

WALKS SCHEDULE SPRING 2026

Please note: Walks are limited to 30 people. Participants must register so leaders can contact them for weather updates or changes. Please register at <https://newtonconservators.org/events/>

Saturday, April 11 from 10 - 12:15 pm

TAKE A GUIDED NATURE WALK IN KENNARD PARK



PHOTO: KEN MALLORY
Jeff Adams inspecting a plant at Kennard Park

Follow local naturalist Jeff Adams as he identifies native species, searches for spring ephemerals, and shares various plants' natural histories. Jeff has led walks for the Friends of the Fells, Sudbury Valley Trustees, and several other organizations. Terrain can be uneven. Meet at Kennard Park on Dudley Road. *Rain Date: Sunday, April 12, 10 am -12:15 pm.*

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

Sunday, May 3 from 2 - 3:30 pm

STROLL HAMMOND WOODS WITH NOTED PLANT ECOLOGIST



PHOTO: KEN MALLORY
Richard Primack

Join Richard Primack, professor of plant ecology at Boston University, to learn about various wildflowers, unusual trees, unique geological features, and evidence of past land use at Hammond Woods. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Terrain is relatively flat. Meet at the kiosk at the entrance to Hammond Woods

next to Hammond Pond near the Street at Chestnut Hill Mall. *A steady rain will cancel the walk.*

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

Sunday, May 3

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 9 from 8 - 10 am

COME BIRD IN THE DOLAN POND CONSERVATION AREA



PHOTO: MICHAEL HANLEY
Yellow-rumped Warbler

Come bird with longtime avian enthusiasts Ian Buzby, Michael Hanley, and Ted Kuklinski (a past president of Newton Conservators) at Dolan Pond and see migrating warblers, thrushes, and other newly arrived colorful residents. Dolan

Pond is a Newton eBird hotspot (<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2829294/bird-list>). Terrain includes accessible wooded paths and a boardwalk. Bring binoculars if you have them. Children and beginners are welcome. Meet near 76 Webster Park, West Newton, and park around the inner Webster Park circle. *A steady rain will cancel the walk.*

Trip Contact: Ted Kuklinski (tkuklinski@aol.com; 617-332-7753)

Sunday, May 10 from 8 - 10:30 am

MOTHER'S DAY BIRDING AT NAHANTON PARK



PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA
Black-capped Chickadee

Nahanton Park offers a mix of woodlands, wetlands, and meadows along the Charles River, making it one of the best birding spots in Newton. Follow along with birding guides Alison Leary and Haynes Miller as they search for migrants and resident species. Bring binoculars if you have them and

wear sturdy shoes. Park and meet in the lot at the canoe/kayak rental location on Nahanton Street. *A steady rain will cancel the walk.*

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

Saturday, May 16 from 10 -12 noon

EXPLORE COLD SPRING PARK

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PHOTO: SUSAN LYON
Alan Nogee discusses invasive plants

Tour Cold Spring Park, a woodland haven in the heart of Newton, with Alan Nogee, a Newton Conservators Director and president of Friends of Cold Spring Park. See how its different habitats create a wildlife refuge, why its ability to continue supporting wildlife is at risk, and what citizens can do about it. Terrain is mostly

flat. Meet at the kiosk at the far-left end of the park entrance on Beacon Street. *Rain Date: Saturday, May 23, 1-3 pm. Note later time.*

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

Sunday, May 17 from 2 - 4:30 pm

HIKE NEWTON'S SUDBURY AND COCHITUATE AQUEDUCTS

Henry Finch, a Newton Conservators' director and avid hiker,



PHOTO: HENRY FINCH

Henry Finch (at right) before an aqueduct hike

Centre Street and Tyler Terrace. A steady rain will cancel the walk.

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

Saturday, May 24 from 10 - 12 noon

LEARN ABOUT FERNS IN HAMMOND WOODS



PHOTO: JIM MEADORS

Ellen and Jim Meadors

led numerous fern and wildflower walks in their hometown

will lead a 4.9-mile trek through Newton's sections of the Sudbury and Cochituate aqueducts. Henry plans on walking roughly two miles per hour on mostly level terrain. If the pace is slower than this, Henry can shorten the route or offer cutoffs to those who wish to leave the hike early. Meet at the Newton Centre playground at the intersection of

Ferns are everywhere, and they are beautiful, interesting, and varied. Ellen and Jim Meadors, plant enthusiasts with a special interest in ferns, will take fellow fern lovers through Hammond Woods and demonstrate how to easily identify the most common species in the Boston region. The Meadors have

of Lincoln. Meet at the Hammond Pond parking lot, off Hammond Pond Parkway, behind the Street shops at Chestnut Hill Mall. *Rain Date: Sunday, May 31, 10 am - 12 noon.*

Trip Leaders: Jim and Ellen Meadors (jmmeadors@verizon.net; 781-995-7720)

Sunday, June 7 from 9:30 - 12 noon

TOUR HEMLOCK GORGE



PHOTO: SUSAN LYON

Echo Bridge and Hemlock Gorge

reservation. The walk includes steep slopes and uneven terrain. Meet at the Hamilton Place entrance off Central Ave (just over the bridge on the Needham side of the Charles River). *Rain Date: Sunday, June 14, 9:30 am - 12 noon.*

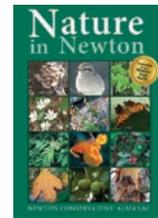
Trip Leaders: Katherine Howard (617-721-2571) and John Mordes (617-888-4488)

Hemlock Gorge, a national historic landmark with wooded paths and a spectacular view of the Charles River, is a hidden gem straddling Newton and Needham. Follow Newton Conservators' President Katherine Howard and John Mordes, President of Friends of Hemlock Gorge, as they discuss the flora, geology and history of this 23-acre

Spring is Here. Get outside and look around!

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- New members receive a trail guide free with their first membership.
- Our books are also sold at Newtonville Books in Newton Center.



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Newton Conservators, Inc.

Newton Conservators promotes the protection and preservation of natural areas, including parks, playgrounds, forests, and streams which are open or may be converted to open space for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Newton. It further aims to disseminate information about these and other environmental matters.

A primary goal is to foster the acquisition of land, buildings, and other facilities to be used for the encouragement of scientific, educational, recreational, literary, and other public pursuits that will promote good citizenship and the general welfare of the people of our community.

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