

FALL 2025 GUIDED WALKS & BIOBLITZ

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Walks are limited to 30 people now and people must register so leaders can contact them for weather updates or changes.

Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10-12 noon

THE MANY FACETS OF COLD SPRING PARK



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Alan Noguee leads a walk

Tour Cold Spring Park, a woodland and wetland haven in the heart of Newton, and explore some of its natural wonders, mysteries, threats, and possibilities with Friends of Cold Spring Park founder and president Alan Noguee. See what makes a natural plant community

invaluable for wildlife, climate mitigation, and climate resilience. Meet at the kiosk beyond the parking area at the far-left end of the Beacon Street entrance. *Rain date: Sept. 21, 10 am-12 noon.*

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

Sunday, Sept. 21, from 1-3 pm

HAMMOND WOODS BioBLITZ - FALL POLLINATORS AND MORE!



PHOTO: SUSAN LYON

Jon Regosin displays a vernal pool salamander

Come explore the pollinators of late summer and fall at Hammond Woods, Newton's largest conservation area and improve your insect and plant identification skills. Under the leadership of Jonathan Regosin, a director at Newton Conservators and Consulting Biologist for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife,

participants will learn how to use the iNaturalist app to document and identify species. Hammond Woods's habitats include noted rock outcroppings of Roxbury Puddingstone, brooks, ponds, wetlands, fields, and a historic woodland garden.

These BioBlitz events are part of a larger effort by Newton Conservators to document and raise awareness about the great diversity of plants and animals in Newton's open spaces. Previous iNaturalist observations for Hammond/Webster Woods are available @ <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/webster-woods-hammond-pond-newton-ma>. Participants may go off-trail and should dress appropriately. Meet at the trailhead at Hammond Pond/The Street lot (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/>).

Trip Leader: Jonathan Regosin
(jonathan.regosin@gmail.com)

Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10-12 noon

NATURE IN YOUR POCKET - AN INTERGENERATIONAL

WALK AT EDMANDS PARK



PHOTO: KEN MALLORY

Join Linnea Dunn Rappaport, rising sophomore at Newton North High School and member of the Newton Enviro-Sci Program, and Barbara Bates, retired Mass Audubon teacher/naturalist and a Newton Conservators' director,

while they explore the variety of habitats in this woodland park. There is a meadow, wetland, upland forest, and an esker. Trails are generally wide and flat with a few steep, narrow, and stony portions. Registration is required to receive instructions regarding where to meet. *Rain date: Oct. 11, 10 am-12 noon.*

Trip Leaders: Linnea Dunn Rappaport and Barbara Bates (B.L.Bates@rcn.com)

Sunday, Oct. 5, from 10-12:30 pm

UP CLOSE WITH NATURE AT KENNARD PARK #1



PHOTO: SUSAN LYON

Jeff Adams with fern

Outdoor enthusiast and naturalist Jeff Adams will lead a guided nature walk at Kennard Park. Participants will learn how to identify a selection of native and non-native species by observing and touching (and sometimes smelling!) leaves, galls, branching patterns, and plant shapes. Jeff, who has led walks for

the Friends of the [Middlesex] Fells, Sudbury Valley Trustees, and Lincoln Land Conservation Trust, will also discuss select natural history, folklore, and science. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Park topography is hilly and uneven. Meet at parking lot at 246 Dudley Road. Enrollment is limited to 15 people. *Rain date: Oct. 19, 10 am-12:30 pm.*

Trip Leader: Jeff Adams (781-866-8311)
(jeffreyradams@verizon.net)

Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10-12:30 pm

UP CLOSE WITH NATURE AT KENNARD PARK #2



PHOTO: KEN MALLORY

Outdoor enthusiast and naturalist Jeff Adams will lead a guided nature walk at Kennard Park (this walk is mostly the same as the Kennard Park #1 walk). Participants will learn how to identify a selection of native and non-native species by observing and touching (and

sometimes smelling!) leaves, galls, branching patterns, and plant shapes. Jeff, who has led walks for the Friends of the [Middlesex] Fells, Sudbury Valley Trustees, and Lincoln Land Conservation Trust, will also discuss some select natural

history, folklore and science. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Park topography is hilly and uneven. Meet at parking lot at 246 Dudley Road. Enrollment is limited to 15 people. *Rain date: Nov. 2, 10 am-12:30 pm.*

Trip Leader: Jeff Adams (781-866-8311)
(jeffreyradams@verizon.net)

Sunday, Oct. 12, from 8 - 10:30 am

FALL BIRD WALK WITH HAYNES MILLER



Haynes Miller (middle) in Nahanton Park

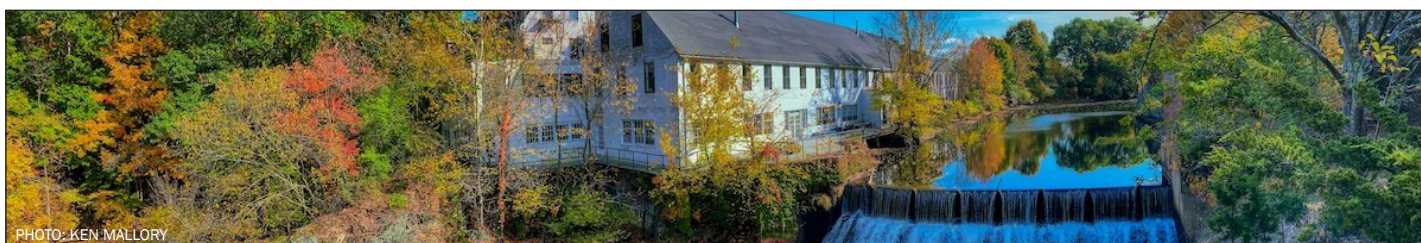
Nahanton Park offers a mix of woodlands, wetlands, edge habitat, and meadows along the Charles River, making it one of the best birding spots in Newton for fall migrants as well as resident species. This walk is timed at the peak of the fall sparrow migration. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced

birders are welcome. Walking shoes are recommended. Co-sponsored by Friends of Nahanton Park and Newton Conservators. Meet at the lot accessed from the Winchester Street entrance to the park. Cancelled if steady rain. If concerned about the weather, please call.

Trip Leader: Haynes Miller (617-413-2419)

Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 - 12 noon

FALL RAMBLE IN WEBSTER WOODS



Mills Falls borders another stunning walk in Hemlock Gorge Reservation in Newton.



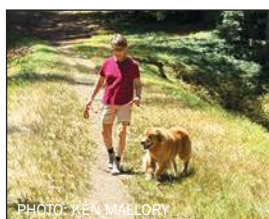
Barbara Bates shares a finding in the woods

Join Barbara Bates, Newton Conservators' director and retired Mass Audubon teacher/naturalist, for an easy fall foliage ramble. Learn about the varied habitats of Webster Woods, which include upland woods, a granite/puddingstone dome, vernal pool, marsh, and wetlands stream, and each habitat's natural history. Trails: frequent rocks and roots; mostly flat or gradual rises with a few steep portions. Registration is required to receive instructions regarding where to meet. *Rain date: Nov. 1, 10 am-12 noon.*

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

Sunday, Oct. 26, from 2-4:30 pm

HIKE NEWTON'S AQUEDUCTS



Sudbury Aqueduct

Join Henry Finch, a Newton Conservators' director and avid hiker, on a four-mile trek 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 in Waban Square. The walk will be cancelled in the event of steady rain.

Trip Leader: Henry Finch (henryjfinch@gmail.com)



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