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DCR Recreation Advisory: Walden Pond State Reservation

WHAT: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close the Main Beach at Walden Pond State Reservation in the Town of Concord for the summer 2025 season to safely accommodate construction work at the new bathhouse. Red Cross Beach will remain open for the 2025 summer season, as an unguarded designated swimming area. Additionally, DCR will have limited parking available at the Walden Pond State Reservation due to the ongoing construction.

The new bathhouse is a \$6.1 million investment to replace the two-story bathhouse at Walden Pond with a new single-story building that will be universally accessible. The project will make Walden Pond State Reservation DCR's first net-zero facility and bring the facility up to federal and state accessibility requirements with new restrooms and changing areas at the plaza level.

DCR has posted multilingual signage informing visitors about the construction and the related beach closure. Alternative locations for swimming include:

- Ashland State Park,
- Cochituate State Park in Natick,
- Hopkinton State Park,
- Charles E. Shannon Jr. Memorial Beach in Winchester,
- Raymond Lord Pool in Lowell,
- Connors Memorial Pool in Waltham,
- Clarence W. Dealtry Memorial Pool in Watertown, and
- Francis J. McCrehan Memorial Pool, Cambridge
- Raymond Lord Memorial Pool, Lowell

WHERE: The Main Beach at Walden Pond State Reservation in the Town of Concord

WHEN: Summer 2025

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