for the projects has closed but you can still participate by showing up on Sunday and signing the official registration waiver form. A complete list of projects can be found online at <https://www.newtoncommunitypride.org/NewtonSERVES-projectlist.php>.

If you participate in any of the projects, remember that from 3:30-4:15 pm there is a closing celebration at Newton City Hall War Memorial Auditorium with Ice Cream Sundaes as a thanks for all your hard work (ice cream generously donated by Cabot's Ice Cream).

Get your tickets now for our **Annual Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, May 8** at Post 440, with awards and a special feature presentation on coyotes. Anyone can register for the dinner online at www.newtonconservators.org.

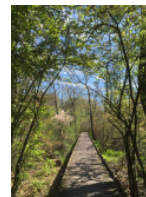
Check out the rather packed event schedule below which covers Newton Conservator events and others that might be of interest as well. Printable versions of our [Spring Walks Schedule](#) and our for our [Invasives Sessions](#) can be found online.

And be sure to check out our newly designed website at www.newtonconservators.org which has a convenient listing of upcoming events at the bottom of the front page.

NewtonSERVES Day - Sunday APRIL 28

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon
Garlic Mustard Pull at Dolan Pond (NewtonSERVES Project)
 Near 76 Webster Park, Newton, MA 02465
<https://newtonconservators.org/property/dolan-pond/>

Meet at Webster Park (a street off Webster Street) entrance of the Dolan Pond Conservation Area. (Park there or at the other entrances at Stratford Road and Cumberland Road.) Come help us eradicate this soil-damaging invasive garlic mustard from this gem of a pocket park. We also continue to control the Japanese Knotweed; every year it gets easier. We will also do some general cleanup and trail maintenance, and perhaps even a little nature study, so bring binoculars for observing birds and other creatures that make this vernal pool area home. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and garden gloves. Leader is Ted Kuklinski, 617-332-7753.



Sunday, April 28, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon
Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull (NewtonSERVES Project)
 1200 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461
<https://newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/>



The park is being invaded by garlic mustard, knotweed, buckthorn, and other species. We will keep the Cochituate Aqueduct walk under control after previous years' pulls, and work on the meadow and Beacon Street parking lot areas. Wear long pants and garden gloves. The invasive plant material will be properly disposed of as trash, not as yard waste. Enter at the Beacon Street entrance. Turn left and go to the far end of the parking lot (circle) to meet group. Leaders are Alan Noguee, 617-564-1664 and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.

Sunday, April 28, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Invasives Pull at Blue Heron Bridge (NewtonSERVES Project)
 near Super Stop & Shop, 700 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472
<https://newtonconservators.org/property/charles-path-bridge-street/>

We will work along the Charles River Greenway at this bridge site, and will do nature study as time allows. Wear long pants and sleeves, sturdy shoes



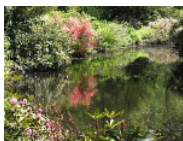
and garden gloves. Park at the Watertown Super Stop & Shop (700 Pleasant St.) at the corner farthest from the store. There is a path entrance: turn left to the Blue Heron Bridge. Or, park at Albemarle Rd. or Nevada St. a block away from the river. Leaders are Ron Joseph and Anndy Dannenberg, 617-694-9674.

Sunday, April 28, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Invasives Pull at Houghton Garden (NewtonSERVES Project)

Houghton Garden at the MBTA Tracks (entrance 210 Suffolk Rd, Chestnut Hill)

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/houghton-garden/>



Help tackle the garlic mustard and black swallow-wort near the entrance of Houghton Garden where it borders the T Track crossing to Webster Woods. Help keep these invaders out of beautiful Houghton Garden! Wear long pants tucked into socks, closed shoes, and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will dispose properly as trash, not as yard waste. Leaders are Sally Baker and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am - Noon

Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup



The Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup brings together over 3,000 volunteers each year to pick up litter, remove invasive species and assist with park maintenance. Residents are drawn to the popular Charles River Cleanup from a desire to give back to their community while enjoying the beauty and wildlife along the Charles River. Volunteers build on the connections they establish during this day of stewardship by returning to the Charles to exercise, play and enjoy nature throughout the year. For details please visit: <https://www.crwa.org/charles-river-cleanup>.

