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Hands-On Nature for Children

For the first time this fall, Newton Conservators offered walks especially for children and their parents. Barbara Bates and Sam Corbin, board members of Newton Conservators, led the walks at two different locations: Dolan Pond and Riverside Park (by the Charles River). We played nature-themed games to train eyes for camouflaged animals. This was to demonstrate how predators catch prey and how those prey avoid the predators, and to illustrate how deer can get out of balance with their habitat. Our walks through the landscape also revealed treasures like the remains of a turtle nest, where everyone got a chance to feel the remnants of turtle eggs!

Judging by the reactions from both children and parents, everyone had lots of fun. We plan on offering more walks for families with young children again soon.



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