



# Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## MARCH 2023 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. Parking fees apply. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations upon request. Group visitation requires advanced reservations by emailing [walden.programs@mass.gov](mailto:walden.programs@mass.gov) or calling (978) 405-2082. Park hours change seasonally. Call (978)369-3254 for times. No dogs or pets allowed on premises year-round. Follow COVID guidelines at: [Mass.gov/COVID](http://Mass.gov/COVID). Park closure updates: [www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-park-alerts](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-park-alerts)

**Open Tuesday thru Sunday** **WALDEN POND VISITOR CENTER, 10:00 am-4:00 pm Exhibits, Film, and Gallery**  
Explore the life and legacy of poet-naturalist Henry David Thoreau through exhibits. Enjoy *Walden*, a Ken Burns film. The 22-minute feature plays every 1/2 hour, last showing at 3:30 pm. See *Return to Walden Woods*, paintings and works on paper, by artist John Biebel, on display in the art gallery through April.

**Closed Mondays**

**Tuesdays March 14** **Thoreau House Talks, 10:00 am-12:00 pm**  
Stop in and warm up at the Thoreau House Replica, by the main parking lot, to learn about Henry David Thoreau's life in the woods and legacy during these ongoing 10-minute fireside chats with a Park Interpreter. Bad weather relocates to Visitor Center.

**Wednesdays March 1, 8, 15**

**Fridays March 10, 17** Topics include Thoreau the writer, surveyor, farmer, naturalist, and social justice advocate. All ages.

**Saturdays March 11 & 18** **Kidleidoscope, 10:00 am-11:00 am**  
Outdoor exploration of glacial formation and ice at Walden Pond using nature activities, stories and songs. See ice harvesting tools like in those in the movie *Frozen*. Best for ages 3-10 with a participating adult. Dress for winter weather. Meets on the Visitor Center deck. Relocates inside in bad weather.

### SPECIAL EVENTS - ALL AGES

**Daily** **SELF-GUIDED STORYWALK®, 7:00 am-4:00 pm**  
*Of Walden Pond - Henry David Thoreau, Frederick Tudor and the Pond Between* by Lesa Cline-Ransome. Illustrated by Ashely Benham-Yazdani

Enjoy a story, fresh air, exercise and the excitement of the 1846 Walden Pond ice harvest! Book pages posted along the *Woods Path* on this wonderful StoryWalk® for all ages.

The *Woods Path* is a easy 1/2 mile, crushed stone trail providing universal access for wheelchairs and strollers to the original Thoreau House Site. Trail is ungrouted in winter. Dress for winter conditions.

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.

**Saturday March 11** **Beavers are Back Hike, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**  
Join park staff on this moderate hike to Heywood's Meadow to search for signs of "nature's engineers." Wear warm clothes & sturdy boots for uneven winter terrain. Meets at Visitor Center.

**Saturday March 18** **Winter Tree ID Woods Walk, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**  
Join park staff to learn the three "Bs" of winter tree ID: bark, branching, and buds on this easy walk. Wear warm clothes and sturdy boots for uneven, winter terrain. Meets at Visitor Center.

### SELF-GUIDED OPPORTUNITIES



Scan the code or visit: <https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs>.

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coming events