Saturday, April 27, 9:30 am - Noon

Hemlock Gorge Spring Cleanup

Hamilton Place (Elliot St at the Charles River on Needham side)

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/hemlock-gorge/>

The Friends of Hemlock Gorge's Annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019, rain or shine, unless extreme weather is expected. It will be the day before the Run of the Charles. Volunteers should meet at Hamilton Place between 9:30 and 10 a.m. Parking available at Hamilton Place, the Mills Falls parking lot, and at the Hemlock Gorge parking lot at the intersection of Ellis St. and Rte. 9.

Clean-up materials supplied and refreshments provided for all volunteers!

Please dress appropriately for the work and weather. There likely will be a lunch available for volunteers after the cleanup, at noon. Visit



<http://www.hemlockgorge.org/> for more info. We also note with sadness the passing of Brian Yates on March 15, former Newton City Councilor and the Founder and President of the Friends of Hemlock Gorge, and long time member of the Advisory Board of the Newton Conservators.

Saturday, April 27, 1:00 pm

"Land of the Giants" Spring Tree Tour

Newton Cemetery

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/newton-cemetery/>



Did you know the arborists working at the cemetery call the Newton Cemetery "Land of the Giants" because of the many gigantic trees there? Arbor Day is around the corner- come celebrate and learn about all the tree work that's happening at this year's Spring Tree Tour, "Land of the Giants". Cemetery arborist Abigale Parker and Bartlett Tree Experts arborist Andrew Balon will discuss the ongoing maintenance program, future plans and share other fun tree facts! The tour will meet at the fountain area just inside the front gate at 791 Walnut Street, Newton MA. Parking is available along the Cemetery roads or the chapel parking lot. For more information, call

617-332-0047 or email fonc@newcemcopr.org. The tour is free and open to all, however donations to the Friends of Newton Cemetery are welcome and support arboretum education and care. Suggested Donation: \$10

Sunday, April 28, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Run of the Charles Paddling Race



As Charles River Watershed Association's signature event, the Run of the Charles is the largest flat-bottomed boat race in New England and a major event in Greater Boston, where it draws 1,500 racers and spectators each year! This is the 37th annual event and races are from 3 to 14 miles in length and this year paddleboards and kayaks can participate in the relay race. Find full info at <https://www.crwa.org/run-of-the-charles>.

Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm

**Take a Real Hike in Newton: discover the Newton Aqueducts
Meet at Starbucks Coffee Shop near Waban Green Line Station**

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/aqueducts/>

A 5-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.



**Sunday, April 28, 1:00 pm
Crossing Borders in Lower Falls
Walking Tour sponsored by Historic Newton**

This special tour with Historic Newton and the Wellesley Historical Society focuses on the rise and fall of industry in Lower Falls, as well as the village that early residents built. Learn how the Charles River once powered nationally renowned paper mills. Stop by St. Mary's Church and the one-time community hall that is now Lower Falls Wine Company. The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and is recommended for adults and teens. Part of our "Crossing Borders" series, a collaboration between history organizations in Newton, Natick, Needham, and Wellesley sponsored by Wellesley Bank Charitable Foundation. Suggested donation, \$10 per person. Information: 617-796-1450 or 781-235-6690. Register at www.historicnewton.org under Historic Walking Tours



**Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 am (Rain Date: May 21)
NOTE: Start time has been changed from earlier listings of 8:00 am
Bird Walk at Cold Spring Park
Cold Spring Park (Beacon Street entrance - far end of parking lot)**

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/>



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.

Important Note: The start time for this walk has been moved to 7:30 am - it had been previously been listed as 8:00 am. The earlier birder sees more birds!!

**Sunday, May 5, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon
Invasives Pull at Sawmill Brook Conservation Area.
Opposite 120 Vine St., Newton, MA 02467**

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/sawmill-brook/>

Sawmill Brook Park is a lovely, long, natural trail connecting Newton to West Roxbury. It has garlic mustard and black swallow-wort infestations at its entrances and along Lagrange St. and Wayne Road borders. We will work at each entrance and along Lagrange and Wayne, and patrol previously worked areas. Wear long pants and garden gloves. The invasive plant material will be properly disposed of as trash, not as yard waste. Meet at the Vine Street entrance. Leaders are Francesco DiTullio and Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.



