



Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation



MAY 2022 PROGRAMS

Public programs are free however, parking fees are collected year-round to support park operations. Purchase day passes for \$8 MA license plate, \$30 out-of-state-plate with MC/VISA at pay & display machines in the parking lots or use the YODEL website: massdcrparks.yodelpass.com for daily and annual digital park pass purchase. Free WiFi (MassIT-Public) at the Visitor Center. No cash sales. Advance purchase of passes does not guarantee parking availability.

Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. **No dogs allowed on park premises year-round.**

All organized group visitations require advanced reservations. To arrange group visitation: walden.programs@mass.gov or (978)405-2082.

During warm weather and holidays, the park closes frequently, to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure status updates

<p>Daily 10:00am-4:00pm</p>	<p>Visitor Center Thoreau Exhibits, <i>Walden</i> Ken Burns film and Art Gallery Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond through exhibits, art exhibition and film. The 22-minute film shows every 1/2 hour. Visit the Gallery to enjoy artwork by artist Darlyne Murawski.</p>	
<p>Daily 7:00am-4:00pm</p>	<p>Self-guided StoryWalk® Family fun on the <i>Woods Path</i> trail for all ages <i>Spectacular Spring</i> by Bruce Goldstone Step into spring with colorful pages blossoming with fun facts about our natural world! This picture book is posted on the accessible <i>Woods Path</i>. An easy 1/2 mile trail, on a crushed stone surface, takes 15 minutes each way. 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.</p>	

Saturdays
May 7 & 14
Signs of Spring Saunter
1:00pm-2:30pm, Meet at the Visitor Center - all ages
Explore new growth as plants respond to increased daylight. Listen to sounds of spring as Walden awakens on this easy one-mile guided stroll in the woods with a Park Interpreter. Dress for the weather. Sturdy footwear, water and insect repellent are recommended.

Fridays
May 6, 13, 27
What Lives in Walden Pond?
1:00pm-2:30pm, Patio at Main Beach - all ages
Be a Naturalist like Thoreau! Join a Park Interpreter and identify fauna that inhabit Walden Pond.



More self-guided opportunities:
<https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs> or scan code

coming events

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WALDEN REPLICA TALKS

Drop into Henry's home and life at Walden during these short ongoing programs at the Thoreau House Replica, located by the main parking lot. In bad weather programs relocate to the Visitor Center.

Sundays

May 1 & 29

Thoreau's Stay at Walden

10:00am-12:00pm, Replica - all ages

Explore the Thoreau House Replica to learn about the poet/naturalist's life in the woods during a 10 minute chat with a Park Interpreter.

Sundays

May 1 & 29

Mondays

May 2, 9, 23

Hidden in Henry's House

1:00pm-2:30pm, Replica - all ages

Discover 19th century objects stored in Thoreau's house that reveal his active mind, body and pursuits at Walden.

Thursdays

in May

Demystifying Thoreau

1:00pm-2:30pm, Replica - all ages

Debunk the many misunderstandings and legends surrounding Henry David Thoreau and learn the truth about this complex writer, naturalist, activist and inventor.

Saturdays

May 7, 14, 28

Thoreau's Night in Jail

10:00-12:00pm, Replica - all ages

Thoreau walked from his house at Walden Pond to town and was arrested for not paying his poll tax, an expression of his anti-slavery views. Join a Park Interpreter in conversation about the influence of Thoreau's actions on that day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday

May 1

Free Fishing Clinic

7:00am-9:00am, ages 8+, registration required


Learn to fish - basics for beginners. Equipment and instruction provided. No fishing license required for this catch/release program. Each child must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Limited to 10 participants. To register contact: walden.programs@mass.gov attention Elizabeth.

Sunday

May 8

Make a 19th Century Silhouette on Mother's Day

1:00pm-2:30pm, Visitor Center - all ages


Before photography, silhouettes were affordable keepsakes for the Thoreau family. On Mother's Day make a personalized 

Monday

May 30

Flags in Thoreau's Time

10:00am-5:00pm, at the Visitor Center - all ages

In celebration of Memorial Day view this special wall display of American flags highlighting benchmarks from Thoreau's life. Get a flag craft at the front desk to make at home. 

Monday

May 30

I Don't Know Beans

1:00pm-2:30pm, all ages

Cultivate your inner Henry David Thoreau! Take home a bean seedling for your own garden. A Park Interpreter will lead one-mile guided walk to the site where Thoreau once grew 2 1/2 acres of beans.