



# October 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](mailto: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](mailto:Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov)

Daily  
10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Daily

Thursday & Fridays  
1:00–2:00 p.m.  
(except Oct. 16, 23 & 24)

Sundays & Wednesdays  
1:00–2:30 p.m.  
(except Oct. 12, 19 & 26)

Tuesdays  
2:00–3:00 p.m.  
(except Oct. 28)

## 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 4:30pm. Gallery exhibition, *Thoreau’s Way*, by local artist Katie Sluder, Aug - Oct 2025.

## Self-Guided Storywalk® *Why Do Leaves Change Color?* by Betsy Maestro Posted on the Woods Path Trail

Ever wonder why leaves change color in the fall? Find out with this picture book posted on the Accessible Trail to the Thoreau House Site Trail, 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.*

## 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.

## Autumn Amble

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 autumn season. Wear good, solid shoes. Ages 10 and up.

## Reading Walden’s Landscape

Meets at Visitor Center. Take a closer look at the forested landscape on this easy 60-minute walk 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. Ages 8 and up.



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**Saturdays**  
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## Excavation at Walden

Meets at House Site. Meet a Park Interpreter to learn about the Archeologist Roland Wells Robbins, and his rediscovery of the Thoreau House Site, during this ongoing 10-minute talk. All ages.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sunday**  
**12:00–2:00 p.m.**  
October 12



## Autumnal Tints

Meet at the Visitor Center. Join Concord historian and Thoreau scholar Richard Smith as he tells the story of Thoreau and his essay "Autumnal Tints." Afterward, Richard and Park Interpreter Jacqui Kluft will lead a short walk to show visitors some of the plants discussed in the essay. For ages 10 and up.

**Sunday**  
**12:00–1:00 p.m.**  
October 19



## Birds of Prey

Meet at the Visitor Center. Join us and Tom Ricardi of the Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Center in Conway MA, as he returns with some of his feathered friends! Get up close and hear about the predatory birds that call New England their home. All ages.