**Sunday, May 5, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Wellesly Trails Committee Hemlock Gorge Walk
Echo Bridge Office Park, Newton MA**

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/hemlock-gorge/>



Explore the trails in Hemlock Gorge, a scenic and historic area along the Charles River at the corners of Wellesley, Needham and Newton. Get a birds-eye view of the gorge from Echo Bridge, a 70-foot high stone bridge across the Charles River used to carry Sudbury Aqueduct water to Boston. Stand under the main arch and count the number of times you hear your echo. Meet at the Echo Bridge Office Park parking lot at 381 Elliot Street, Newton. See <https://wellesleyma.gov/419/Guided-Walks-Events> for info and detailed directions.

**Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Newton Conservators 2019 Annual Dinner Meeting
American Legion Post 440, 295 California St**

The 58th annual dinner meeting of the Newton Conservators will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. The featured speaker will be John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer and Massachusetts representative of Project Coyote. Newton Conservators members will receive an invitation and registration form in the mail. Social hour begins at 6 pm with dinner and annual meeting and awards at 7 pm. followed by the featured presentation. Come join us for this informative and entertaining evening. Anyone can register for the dinner online at www.newtonconservators.org.



**Sunday, May 12 at 8:00 am
Nahanton Park Mother's Day Bird Walk**

<https://newtonconservators.org/property/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 both migratory and resident songbirds. Mother's Day occurs during the peak of the spring migration, so we will look for a variety of brilliantly colored tropical birds on their way to breeding grounds further north. Also expect newly arrived resident warblers, vireos, tanagers, orioles, swallows, and wrens. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Waterproof walking shoes are recommended. Walk will be cancelled in steady rain. Cosponsored by the Newton Conservators and the Friends of Nahanton Park. Meet at the Nahanton Street entrance next to the river. Parking is available inside the park. Trip Leaders: Alison Leary, 617-821-5619 and Haynes Miller, 617-413-2419.



Sunday, May 12, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm
Invasives Pull at Blue Heron Bridge #2 (repeat visit).
Near Super Stop & Shop, 700 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472
<https://newtonconservators.org/property/charles-path-bridge-street/>



We continue to work along the Charles River Greenway at this bridge site, and will do nature study as time allows. Wear long pants and sleeves, and sturdy shoes and garden gloves. Bring digging tools and clippers if you can. Park at the Watertown Super Stop & Shop (700 Pleasant St.) at the corner furthest from the store. There is a path entrance: turn left to the Blue Heron Bridge. Or park at Albemarle Rd. or Nevada St., a block away from the river. Leader is Eric Olson, 617-872-9928.

Tuesday, May 14, 3:00 pm
Rachel Carson Proclamation
Newton City Hall

Come witness the Mayor's Proclamation of Newton's Annual Rachel Carson Day and Call to Action Honoring the legacy of Rachel Carson (May 27, 1907 - April 14, 1964) and her message that our health is intimately connected and dependent on the quality of our environment. We commit to Use Less and Green the Rest. This event will recognize individuals and groups who contribute to Newton's sustainability.



Wednesday, May 15 7:00 am
Spring Bird Walk at Newton Cemetery
Newton Cemetery, 791 Walnut Street, Newton MA
<https://newtonconservators.org/property/newton-cemetery/>



Join the Friends of Newton Cemetery and Manomet for this year's Bird Walk at Newton Cemetery & Arboretum. Test your skills and pick up some new ones with guides from Manomet's Landbird Conservation program as they lead the walk once again. Birders of all experience levels are welcome on this leisurely, two-hour walk around the Cemetery's arboretum in search of migrant warblers, vireos, thrushes, and more! Scheduled for the peak of spring migration, there will be ample opportunity to brush up on your birding-by-ear techniques, as well as catch a glimpse of breeding males in their most dapper plumage. Changes in climate will be discussed and how Manomet's long-term research projects bring its effects on migration to light. Birders of all experience levels are welcome to join us, just come equipped with comfortable walking shoes, binoculars if you have them (we will have a few pairs for sharing), and water. The walk will meet just inside the main gate in front of the office. Parking is available along the cemetery road or chapel parking lot. Participation is limited, and last year's program reached capacity so be sure to register early! Cost: \$15 Non-Members, \$10 Members. Register online at <https://www.manomet.org/event/newton-cemetery-bird-walk-3/>. For additional information, please contact Chris Boudreaux at (508) 224-6521, ext. 226 or cboudreaux@manomet.org or visit Manomet.org.

Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 am - 10:100 am (Rain date: May 19)
Bird Walk along Charles River Pathway
Chapel and California Streets trailhead
<https://newtonconservators.org/property/charles-path-bridge-street/>

Please join Alison Leary for a neighborhood bird walk along the Charles River Path to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river including new spring migrants. Length: About 3 miles at an easy pace. We will look for seasonal migrants as we stroll the Charles River path along the Newton/Watertown line. We will expect to find several species of warblers, including yellow, northern parula, yellow rumped and palms. Also, northern orioles, warbling vireos, cardinals, goldfinches and wrens. Bring binoculars if you have them. In the event of steady rain, we will reschedule for Sunday. Meeting place: Path entrance at Chapel and California Street. Trip Leader: Alison Leary, 617-821-5619



Saturday, May 18, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm
Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull #2 (repeat visit).
1200 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461
<https://newtonconservators.org/property/cold-spring-park/>



Cold Spring Park is being invaded by garlic mustard, knotweed, and other species. We will spend a few hours keeping the Cochituate Aqueduct walk under control after previous years' pulls, and work on the meadow and Beacon Street parking lot areas. Wear long pants and garden gloves. The invasive plant material will be properly disposed of as trash, not as yard waste. Enter the park at the Beacon Street entrance. Turn left and meet at the far end of the parking lot (circle). Leaders are Nyssa Patten, 617-763-7194, Alan Noguee, 617-564-1664 and

Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 am - 10:15 am
Wellesley Trails Committee Lower Falls Walk
River Street Parking Lot, 25 River St, Wellesley Hills, MA

Take a walk through an historic part of Wellesley and enjoy scenic views along the river on the Charles River Path. Walk along the brick Waterway, the remnants of a proposed development in the 1890's at Indian Springs Park. Follow the Crosstown Trail on the Cochituate Aqueduct that was built in 1848 to supply water to Boston. Take an optional short walk to the footbridge over the Charles at the Cordingly Dam. Meet at the River Street parking lot off Washington Street (free on weekends). <https://newtonconservators.org/events/wellesley-trails-committee-lower-falls-walk/>



**Note: Lots more events to follow in late May, June and July
 in the next e-Bulletin!**

Membership & Publications!



Did you know that you can Join the Newton Conservators online. And consider a gift membership for a conservation-minded friend. New members get a trail guide as well!

Visit <https://newtonconservators.org/membership/> for details on membership options. Did you know that you can register and pay for membership, events, buy a copy of our Almanac or newly revised Trail Guide, or make a donation to the Newton Conservators online? The Trail Guides and Almanac are also available at your local Newton Bookstores. Shop Local! Our Trail Guide and Almanac make great holiday gifts!



Mission: The Newton Conservators promotes the protection and preservation of natural areas, including parks, playgrounds, forests and streams, which are open or may be converted to open space for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Newton. It further aims to disseminate information about these and other environmental matters. A primary goal is to foster the acquisition of land, buildings and other facilities to be used for the encouragement of scientific, educational, recreational, literary and other public pursuits that will promote good citizenship and the general welfare of the people of our community.

The Newton Conservators organization was formed as a not-for-profit in June 1961.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN TODAY!

YES, count me in! I want to be a nature steward and help Newton Conservators protect and preserve the natural areas in our community.

Please renew/accept my tax-deductible membership at the level checked below:

- \$250 Directors' Circle ***NEW!**
- \$125 Patron
- \$100 Donor
- \$75 Sustaining Member
- \$50 Family Membership
- \$35 Individual Membership
- \$15 Student Membership
- Additional Contribution \$ _____

Want to make an even bigger impact? Help us support these conservation areas:

- Woodcock Meadow \$ _____
- Ordway Endowment Fund \$ _____
- Land Stewardship Areas (Duxier Rd., Bracebridge Rd) \$ _____

*Contributors at this level receive a copy of the Newton Conservators Almanac. All new members receive Walking Trails in Newton's Parks and Conservation Lands.

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I would like to volunteer!
 Please email me.

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