



SEPTEMBER 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.

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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

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.**

Sundays & Wednesdays
10:30 am –
12:00 pm
Except Sept. 6,
13 & 27

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.**

Saturdays
1:00–2:30 pm

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! This is a rolling program, drop in anytime. **All ages, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Coming events



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**Fridays &
Sundays**
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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–
12:00 pm
September 6



Emerson’s Woodlots at Walden
Meets at **Visitor Center**. In September of 1844, Ralph Waldo Emerson purchased several acres of land on the shores of Walden Pond for his woodlot. These acres would become famous as the home base for Henry David Thoreau during his 2-plus year stay at Walden Pond, which is masterwork *Walden* was based on.

Join Concord Historian Richard Smith and Michelle Purrington from The Ralph Waldo Emerson House for this guided walk where the history, visitors, and some of the woodlots other inhabitants are further explored. **This Program is for ages 12+ all children must be accompanied by an adult.**