



December 2025 Programs

Walden Pond State Reservation
Department of Conservation and Recreation
915 Walden Street, Concord, MA 01742
(978) 369-3253

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



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
617-645-0358 | Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov

Daily
10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Visitor Center Exhibits, *Walden* Film, and Gallery
Investigate the life & legacy of Thoreau through exhibits, art, and film. *Walden* shows every 1/2 hour, last show at 2:30pm. Gallery exhibition, *Where the Spirit Dwells: Nature in Papercut and Color*, by local artist Elena (Zhonghe) Li, Nov 2025 -Jan 2026.

Daily

Self-Guided StoryWalk®
The Shortest Day: Celebrating The Winter Solistice
by Wendy Pfeffer. Posted on the Woods Path Trail
Come read about the winter solstice and see how people from around the globe have celebrated the shortest day of the year over the millennia. Posted on the Accessible Trail to the Thoreau House Site, an easy 1/2 mile, crushed stone surface trail. All ages.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Bureau of Interpretive Services.

Tuesdays &
Wednesdays
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
(Except Dec. 24 & 31)

Thoreau House Talks
Swing by the **Thoreau House Replica** to hear about writer and naturalist Henry David Thoreau during these ongoing 10-minute talks with a Park Interpreter. All ages.
Talk subjects include: Henry’s Conservation Legacy, Henry’s Experiment in Simple Living, Thoreau’s Night in Jail, and Thoreau Family Pencil Making.

Tuesdays
2:00–3:30 p.m.

Beavers are Back!
Meets at Visitor Center. Join a Park Interpreter for this guided 1-mile roundtrip walk to Heywood’s Meadow to see signs of our resident beavers. Learn how these rodents improve the local ecology. Wear warm clothing and good boots. Binoculars encouraged. Ages 10 and up.



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Wednesdays

1:00–2:30 p.m.

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Winter Walk

Meets at Visitor Center. Join a Park Interpreter for a 1/2 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 winter season. Wear warm clothing and sturdy footwear. Ages 10 and up.

Saturdays

1:00–2:00 p.m.

(Except Dec. 6)

Winter Tree Identification

Meets at Visitor Center. Join a Park Interpreter for this 1/2 mile guided walk, where you will see how to identify local trees in the winter. Wear warm clothing and sturdy footwear. Ages 10 and up.