

WALKS SCHEDULE SPRING 2025

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Please note: Registration is optional but recommended, so we can send you scheduling changes, directions or advice (such as about trail hazards) before the event and educational resources after it. Please register at <https://newtonconservators.org/events/>

Sunday, May 4

NEWTONSERVES

We will have several activities — check our Events page or the city's NewtonSERVES page for more info. <https://newtonconservators.org/events/>

Saturday, May 10 from 10 - 12 noon

SIGNS OF SPRING IN WEBSTER WOODS



PHOTO: BARBARA BATES

Join Barbara Bates, a Newton Conservators' director and retired Mass Audubon teacher/naturalist, for a 1.5-mile ramble through Webster Woods. We'll see which spring ephemeral flowers are in bloom and whether the wood frogs are still calling in Bare Pond,

the vernal pool. Registration is required; meeting location and Barbara Bates's contact information will be emailed to participants upon registration. *Rain date: Saturday, May 17, 10 am-12 noon.*

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

Sunday, May 11 from 8 - 10:30 am

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



PHOTO: KEN MALLORY

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. Join long-time birding guides Alison Leary and Haynes Miller at

the Nahanton Street entrance next to the river for a chance to see Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Northern Orioles, and a variety of wood warblers. Parking is available inside the park. Participants should bring binoculars and wear waterproof shoes if possible. Beginners and experienced birders welcome. *The walk will be canceled in the event of steady rain.*

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

Sunday, May 18 from 10 - 12 noon

EXPLORING BEAUTIFUL HEMLOCK GORGE

Join nature enthusiast Katherine Howard of the Newton

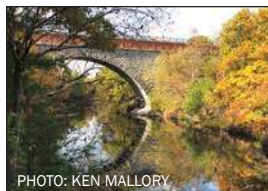


PHOTO: KEN MALLORY

Conservators and Dr. John Mordes, President of the Friends of Hemlock Gorge, on a tour of this Newton gem "hidden" at the intersection of Routes 9 and I-95. Katherine and John will visit the historic Echo Bridge, designed by Charles Eliot of the Olmsted design firm and once a popular Sunday destination for city dwellers. Walk participants will enjoy the bridge's spectacular views while learning about its history and the geology of the surrounding 23-acre park. The walk includes some steep slopes and uneven terrain. Meet at the Hamilton Place entrance/lot off Central Ave (on the Needham side of the Charles River). *Rain date: Sunday, May 25, 10 am-12 noon.*

Trip Leaders: Katherine Howard (617-721-2571); John Mordes, MD (617-888-4488)

Saturday, May 24 from 8 - 10 am

A STROLL THROUGH COLD SPRING PARK

COSPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF COLD SPRING PARK

Tour Cold Spring Park, a woodland haven 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. *Rain date: Saturday, May 31, 1-3 pm.*

Trip Leader: Alan Noguee (617-821-1265) (friendsofcoldspringpark@gmail.com)

Saturday, June 4 from 10 - 12 noon

NATURE WALK THROUGH SAWMILL BROOK CONSERVATION AREA

Follow intrepid naturalist and Newton Conservators'



PHOTO: SUSAN YOUNG

Director Katherine Howard as she walks through Sawmill Brook's upland woods, wetlands, rock walls, and dramatic outcroppings of our state rock, Roxbury puddingstone. Katherine will lead walk participants on a 1.2-mile exploration of the woodland area from Vine Street to Marla Circle and return along the brook

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