

# WALKS SCHEDULE SPRING 2024

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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 14 is Vernal Pool BioBlitz at Nahanton Park

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## Sunday, April 21 from 2 - 3:30 pm



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### 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)*

## Sunday, May 4 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 spring migrants. Beginners and children are welcome.

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

## Sunday, May 5 is NewtonSERVES!

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## Thursday, May 9 is Newton Conservators Annual Dinner Meeting

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## Sunday, May 12 from 8- 10:30 am

### MOTHER'S DAY BIRD WALK AT NAHANTON PARK: COSPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF 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 migrants as well as resident species. Meet at the Nahanton Street entrance next to the river. Parking is available inside the park. Bring binoculars



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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, June 1 from 10-11:30 am

### SPRING RAMBLE THROUGH WEBSTER WOODS



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Join Barbara Bates from Newton Conservators for an easy 1.5-mile ramble in Webster Woods to see what's in bloom and what's "cooking" in the vernal pool Bare Pond. We will follow the "Red" trail to Bare Pond, pick up the Green trail to Cake Rock, Gooch's

Cave, the dell along Thompsonville Brook, and return via the "Red" trail past Cat Pond.

The trail can be rocky and muddy in places, and there are one or two steep places. Bring insect repellent and dress accordingly. No pets allowed. Rain cancels the walk. If in doubt, email Barbara before 9:30 am on the date of the walk.

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

## Sunday, June 9 from 10 - 12 noon

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



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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). If there is steady rain, the walk will be canceled.

*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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