



AUGUST 2026 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. Regular parking fees apply. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs/pets allowed on premises year-round. Park closes when visitor capacity is reached. DCR Closure Alerts: <https://www.mass.gov/parkalerts>. Call (978) 405-2082 or email walden.programs@mass.gov.

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Daily,
10:00 am-
4:00 pm



Visitor Center Exhibits, *Walden* Film, & Gallery
Investigate the life & legacy of Thoreau through exhibits, art, and film. *Walden* shows every ½-hour, last show at 3:30pm. Gallery exhibition, *Fields, Forests, and Feathers* by linocut artist Sherrie York, August 2026 - October 2026.

Tuesdays & Saturdays
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Except Aug. 25 & 29

Reading Walden’s Landscape
Meets at **Visitor Center**. Take a closer look at the forested landscape on this moderate ½-mile walk to Thoreau’s original house site with a Park Interpreter. Learn how to read a forest’s history and its future based on the current composition and age of tree species. Wear good solid shoes. **Ages 10 and up.**

Wednesdays
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Storytime at the Beach
Meets at the **patio by the bathhouse**. Join a Park Interpreter for a nature themed story. This is a rolling program, drop in anytime. This program is for children 12 and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sundays & Wednesdays
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Except Aug. 30

Summer Saunter
Meets at **Visitor Center**. Join a Park Interpreter for a ½-mile walk to Thoreau’s original house site, where you will look, listen, and make note of your observations in the natural world like Henry did. Come learn about Thoreau’s thoughts and feelings about the summer season. Wear good, solid shoes. **Ages 10 and up.**

Thursdays
1:00–2:30 pm
Except Aug. 13

Nature Creations at the Beach
Meets at the **patio by the bathhouse**. Join a Park Interpreter for a nature inspired craft. All materials are provided. This is a rolling program, drop in anytime. This program is for children 12 and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Coming events



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Saturdays
1:00–2:30 pm
Except Aug. 29

What Lives in Walden Pond?
Meets at the **patio by the bathhouse**. Join a Park Interpreter to discover what animals called Walden Pond home during Thoreau’s stay in the 1840s and what animals have come to call Walden home since! This is a rolling program, drop in anytime. **All ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday
12:00 – 2:00 pm
August 29


Henry’s Watermelon Party!
Meets at **Thoreau House Replica**. Henry David Thoreau was known to have grown the sweetest, juiciest watermelons in Concord. Every year, he shared his harvest with friends and family. As we continue this tradition, enjoy a slice of melon with Brent Ranalli who will portray Thoreau at the Thoreau house replica. This is a rolling program, drop in anytime. **All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.**

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