




JUNE 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.

 ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
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Coming events

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, *As Deliberate As Nature*, by local artist Alissa O’Brien, May 2026 -July 2026.

Daily


Self-Guided StoryWalk® Henry Works, by D.B. Johnson
Every wonder how Henry David Thoreau filled his day? Come discover how in D.B. Johnson’s *Henry Works*. The story pages start on the “Woods Path,” along the Accessible trail and continue along the easy 1/2-mile, crushed stone surface to Thoreau’s house site. **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 Interpretive Services.

Tuesdays & Saturdays
10:00–
11:30 am
Except June 13

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 & Sundays
10:00–
11:30 am
Except June 7 & 21

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.**

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Coming events

Saturdays

1:00–3:00 pm

Except June 6 & 13

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! **All ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Thursdays &

Fridays

1:00–2:30 pm

Except June 4 & 11

Walking Walden

Meets at **Visitor Center**. Join a Park Interpreter for an exploration of Walden Pond sites that inspired Thoreau during his two-year-plus stay to write his classic *Walden*. Wear good, solid shoes. **Ages 10 and up.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday

11:00 am –

12:30 pm

June 13



Author Event: *My Wild Life* with Peter Alden

Meets at **Visitor Center**. Back by popular demand, world-renowned birder, naturalist, and Concord Native, Peter Alden, will discuss his new memoir, *My Wild Life: Rare Birds, Close Calls, and the adventures of an Eco-Explorer*. During the program he will share pictures and stories from 7 continents and over 100 countries. **Ages 12 and up.**

Sunday

2:00–4:00 pm

June 14



Pyrography (Wood Burning) Demonstration

Meets at **Visitor Center**. Current Walden Visitor Center Gallery Artist Alissa O’Brien is going to demonstrate and explain the art of pyrography. Her work, which is on display through the end of July, uses discarded wood to create her art. **Ages 10 and up.**

Sunday

11:00 am –

12:30 pm

June 21



Loons: A Call of Beauty, A Call of Action

Meets at **Visitor Center**. Join us for a presentation about one of Walden’s most vocal visitors, loons! DCR Wildlife biologist Jillian Whitney and Biologist Caroline Hughes from the Loon Preservation Committee will lead the discussion about loons, their distribution, their comeback in Massachusetts, and how we can protect them. **Ages 10 and up.**