




JULY 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, *As Deliberate As Nature*, by local artist Alissa O’Brien, May 2026 -July 2026.

Daily


Self-Guided StoryWalk® *Henry Works*, by D.B. Johnson

Ever wonder how Henry David Thoreau filled his day? D.B. Johnson’s storybook *Henry Works* answers this question. The book’s pages start on the “Woods Path,” along the Accessible trail, and continue on the easy 1/2-mile, crushed stone surface to Thoreau’s house site.

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. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

Tuesdays & Saturdays
10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Except July 4 & 25

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.**

Wednesdays
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Except July 22

Storytime at the Beach

Meets on the terrace in front of the new bathhouse. Join a Park Interpreter for some nature-themed stories. This program is designed for children 12 and under. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

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Coming events



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Sundays & Wednesdays
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Except July 12

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.**

Thursdays
1:00–2:30 pm
Except July 30

Nature Creations at the Beach

Join a Park Interpreter on the terrace in front of the new bathhouse for a nature-inspired craft. All materials are provided. **Children must be accompanied by an adult**
Ages 6 and up.

Saturdays
1:00–2:30 pm
Except July 4 & 25

What Lives in Walden Pond?

Join a Park Interpreter on the terrace in front of the new bathhouse to discover what animal species call Walden Pond home today and how these populations have changed since the 1840’s. Stop by any time during the programming hours. **All ages, Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday
12:00 – 2:00 pm
July 12


Happy Birthday, Henry!

Celebrate Henry David Thoreau’s Birthday!! Historical Interpreter Brent Ranalli will portray Henry David Thoreau on his 30th birthday in 1847. He will receive guests at Thoreau House Replica near the main parking lot. This is an informal rolling program, so stop in any time for a visit. **All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Friday, July 3 – Monday, July 6
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Flags from Thoreau’s Day

See an exhibit in the Visitor Center of American flags from milestones in Thoreau’s life (1817, 1845, 1862). Make an American flag to take home.