

# WALKS SCHEDULE SPRING 2023

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

## Sunday, April 2 at 2 pm

### AQUEDUCT 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, April 8 from 10-11:30 am

### KIDS - NOTICING COLD SPRING PARK



Join us to explore how early spring affects Cold Spring Park. We will let what catches participants' eyes guide our walk! Early flowers and plants will be making themselves visible this time of year. Together, we will explore the trails along the swamp, woods, and meadow

in Cold Spring Park. Open to children five through nine years old accompanied by an adult. Registration limited to 10 children. A wait list will be available if registration is filled. Meeting location and directions will be mailed to all registrants before the walk.

*Trip Leaders: Barbara Bates (B.L.Bates@rcn.com) and Sam Corbin, naturalists*

## Sunday, April 23 from 2 - 4 pm

### SIGNS OF SPRING IN THE WEBSTER WOODS: WILDFLOWERS, TREES LEAFING OUT, MIGRATORY BIRDS, AND SUNFISH.



Come and observe the first signs of spring in the Webster Woods with Richard Primack, life-long Newton resident and professor of plant ecology at BU. The walk will also include the Hammond Canal, the Hemlock Grove, and a "hanging rock." Meet at the kiosk on the edge of the parking lot at Hammond Pond where the trail enters the woods.

*Trip Leader: Richard Primack (primack@bu.edu)*

## Saturday, April 29 from 10-11:30 am

### KIDS - DISCOVERING HAMMOND POND

Did you know there is a large pond next to Webster Woods?

Join us to explore a location new to our children's program! We will investigate this area together as we work on scientific questioning, observation skills, and learning about our surroundings. Open to children five through nine years old accompanied by an adult. Registration limited to 10 children. A wait list will be available if registration is filled. Meeting location and directions will be mailed to all registrants before the walk.

*Trip Leader: Barbara Bates (B.L.Bates@rcn.com) and Sam Corbin, naturalists*

## Saturday, May 6 from 10:30-12 pm

### NOTICING NATURE IN WEBSTER WOODS: A WALK FOR ALL AGES

On this "noticing" walk, we encourage our senses — when we see, hear, smell, and touch — to guide our exploration of Webster Woods. It's a time of emerging flowers both beautiful (lady slippers) and smelly (skunk cabbage) and of spring frog sounds. There are also rock crevices where yellow spotted salamanders might lurk, or green moss or lichen might grow. We will discuss nature we notice. This walk is about 1.5 miles and will cover a few steep and rocky places. Open to adults and children over five years old. Meet in the parking lot on the west side of Hammond Parkway by the Clothes Drop Off behind the Shops at Chestnut Hill (NOT the parking lot by the Container Store near The Street).

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## Sunday, May 7 is NewtonSERVES!

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## Saturday, May 13 from 7:30-9:30 am

### SPRING BIRDING AT DOLAN POND



Explore Dolan Pond Conservation Area for newly arrived colorful residents, as well as migrating warblers, thrushes, vireos and more. This area is home to a number of vernal pools which provide habitat for ducks, herons, turtles, frogs, and toads. This will be an easy walk over accessible paths and boardwalk. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet near 76 Webster Park and park around the circle (HP parking available). Beginners and children welcome.

*Trip Leaders: Ian Buzby, Mike Hanley, and Ted Kuklinski (tkuklinski@aol.com)*

## Sunday, May 14 from 8-10:30 am

### MOTHER'S DAY BIRD WALK AT NAHANTON PARK: COSPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF NAHANTON PARK



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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 migrants as well as resident species. Meet 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. Waterproof shoes are recommended. The walk will be canceled in steady rain.

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

## Saturday, May 20 from 10-11:30 am

### KIDS - EXPLORING DOLAN POND



PHOTO: MARGARET MALLORY

Join Barbara Bates, Newton Conservators' board member and teacher/naturalist at Mass Audubon to explore the animals and plants in the Dolan Pond conservation area and play nature-themed games. Open to children five through nine years old accompanied by

an adult. Registration limited to eight children. A wait list will be available if registration is filled. Meeting location and directions will be mailed to all registrants before the walk.

**Trip Leader:** Barbara Bates (B.L.Bates@rcn.com)

## Saturday, May 20 from 1-2 pm

### A STROLL THROUGH COLD SPRING PARK: COSPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF COLD SPRING PARK

Tour Cold Spring Park, a natural gem in the heart of Newton, and explore some of its natural and unnatural wonders,

mysteries, threats, and possibilities with Friends of Cold Spring Park founder and president Alan Noguee. See how its seven different habitats create a wildlife haven, why its ability to continue supporting wildlife is at risk, and what we can do about it.

**Trip Leader:** Alan Noguee (friendsofcoldspringpark@gmail.com)

## Sunday, May 21 from 8-10 am

### BIRDING AT COLD SPRING PARK



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Participants will meet near the turnaround at the end of the left side of the Beacon Street parking area. This is an easy walk on flat woodland trails. We will look for resident birds as well as fall migrants. The latter may include

warblers, thrushes and vireos. We saw a Philadelphia Vireo on this walk two years ago. Beginners and children are welcome.

**Trip Leader:** Pete Gilmore (petegilmore79@gmail.com)

## Sunday, June 11 from 10-12 pm

### EXPLORING HEMLOCK GORGE: COSPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF HEMLOCK GORGE



PHOTO: KEN MALLORY

Join us for a tour of this gem of a park, "hidden" at the intersection of routes 9 and 95, once a Sunday destination for thousands of Boston city dwellers and designed by Charles Eliot of the Olmsted design firm. We will visit the historic Echo

Bridge, talk some history and geology, and enjoy the stunning topography and views. The walk includes some steep slopes and uneven terrain. Meet at the Hamilton Place entrance/lot off Central Avenue (on the Needham side of the Charles River). In the event of steady rain, the rain date is Sunday June 25, 10-12.

**Trip Leaders:** John Mordes MD, president of Friends of Hemlock Gorge (617-888-4488) and Katherine Howard of Newton Conservators (617-721-2571)



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I would like to volunteer!

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