



**Newton Conservators**

## **E-Bulletin**

Friday, May 17, 2019

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



### **Bird Walks and More this Weekend!**

Finally a weekend with sun! A good time to get out on a bird walk along the Charles River on Saturday or Hammond Pond on Sunday! Or perhaps you would like to get some exercise at one of our invasive pull events this weekend at Cold Spring or Nahanton Parks. And don't forget the Seedling Sale at Newton Community Farm! In addition, we have a good chance to explore the Lower Falls section of the Charles River with our friends in Wellesley. It's a good weekend to get out and about in our open spaces.

And be sure to check out our newly designed website at [www.newtonconservators.org](http://www.newtonconservators.org) which has a convenient listing of upcoming events at the bottom of the front page.

### **Upcoming Events**

**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/events/bird-walk-along-the-charles-river-pathway/>

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/events/cold-spring-park-invasives-pull-2/>



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**

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/wellesley-trails-committee-lower-falls-walk/>

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 Cordingley Dam. Meet at the River Street parking lot off Washington Street (free on weekends). <https://newtonconservators.org/events/wellesley-trails-committee-lower-falls-walk/>



**Saturday, May 18, Sunday, May 19 12 pm - 3 pm**

**Newton Community Farm Seedling Sale**

**303 Nahanton Street, Newton**

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/newton-community-farm-seedling-sale/>



Buy flower, herb, and vegetable seedlings at the **Newton Community Farm Seedling Sale**. Newton Conservators was instrumental in saving this land from development, and establishing the **Newton Community Farm** in 2005.

**Sunday, May 19, 7:30 am to 10:30 am**  
**Brookline Bird Club Walk at Hammond Pond**

**Hammond Pond Reservation**

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/brookline-bird-club-walk-at-hammond-pond/>

This walk will bird the Hammond Pond Area and then proceed to the adjacent [Webster Conservation area](#) and Houghton Gardens. It can be muddy.



**Sunday, May 19, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Nahanton Park Invasives Pull.**

**Near 507 Winchester Street, Newton, MA 02461**

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/nahanton-park-invasives-pull/>



Many native habitats, including the grassland Woodcock Meadow, home to threatened American Woodcock, and open woodland habitats, are threatened by invasive plants. They outcompete native plants, reduce biodiversity and negatively impact birdlife. Nahanton Park has invasions of black swallow-wort, multi-flora rose, Tree of Heaven, buckthorn, garlic mustard, and black locust. Join us to improve the beauty and diversity of this special park (and help the American woodcock) by spending a few hours cutting back/removing these invasive species. Meet in the large parking lot off Winchester Street. Leaders are Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571 and Suzette Barbier.

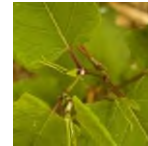
**Sunday, May 26, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon**

**Japanese Knotweed Pull at Hammond Pond. Near 309**

**Hammond Pond Parkway, Newton, MA 02467**

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/japanese-knotweed-pull-at-hammond-pond/>

Japanese Knotweed is a bamboo-like invader from Asia that can create dense 8' tall single-species stands. It is a tough adversary, not because it's spiny or strong or even particularly hard to pull. But any small root fragments left behind spring back to life the following year. Scientists seek biological control agents, but until they find some, we are stuck controlling the plant by hand. Persistence pays with this species, and eradication is possible, but it takes several years to truly finish the job. Bring pitchforks, garden spades, and hand pruners, if you have them. Meet at small parking lot off Hammond Pond Parkway at Route 9 adjacent to pond at "The Street" mall. Leader is Eric Olson, 617-872-9928.



**Saturday, June 1, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon**

**Houghton Garden/Webster Invasives Pull. Opposite 210**

**Suffolk Rd., Newton, MA 02467**

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/houghton-garden-invasives-pull/>



We are tackling 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 Houghton Garden! Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will dispose properly as trash, not as yard waste. Meet at the entrance to the garden/T crossing. Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.

**Sunday, June 2 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Cold Spring Park Invasive Plant Educational Walk**

**Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461**

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/cold-spring-park-invasive-plant-educational-walk/>

Join horticulturalist Bruce Wenning for training in identifying the invasive species that are found in this park as well as in everybody's yards! Learn the traits of invasive species, how and why they are so successful and hurt the native ecosystems, and how you can identify and control them in your yards and neighborhoods. Wear long pants and closed shoes. Enter the park at the Beacon Street entrance. Turn left and go to the far end of the parking lot (circle) to meet group. Repeat session on June 9. Trip Leader: Bruce Wenning, 617-962-0646.



**Sunday, June 2, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm**

**Cold Spring Park Invasives Pull #3 (repeat visit). 1200**

**Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02461**

<https://newtonconservators.org/events/cold-spring-park-invasives-pull-3/>



Cold Spring Park is being invaded by garlic mustard, knotweed, and other species. We will spend a few hours checking the Cochituate Aqueduct walk, to keep it under control after previous years' pulls, and work on the meadow and parking lot areas. Wear long pants and garden gloves. Trash bags will be provided; the City will properly dispose as trash, not as yard waste. Enter the park at the Beacon Street entrance. Turn left and go to the far end of the parking lot (circle) to meet group. Leader is Katherine Howard, 617-721-2571.

**Sunday, June 2, 2019, 3:00pm**

**Whipple Beal Fence Rededication Ceremony**

**Newton Cemetery**

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

All are cordially invited to come join Mayor Ruthanne Fuller and the restoration team on Sunday, June 2nd for the re-dedication of one of the most historic elements in Newton Cemetery! The Whipple Beal Fence, the only cast iron fence in the Cemetery, is being returned to its original glory thanks to City of Newton Community Preservation funds that made the restoration possible.

**Note: Lots more events to follow in later 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!

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



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\*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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Please email me.

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