



OCTOBER 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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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, *Fields, Forests, and Feathers* by linocut artist Sherrie York, August 2026 - October 2026.

Saturdays
10:30 am –
12:00 pm
Except Oct. 31

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, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Sundays & Wednesdays
10:30 am –
12:00 pm
Except Oct. 4, 11 & 18

Autumn Amble
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 autumn season. Wear good, solid shoes. **Ages 10 and up, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Saturdays
1:00–2:30 pm
Except Oct. 31


Excavation at Walden
Meets at the Original Thoreau House Site. Join a Park Interpreter during this ongoing 10-minute talk to hear how archaeologist Roland Wells Robbins rediscovered the site of Thoreau’s famous stay. **All ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

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Coming events



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**Wednesdays &
Sundays**

1:00-2:30 pm

Except Oct. 4, 11
& 18



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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday

**11:00 am –
1:00 pm
October 4**

Autumnal Tints

Meets at the Visitor Center. Join Park Interpreters and Concord historian Richard Smith for a short presentation about Thoreau’s beloved essay *Autumnal Tints* and short guided walk afterwards to show the leaves discussed in his essay. **Ages 10 and up, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Sunday

**12:00–1:30 pm
October 18**



Birds of Prey

Meets at the Visitor Center. Join park staff 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 personal with the predatory birds that call New England their home. The Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Center continues to rely on public support for funding. **All ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**